



**Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife
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To All Hunter Education Course Participants:

Since January 1st, 2010, section 501 Delaware Code Title 7 has required all basic hunter education students to participate in a live firing experience with a trained firearms instructor in order to successfully complete the course.

Insurance rules of the State of Delaware require all participants in any course which includes live firing to sign the attached "Release From Liability Waiver" before taking part in the live firing. This form is a legal release.

FIRST: CHOOSE A COURSE AND SIGN UP (online signup at www.fw.delaware.gov or call 302-735-3600)

SECOND: IF YOU ARE 18 OR OLDER, YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE THE WAIVER NOTARIZED BUT YOU DO NEED TO FILL IT OUT, SIGN IT AND MAIL IT BACK.

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18, A PARENT OR GUARDIAN NEEDS TO SIGN THE WAIVER FOR YOU AND HAVE THEIR SIGNATURE VERIFIED BY A NOTARY.

Any Notary Public can do this for you. You may find notarization by an official at your bank or library to be the easiest solution.

THIRD: MAIL THE ORIGINAL, signed Waiver of Liability (with notarized signatures of parents or guardians of minor students under 18) to:
Office of Hunter Education
6180 Hay Point Landing Road
Smyrna, DE 19977

TO COMPLETE YOUR COURSE REGISTRATION, YOUR ORIGINAL WAIVER MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF HUNTER EDUCATION SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE COURSE STARTING DATE. You must provide us with the ORIGINAL signed waiver if you want to participate. All required information must be provided. Sorry, we cannot accept any waivers sent by FAX.

If you have any questions or want to check and make sure that your original waiver has arrived at our office, feel free to call us at 302-735-3600 during the week before your course. If you mailed in your waiver but are unable to attend the class you signed up for, please call us after you have made a new selection so that we can place your waiver with the new class and date. We look forward to seeing you in Hunter Education soon.

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HUNTER EDUCATION RANGE RULES

- 1. ALWAYS CARRY ALL FIREARMS UNLOADED, ACTION OPEN WITH THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION. (the only safe direction at the range is up & down range!)
2. Guns may only be loaded on shooting stations, immediately prior to shooting.
3. Keep gun pointed safely down range in the event of a malfunction.
4. Only participating shooters allowed on shooting fields. (no spectators or coaches)
5. Firearms instruction is only permitted by authorized program personnel
6. Participants must be alert at all times for anyone who might be in the firing area.
7. Mounting, shouldering, sighting or pointing of guns behind shooting stations is not allowed.
8. Use and abuse of alcoholic beverages, drugs or impairing medication is prohibited.
9. Guns and ammunition are subject to inspection at all times.
10. Shell picking or littering is not allowed.
11. Maximum size of lead shot is: # 7 1/2 (.095 in) Maximum size of steel shot is: # 6 (.11 in).
12. Guns are to be fired from shoulder only. Absolutely no shooting at any live animals or birds.
13. Guns are to be loaded one shell at a time, except when shooting doubles.
14. Profanity, disruptive behavior and inappropriate clothing are not permitted.
15. Appropriate eye & ear protection must be worn.
16. Shooters under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
17. The range is not responsible for personal property. Leave no property or bags unattended.
18. Eating, drinking or smoking is not permitted inside the shooting field area.
19. To reduce the risk of lead contamination, thorough washing of face and hands is strongly recommended after shooting activities.
20. Decision of range officer is final.

** = REQUIRED INFORMATION

Waivers with incomplete info are invalid.



I AM SIGNED UP ALREADY

FOR COURSE DATED: ** _____

COURSE LOCATION: ** _____

LEGAL RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, WAIVER OF RIGHT TO SUE, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I know that the use of firearms and target shooting are potentially hazardous activities involving a possible risk of serious bodily injury or death. I agree to abide by all above range safety rules and any decision of the range officer or program provider relative to my ability to safely participate in live firing. I freely assume all risks associated with the use of firearms and target shooting equipment in this event including risk of bodily injury or death or any other damage arising as a result of my participation in this event, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of you accepting my participation in this hunter education event, I, for myself, and, where applicable, my minor child, and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, hereby release from liability, waive any rights to sue and hold harmless the following: The State of Delaware, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, The Division of Fish and Wildlife, the Hunter Education Program, its employees, volunteers, program providers, and cooperating facilities from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. In case of an emergency, I hereby give my permission to the program employees and volunteers to administer or secure necessary first aid treatment, including emergency medical services for the below named participant and hereby expressly waive any and all claims of any nature arising from such treatment. I hereby certify that I do not have a felony conviction which would make me ineligible to participate in this course.

** (Participant Name - Please Print) ** (Participant Signature) ** (Date of Birth) ** (Last 4 of SS#) ** (Contact phone #)

(Name of Parent/Guardian -Please Print) (Signature of parent/legal guardian of a minor) (Relationship)

Note: Guardian / Parental consent by notarized signature is required for any course participant under 18 or participation cannot be permitted.

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(Magistrate or Notary)

(Commission Expiration Date)

Mail original waiver to: Office of Hunter Education, 6180 Hay Point Landing Road, Smyrna, DE 19977