

DEER SPECIAL SPLIT YOUTH, CLASS Q/QQ AND CLASS XS SEASON

October 16-17 and December 26-27, 2021: Antlerless Deer Only

Only one antlerless deer may be taken per day. A bow or a crossbow can be substituted for a firearm during this season.

See page 13 for special regulations for West Virginia Containment Area carcass transport and baiting, and for baiting and feeding wildlife on Older-aged Deer Management Areas.

It is illegal to bait or feed any wildlife on public land at any time.

The special split antlerless deer season for youth, Class Q/QQ and Class XS hunters will be held on private land in all counties having a firearms deer hunting season and on all public lands within these counties.

The bag limit of one antlerless deer per day will not count towards the hunter's annual deer season bag limit. Also, an antlerless deer taken during the Youth, Class Q/QQ and Class XS season does not count toward the requirement to kill an antlerless deer before killing a second antlered deer in counties listed on page 15. A Class N or NN stamp is not required by youth hunters hunting during this special split antlerless season. A Class N stamp is not required by seniors with a Class XS license. Each deer taken must be field tagged (see page 14) and electronically registered within 24 hours of the close of each portion of this special split season and before hunting an additional deer.

Youth, Class Q/QQ and Class XS season participants and all other hunters hunting on private land or on any of the public lands during the special youth, Class Q/QQ and Class XS deer season, with the exception of waterfowl hunters and persons engaged in farming activities on their own land, must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange as an outer garment.

Youth hunters:

- must be at least 8 and less than 18 years old; youth hunters age 15-17 must comply with all licensing requirements, but Class N or NN stamp not required (see page 44),
- between the ages 8-14 must be accompanied by a licensed adult, who must also wear 400 square inches of blaze orange, cannot carry a gun, a crossbow or a bow and must remain near enough to the youth to render advice and assistance. **All accompanying adult nonresidents must possess a Class E license + CS/LE stamp.**

and, if a nonresident youth,

- possess Class XXJ license + CS/LE stamp, Class AAHJ + CS/LE stamp or Class DT license.

Senior hunters:

- must be a resident 65 years of age or older and possess a Class XS license.

Class Q or QQ hunters must possess:

if a resident,

- Class Q permit plus one of the following:
 - » Class A license + CS stamp or
 - » Class X, X3, XP, AH, XJ, AHJ, XS, A-L or AB-L license or
 - » Free license (Military, Disabled Veteran, former POW, Senior Citizen or Class DT) or
 - » Be underage (must be accompanied by a licensed adult)

if a nonresident,

- Class QQ permit + Class E license + CS/LE stamp or
- Class QQ permit + Class AAH + CS/LE stamp or
- Class QQ permit + Class XXJ + CS/LE stamp or
- Class QQ permit + Class AAHJ + CS/LE stamp or
- Class QQ permit + Class DT

Special Youth Seasons

Class Q/QQ and Class XS license holders are not eligible for these youth seasons.

Squirrel: September 4-5, 2021

Youth hunters under the age of 15 must be accompanied by a licensed adult. The accompanying adult cannot carry a gun or a bow and must remain near enough to the youth to render advice and assistance. Youth hunters age 15-17 must comply with all licensing requirements (see page 44).

Turkey: April 16-17, 2022

See page 42.

Waterfowl: September 18 and November 6, 2021

See WV Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations available in August for details.