# Hunting Ethics

These are the rules and regulations that govern general hunting and make trophy/sport hunting interesting and ethical form of wildlife utilisation.

It is therefore unlawful and unethical in accordance to;

HUNTING REGULATIONS SOURCE: Statutory Instrument 362 of 1990. Parks and Wild Life (General) Regulations, 1990 [ACT 14/75]

1. Failing to conduct oneself in accordance with the principles of fair chase so as to ensure survival of wildlife populations and the protection of biodiversity together with the promotion of sustainable utilization;

2. Shooting any animals from an aircraft, boat or motor vehicle; while he is in or upon any motor-vehicle, vessel or aircraft, discharge any weapon at or towards any animal; 18 (4) (a)

3. To conduct hunting at night [animal between last light and first light]. “night’ means the space of time between half-an-hour after sunset and half-an-hour before sunrise; [Parks and Wildlife act 20:14, PART 1 PRELIMANRY 2]. Trophy hunting may take place from half an hour before sunrise until half an hour after sunset during the hunting season.  
4. Use any equipment to transmit sound as a lure to attract animals; or 18 (1) (a)

5. Use an aircraft as means to drive or surround an animal; 18 (1) (b)

6. Use fire as a means of driving or surrounding any animal 18 (1) (c)

7. 8. Use any motor-vehicle, vessel or aircraft, in such manner as to drive, stampede or disturb any animal for any purpose whatsoever 18 (4) (b).

10. Hunt any animal by night or use any dazzling light for the purpose of hunting 18 (2).

11. Hunting animals from within 400m of National Park boundary or other non-consumptive area, designated road 18 (3) (a), development area 18 (3) (b) or water hole;

12. Not to report the injury of a dangerous animal to the Appropriate Authority of the hunting area (Parks and Wildlife Act 20:14, 64 (1) (a) and (b);

13. To over hunt any animal on any land;

14. Not to remove any bait or hide or any other debris after the hunt;

15. Littering the hunting ground;

16. To hunt any animals in such a way or use equipment that will not kill an animal in the shortest possible time;

17. Hunting of known green (darted) animals;

18. Hunting with dog(s) is not permitted

19. Not to keep a record in such form as may be required by an officer, in which the person hunting shall cause to be recorded relevant information concerning animals hunted, or wild life seen, within twelve hours of an animal having been hunted, or wild life having been seen, as the case may be 26 (1).

20. Submission of hunting record in [26 (1)] within twenty-one days from the date of expiry of the hunting permit or general permit or period determined by Officer in Charge 26 (2).

21. To submit wrong information about the trophy to the land owner and knowingly mislead the client with wrong trophy measurements 26 (3);

22. No person shall refuse to produce any register, trophy, certificate of ownership or permit for inspection when required to do so in terms of section 88. 90 (c);

23. Recommend unethical hunting methods to the client;

24. For the Professional Hunter to mislead the client about the availability of animals;

25. Irresponsible and inappropriate handling of firearms;

26. Not to make every effort to follow a wounded animal; and

27. Knowingly hunting an animal where this will be offensive to non-consumptive tourists.

28. Publish or cause to be published in any, way whatsoever any false or misleading statement relating to any hunting [Parks and Wildlife Act, 20:14, 65 (1) (c)];

29. For Professional hunter to allow unlawful hunting by any person who hunts during

safaris conducted by him 66 (2) (b) (ii)].

## WEAPONS FOR HUNTING

* No person shall in national park hunt using any rifle or shot-gun capable of firing more than one cartridge as a result of one pressure on the trigger 53 (1) (a);
* any weapon with, a barrel less than five hundred millimeters in length; 53 (1) (b)
* Handguns are allowed as a backup but not for the actual hunt in Parks and Wildlife Estates.
* Bowhunting is not permitted in Parks and Wildlife Estates.
* Bowhunting Class A Game (Elephant and Hippo) is not permitted in Zimbabwe unless a special bowhunting permit for those species has been granted by the Director General of the Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority (ZPWMA) for which the safari operator must apply for well prior to the start of the bow hunt.

MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR RIFLE HUNTING IN ZIMBABWE

## Class A Game

5300 Joule

Minimum caliber 9.2mm in diameter

(Elephant, Hippo, Buffalo)

## Class B Game

4300 Joule

Minimum caliber 7.0mm in diameter

(Lion, Giraffe, Eland)

## Class C Game

3000 Joule

Minimum caliber 7.0mm in diameter

(Leopard, Crocodile, Kudu, Oryx / Gemsbok, Hartebeest, Wildebeest, Zebra, Nyala, Sable Antelope, Waterbuck, Tsessebe, etc.)

## Class D Game

850 Joule

Minimum caliber 5.56mm in diameter

(Warthog, Impala, Reedbuck, Sitatunga, Duiker, Steenbok, Jackal, Game Birds, etc.)

## Black Powder Rifles

Minimum caliber .40