



# South Australian Field & Game Association Inc.

## Hunting Code of Practice

*The intent of this code is to provide a framework to promote ethical and safe practices and not a substitute for the legislative framework relating to hunting, animal welfare and the use of firearms. Members of SAFGA are expected to maintain a degree of professionalism and of high standard of ethical and sportsmanlike conduct in their hunting activities.*

- Every member has a duty to uphold the high standards and reputation of SAFGA and the broader hunting fraternity.
- It is the responsibility of each holder of a game hunting licence to be aware of and comply with all relevant provisions of legislation relating to hunting, animal welfare and the use of firearms in the state or territory of the commonwealth of Australia. And will insist my companions do likewise.
- A member shall not use any alcohol, or any other drug or substance, to the extent that the use impairs the user physically or mentally while engaged in any hunting activities.
- A member shall not breach, encourage or condone any violation under any wildlife Act.
- A member shall make every effort & take full responsibility to ensure the safety of all people, livestock, animals, property, buildings and other user groups within in their allotted hunting area and accepts that responsible behaviour that extends to other people, wildlife and the environment.
- A member shall respect the landowner's wishes, written, verbal or otherwise, at all times and reports all suspicious activities to the landowner, on the property to which they have lawful and rightful access, at the earliest possibility.
- A member will be considered as an invited guest of the landowner, seeking his/her permission to hunt on the property, and conducting myself so I and other hunters may be welcome again in the future.
- A member must obey all hunting laws and regulations.
- I will support conservation efforts which can assure good hunting for future generations of Australians.
- I will be mindful of the images from a hunt I share publicly, taking care to avoid any which portray hunting in a negative or unethical light.  
An animal being hunted must not be inflicted with unnecessary pain. To achieve a humane death,
  - you must: target the animal so that a humane kill is likely;
  - shoot within the reasonably accepted killing range of the firearm, ammunition or bow; and
  - always use hunting equipment (firearm and ammunition, bow and arrow), that can be reasonably expected to humanely kill the animal you are targeting
  - If an animal is wounded, you must take all reasonable steps to locate it so that it can be killed quickly and humanely.
- Members should be aware, especially when using social media, of how comments and photos may impact how hound hunters are perceived.

## **MEMBERS MUST DEMONSTRATE RESPECT;**

- Respect other hunters;
- Respect other bush users;
- Follow all lawful instructions by representatives of government agencies;
- Remove and appropriately dispose of rubbish from campsites and hunting fields;
- Do not knowingly trespass on private property;
- Respect the environment and all native animals and flora;
- Abide by any Regulations requirements regarding fires; and
- Members are encouraged to plan and manage their hunts carefully. Consideration should be given to the following:
  - The location of the hunt and its proximity to towns and populous places, high public use areas, restricted areas and private property.
  - Areas where predator control programs are being conducted (1080 poisoning).
  - Members should ensure that they are aware of all access and egress routes, have suitable and effective radio/mobile phone communications, suitable vehicles and recovery equipment and are skilled in the use of GPS/Radio tracking units.
- The responsibility is up to the hunter to adhere to each of these conditions listed above.

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