

General hunting rules when hunting on SCA's land

Hunting must be conducted in accordance
with the applicable hunting laws and regulations.
All hunting should be characterized
by ethical hunting practices.

- Hunting must be carried out by well-trained hunters with good judgment, and be based on cooperation between hunting teams, other landowners and hunting organizations in order to achieve the goals that have been set.
- Hunters are obligated to prevent illegal and unlawful hunting. Hunters who discover or suspect that illegal and unlawful hunting has taken place are also obligated to report it to the nearest responsible SCA official or the police.
- Every hunter must hold a valid firearms license for the firearm they are using. Before the hunt commences, a national hunting license and a fee for hunting rights on SCA's land must be paid for the hunting period.
- Anyone who intends to hunt moose on SCA's land must undergo a shooting test every year. For the shooting test, the Swedish Hunters Association's moose shooting badge in bronze must be achieved. The shooting stand is vertical and no support other than a simple shooting stick or strap is permitted.
- Shooters who have a handicap or any other problem that makes it difficult to shoot in a standing position may adopt another shooting position, but not lying down. They may also use the necessary support. The shooting test must be carried out with the hunter's own moose hunting weapon. The leader of the hunting team is responsible for ensuring the shooting is carried out in appropriate manner.
- All teams must have appointed a responsible moose hunting leader and a deputy. SCA Skog's representative appoints hunting team leaders in consultation with the team. The leader of the hunting team should, if possible, be an employee of SCA Skog. It is also preferable that the leader of the hunting team has completed team leader training.



Team leader – hunting team

- Every team must have a Hunting Memo.
- The team leader must be aware of SCA's moose management goal and how it is monitored. The current state of damage in the area must be known.
- The team leader must represent SCA in the team and communicate the applicable goals and rules clearly.
- The principles for 'Baying on another party's land' should be applied where licensed hunting is conducted and is recommended where fixed-price hunting is applied. (See below)
- The team leader is responsible for ensuring correct reporting, in accordance with the instructions given.
- Trained and skilled search dogs must be available for all hunts.
- When removing downed moose with vehicles, the vehicles must be of an appropriate type and size in order to prevent damage to vegetation or land.

Baying on another party's land

From time to time during a hunting season, a dog will bay on SCA land used by a neighboring team. This is mostly annoying, because it is not always possible to call in the dog and the rest of the hunting day will be spoiled.

Should this problem arise, we encourage the dog handlers in SCA's licensed hunting teams and in areas with fixed-price hunting to do the following:

1. When you notice that the dog is baying outside the area that you normally use – find out who is responsible for the moose hunt in the area where the dog is baying.
2. If the area where the dog is baying lies within a license area that belongs to SCA – contact the team leader, deputy leader or another member of the team.
3. If you cannot get hold of any of these people – they may not be hunting on the actual day – call them and describe the course of events. If they do not answer your call – leave a voice message.
4. Check and make sure there are no other hunters in the area.
5. If there are no signs of any other moose hunters in the area where the dog is baying – go ahead and shoot the moose.

This procedure only applies to moose hunting in SCA's license areas.

Otherwise, the following applies:

Only a dog handler or the hunter they have designated is permitted to enter the neighboring area to shoot the moose. The moose should primarily belong to the hunting team that downed the moose.



Moose and small game hunting

When moose and small game hunting is carried out simultaneously, this should be coordinated by both parties to ensure good safety. Restrictions on small game hunting should be avoided as far as possible.

Immediately prior to and during the moose hunting premiere, some part of the hunting area should also be available for small game hunting, after consultation. In daily license areas, sales may be limited during certain periods.

When moose hunting is taking place, small game hunters are required to contact the person responsible for the moose hunting area, or the leader of the hunting team.

Other

- Hunters are recruited in consultation with SCA.
- Guideline value is 4 people/1,000 ha, according to the current order of priority.
- Maximum entry fee for new hunters in hunting teams is SEK 1,000.
- Hunting should be organized to ensure it is safe, enjoyable and efficient.
- Good maps and stand clearing are examples of measures that make moose hunting more efficient.
- Hunting towers and other structures for hunting may be constructed following consultation with SCA Skog's area manager.
- Each hunting team is responsible for ensuring that existing hunting towers and other structures do not pose a danger to the public. Old and unstable towers must be demolished or rebuilt. The basic rule is that hunting towers must be made entirely from wood. Littering in the form of plastic, brightly colored board material, etc. must not occur. No hunting towers or stands are permitted along public and busy roads.
- All moose hunting teams must participate in moose population monitoring and other inventories that are coordinated across large areas in order to follow the growth of the moose population, forage availability and forest damage, etc. This also applies to coordinated predator inventories.
- All hunters must wear signal hat bands, beanies, vests or similar during moose hunts and other joint hunts where guns are used. This is also strongly recommended for all other types of hunting.
- When hunting bears, the rules issued by the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency and county administrative boards apply. In SCA's licensed hunting areas, hunters must hold a moose hunting license to hunt bears.
- In general, visibility clearing in growing forest requires great care. Shooting lanes must not be cleared in economically valuable forest. If the need is great due to overgrowth, the stand should be relocated.
- Hunting must not have a negative effect on SCA's ongoing forest operations, such as harvesting, soil scarification, planting and clearing.
- Hunting is not permitted close to ongoing harvesting or other forest operations. As a hunter, you must therefore be alert and make sure there is no forest work taking place in the area you intend to hunt in.
- Iron or steel shot should not be used when hunting in forested areas.

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