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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Code Book

The regulations in this Code Book are hereby adopted by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission under authority of Amendment 35 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas. All laws, rules, regulations, or orders in conflict with the regulations in this Code Book are hereby repealed by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission.

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11.01 Special Youth Modern Gun Bear Hunt Restrictions

It is unlawful for a person, other than a youth 6 to 15 years of age, to hunt bear during the special youth modern gun bear hunt (Addendum [A1.08](#)).

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. In compliance with Addendum [C1.02](#).
- B. In compliance with applicable regulations, hunters 6 to 15 years of age may hunt bear using archery tackle during archery and crossbow season (Code [05.01](#) and Addendum [A1.08](#)).

PENALTY: Class 1

11.02 Special Youth Modern Gun Deer Hunt Restrictions

It is unlawful for a person, other than a youth 6 to 15 years of age, to hunt deer during the special youth modern gun deer hunt (Addendum [A1.01](#)). During these hunts either sex may be taken. A doe may be taken without a WMA doe quota permit during designated youth deer hunts only. These are not bonus deer and will count toward the seasonal bag limit (Codes [15.01](#), [21.02](#), [21.03](#)).

EXCEPTIONS:

- A. WMAs requiring a WMA deer hunt permit are closed to the special youth modern gun deer hunt (Codes [06.03](#), [21.02](#)).
- B. In compliance with applicable regulations, hunters 6 to 15 years of age may harvest deer using archery tackle during archery and crossbow season (Addendum [A1.01](#)(A)).
- C. In compliance with Addendum [C1.01](#).
- D. Commission-registered deer camps that participate in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) and receive deer management tags.
- E. Private Land CWD Management Tags.
- F. Hunters not mentoring youths may harvest deer using archery tackle during applicable season.

PENALTY: Class 1

11.03 Special Youth Turkey Hunt Restrictions

It is unlawful for a person, other than a youth 6 to 15 years of age, to hunt turkeys during the youth turkey hunt (Addendum [A1.02](#)). The youth bag limit during the youth hunt is 1 legal turkey. Youth may take no more than the statewide season limit in combination during the youth hunt and wild turkey firearms and archery/crossbow seasons. Youth may take only 1 jake according to Addenda [A1.02](#), [C1.04](#).

PENALTY: Class 1

11.04 Special Youth Waterfowl Hunt Restrictions

It is unlawful for a person, other than a youth, to hunt ducks, in-season geese, mergansers, and coots during the special youth waterfowl hunt (Addendum [B1.13](#)). Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as the regular waterfowl season.

EXCEPTION: Addendum [B1.15](#).

PENALTY: Class 1

11.05 Adult Supervision During Special Youth Hunts Required

- A. It is unlawful for any youth who has not successfully completed a hunter education course to participate in a youth hunt unless he or she is accompanied by an adult mentor at least 21 years old. Adult mentors cannot possess a firearm or archery equipment for their hunting purposes during this hunt.
- B. It also is unlawful for the youth's parent or guardian to allow the youth to participate in any special youth hunt in violation of this regulation.

EXCEPTION: In compliance with Code [05.19](#).

PENALTY: Class 1

11.06 Age Restrictions For Youth Hunting Big Game

- A. It is unlawful for youths ages 5 and under to hunt big game (Code [01.00-C](#)) during any hunting season.
- B. It is unlawful for youths under age 16 to apply for a permit for the hunting of alligators during any hunting season.

PENALTY: Class 1