

DEER HARVEST FORM

DATE: _____

MEMBER # _____ NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

BUCK _____ DOE _____ Est. DRESSED WEIGHT _____ (use weight tape if possible)

SEASON _____ ANTLER PTS R _____ L _____

DEER CHECKING PROCEDURE

Field boxes containing jawbone spreaders, weight tape, instructions for aging and weighing can be found in the 3 locations below. The Field Box lock combination is 1006. Note: combo lock to Richline Fields and Tunnel Portal Pheasant fields is also 1006.

- Richline Gate parking area: intersection of Richline Road, Fox Farm Road and Allen's Mill's Road.
- Main gate of the MCR entrance (behind the MCR sign).
- Overlook Parking Lot (also known as the ball diamond or gate by big grass fields on Fox Farm Road).

- After harvesting a deer on Merrill Creek Property, all MCCSA members, their children/ grandchildren, associate members and guests must report **ALL** harvest data shown above by following one of the methods below (Filing out the form is preferred and emailing photos): **NOTE: IT IS MANDATORY TO SEND PHOTOS OF THE EXPOSED JAWBONE TO MCR FOR PROPER AGING OF THE DEER and PHOTOS OF THE ANTLERS. THIS IS MANDATORY as it is important deer management data.**

1. Place form in the MerrillCreekReservoir Mailbox located near the property entrance on Merrill Creek Road.

DO NOT LEAVE COMPLETED FORMS IN FIELD BOXES

2. Karen Korpics: Email: admin@merrillcreek.com

It is mandatory that one of the above options be exercised within 24 hours of the harvest. Failure to comply with result in the following:

- Regular members will have 10 points deducted from their club points if a deer harvest is not reported and a 5 point reduction if a member only reports partial info as outlined above.
- Associate members will be removed from the Waiting List.
- Guests will be banned from hunting on Merrill Creek Property.
- If a member's child does not comply, the responsible member (parent or legal guardian) will have 10 points deducted from their club points.

Three-point Rule

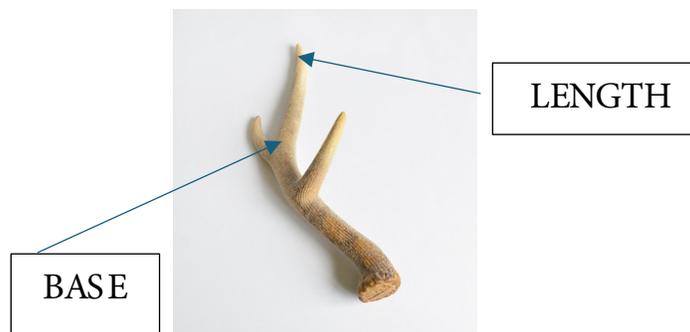
Three -point rule: The first buck taken during the hunting seasons can be any buck with no antler restrictions.

All subsequent bucks for the remaining seasons must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack. If a button buck or late season buck with antler drop is harvested by accident (i.e. hunter thought it was a doe) after their first buck was harvested, it will not be counted against the hunter.

Note: an antler point is defined as any point at least one inch long from tip to base line, and the length must exceed the width at some location at least one inch down from the tip.

(Source: New Jersey Division of Fish & Game Wildlife)

Details of point measurement:



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If you wish to enter your buck into the **Annual Harvest Contest**, turn in your rack for measuring or attend the annual measuring meeting at the Merrill Creel visitors center on the first Wednesday in **MARCH** starting at 6:30pm. Youth hunters under the age of 18 will be judged separately, and given awards in the same categories as MCCSA members. Categories listed below:

Categories:

1. Biggest Buck Shotgun
2. Biggest Buck Bow
3. Biggest Buck Cross Bow
4. Biggest Buck Muzzleloader

If you choose to participate after harvesting a deer, contact the chairperson of the Deer Committee.

Absolutely **NO** shooting of Coyote or Fox on the MCR property.