RELEASE OF LIABILITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, in consideration for allowing me to become a member of both the Illinois Wild Sportsmen's Club(IWSC) and the American Wildlife Association (AWA), and also for allowing me to engage in hunting and shooting activities upon land owned by other parties that have made their land available to IWSC/AWA members, agree to release IWSC/AWA , and all said landowners from all liability for any injury to me, regardless of the severity or manner in which the injury is sustained, and also I agree to waive all rights to make any claim against IWSC/AWA or the landowners they refer me to, for any property damage or loss which I sustain.

I am fully aware that hunting and shooting guns and bows are very dangerous and hazardous sports which contain inherent risks, including but not limited to the risk of personal injury, including catastrophic injury, death or property damage. If I sustain injury or loss while on the above property resulting from gunfire or arrows, whether fired by myself or other people who I may or may not know who they are or where they are, I agree to release IWSC/AWA and the landowners from all liability. Furthermore, I am aware that there are many other ways in which I can be injured or suffer property damage while on the landowners property, and I assume full responsibility for my actions which may result in injury , death, or property damage.

I am aware of the possibility of injury, death, or property damage resulting from tripping, stumbling, falling, slipping and climbing, that would result from my own negligence and lack of skill in moving and observing variations in terrain or weather conditions; or surface or subsurface snow, ice, ruts, bumps, ground cracks, holes, swells, falling trees & branches, protruding tree roots, stumps, dead trees, roads, open/covered wells, unsafe deer stands, steep banks, gullies, cliffs, electric fence, barbed wire fence, snakes, ticks, spiders, mosquitoes, parasites, bacteria, viruses, microorganisms, insects, ponds, rivers, creeks, livestock, aggressive animals, and all similar things whether or not mentioned. All IWSC/AWA land has ticks, and I'm fully aware that these ticks can infect me with Lyme disease. I understand the seriousness of Lyme disease. I will not hold IWSC/AWA or the landowners responsible for any injury or damage I sustain from anything mentioned above since I full agree that I am aware of the potential hazards, and my own negligence will be the only reason I sustain injury or loss. I assume full responsibility for staying away from obvious hazards and all objects that could harm me whether natural or man made, which are incidental to operation of a hunting preserve, farm, or unattended country property.

I understand there could be other people in the same vicinity of where I will be, and although I won't be able to see them, they might have guns and bows and be hunting and shooting. I understand that I might be shot by someone else, and if I am, I agree to waive my rights to recover damages from the landowner upon whose land I am on, and confine my damage recovery action to the individual who shot the bullet or arrow.

I am fully aware of the danger to my person and property, resulting from my presence in an area where hazardous conditions may exist.

I am willing to assume all of these risks, and hold only myself responsible if I sustain injury, death or property loss, or I cause the injury, death or property loss of someone else.

I have willingly agreed to release IWSC/AWA and the landowners they have referred me to, from all liability resulting from my actions or the actions of other people, while I am on the landowners property. I agree that it is not a necessity for me to hunt or shoot, and I do so voluntarily for my own personal pleasure and entertainment.

I understand I am giving up important rights by contractually agreeing to not sue or make claim against IWSC/AWA and their affiliated landowners upon whose land I may be injured, killed or suffer property damage resulting from numerous hazards which may or may not involve guns or bows. I understand there are many other places where I am free to hunt and shoot where I would not be required to sign this release of liability, but I have freely chosen to hunt and shoot at the places where this release is required.

