

Alberta Whitetail & Mule Deer Association
Cervid Harvest Preserves
Code of Ethics

Members of the Harvest Preserve Tribunal sector of the Alberta Whitetail & Mule Deer Association subscribe to a high standard of professional conduct and ethics. This Code provides standards of conduct for the harvest preserve operator, and gives the sportsman a clear indication of what to expect from a member harvest operator.

Purpose:

To enhance and promote the profession of provision of harvesting opportunities for privately owned cervid species on harvesting preserves while maintaining a safe harvesting environment by providing high standards of ethical conduct to promote the responsible management of harvest preserves and to communicate the Code of Ethics to consumers and other key stakeholders.

Goal: To provide the client with a positive and safe hunting experience while ensuring the welfare of the animal.

I acknowledge:

That I have an obligation to the harvest preserve profession to promote high quality harvests which ensure the safety of the owners' guides, clients and guests.

That I have an obligation to ensure harvest opportunities are only offered an area which through a combination of size, terrain and vegetative cover will provide an animal with reasonable chance and opportunity to elude the harvester.

That I have an obligation to utilize my skill and knowledge for the benefit of the industry and profession I serve. I will cooperatively strive to extend the public knowledge and appreciation of my profession.

That I have an obligation to provide a harvesting experience which allows the animal to exhibit their natural flight response and have access to forage, clean water and natural shelter.

That I have an obligation to ensure the method of harvesting employed on my harvest preserve ensures the animal is harvested in an efficient and responsible manner.

That I have an obligation to encourage honorable ethics and citizenship in transporting harvested animals to avoid inappropriate public display of animals.

That I have an obligation to ensure my clients possess familiarity with their weapon of choice. Firearm safety will be a priority at all times.

That I have an obligation to ensure my operation is adequately designed and constructed to ensure exclusion of wild cervidae from the enclosure and retains privately owned animals within the enclosure.

That I have an obligation to provide facilities and management programs that ensure and maintain the welfare and well-being of animals within the harvesting operation and until the animals are harvested.

That I have an obligation to ensure all reasonable measures are taken to ensure the products of all harvested animals are utilized and not wasted.

That I have an obligation to follow and adhere to all applicable provincial and federal laws regulating animal welfare, animal movement and harvesting.

That I have an obligation to report any suspect or known breach of applicable provincial or federal laws. I also have an obligation to report to the Tribunal any known breaches to this Code of Ethics.

That I have an obligation to accurately represent rates, accommodations, and services I will provide prior to booking and acceptance of down payment. I will, at all times, conduct my operations and services in an ethical and business-like manner.

That I have an obligation to make restitution in cash or in-kind for breach of contract between my operation and my client, where the client is not at fault.

That I have an obligation to avoid the use of alcohol, and any other drug or substance, to the extent that the use impairs the user physically or mentally, while engaged by a client

That I have an obligation to provide and maintain clean, comfortable, and sanitary accommodation and that I will promote the highest possible standards in the preparation of food.

That I have an obligation to respect the property rights of neighboring land owners and will make all reasonable efforts to promote and maintain a working relationship with neighboring landowners.

That I have an obligation to respect the rights of my fellow harvest operators and shall not, without just cause, directly or indirectly, injure their reputation or business.

That I have an obligation to minimize the impact of my operations on the environment and neighboring wildlife.

That I have an obligation to ensure that all advertising and promotional material provided by operation shall convey an image consistent with the aims and objectives of the Tribunal. All promotional videos and photography will responsibly display an efficient harvest and recovery of the animal.

That I have an obligation to uphold the standards and reputation of the Alberta Whitetail & Mule Deer Association Harvest Preserve Tribunal and the harvesting profession and assist in the advancement of their goals. A member shall not harm or intend to cause harm to AWMDAHPT or the harvesting profession.