Rules of Conduct Agreed to by Member

1. I agree that my guests and I will not arrive at any IWSC/AWA leased property under the influence of alcohol. We will wait at least 2 hrs. for each drink consumed (max. 8hrs.) before we enter the property, and we will never consume any form of alcohol while on club property.
2. I agree to not discard any trash on any IWSC/AWA property, including all food wrappers, sacks, containers, cans, bottles. I will pick up all spent shells I can find. Every and any item carried onto the property by me and my guests shall also be carried off the property by us when we leave.
3. I agree to never enter any IWSC/AWA property for any purpose, unless I have first made a reservation with the IWSC/AWA office, and received approval to hunt all game I desire to hunt, and other activities I want to engage in including hanging deer stands, camping and fishing. I will not engage in any unapproved activity.
4. I agree never to loan my IWSC/AWA Online Reservation password, ID, or book to anyone. I will report any lost or stolen materials to IWSC/AWA immediately.
5. I agree to provide IWSC/AWA with a complete and accurate harvest report within 48 hours after each and every day of hunting or fishing reserved.
6. I agree to notify IWSC/AWA before 8:30 am if I do not intend to use land reserved, unless the decision to not use the land is determined in route to the land. In that case, I will notify the club of my non use immediately upon deciding to not use the property. I will pay all fees due if I fail to cancel before the deadline.
7. I agree to not take any person property unless I first receive club approval, and I obtain their signature on the IWSC/AWA Hold Harmless Agreement.
8. I agree to follow any special requests made by landowners which are shown on their property description page or what I am informed of.
9. I agree to always display my IWSC/AWA vehicle identification tag by hanging it on the rear view mirror whenever parked on or near club property.
10. I agree to read the IWSC/AWA member notebook rule section completely, and call the office for clarification of any questions before I make any reservations.
11. I agree to make sure that all of my guests know and follow all IWSC/AWA rules, and if they violate these rules I will immediately terminate the reservation and stop any further use of the property, leave the premises and promptly report the violation to IWSC/AWA with my harvest report.
12. I agree to never accept any form of compensation for professional guide services on any land leased by IWSC/AWA.
13. I agree to pay $1000.00 a day to IWSC/AWA for all unauthorized use of their land. I will not hunt, fish, camp, rent, lease or attempt to lease directly or indirectly, any land which IWSC/AWA has or had leased while I am or was a member until at least (5) Five years has elapsed after the expiration of the last IWSC/AWA lease, without prior written authorization from IWSC/AWA. I know they do try to recover lost leases, and my interference will jeopardize their ability to release, causing IWSC/AWA damages.
14. I agree to never drive on club land without prior permission from IWSC/AWA. I will only drive on established roads when dry, never when wet as ruts would be made.
15. I agree to pay any fees due IWSC/AWA on the day reservations are made, before the date reserved unless a credit card is provided by me to be charged.
16. I agree I will not be on any property before 12:01 AM or depart after 11:59 PM of the date reserved without prior phone approval from the IWSC office.
17. I agree to not restrict nor restrain IWSC/AWA from unlimited promotional use of all photos and film of hunters and game seen and taken from club property.
18. I agree my guests and I will only use equipment which we personally own and are familiar with, know how to use and trust completely.
19. I agree my guests and I will never use any equipment we find on any property, including tree stands, ladders, blinds, steps, climbing devices, etc., as it is assumed they are unsafe and of unknown condition. Any tree we choose to climb is dangerous and will be our choice, and completely at our own risk. Any equipment we find on any property that we chose to use, we use at our own risk and hereby release IWSC/AWA from any and all liabilities.
20. I agree my guests and I will never climb up or down any ladder, stand, or tree without a safety harness attached to prevent serious injury in the event we fall.

I have completely read this agreement, I understand it thoroughly, I fully agree with it's content and warning of potential hazards which may result from my physical presence upon land owned by parties to whom I have been referred by IWSC/AWA, for the purpose of hunting, fishing, camping. I agree to release from liability IWSC/AWA and all said landowners, and to assume full responsibility for any injury, death or property damage which I may sustain or cause during my visit to their property.

I also agree that I have been given the right to seek an attorneys opinion before signing this agreement, and if I have not done so, it is because I have chosen not to do so, and nothing has been said to me verbally or implied in any way, that an attorneys counsel is not necessary. I know and agree that this is a contract, legal and binding to me and my guests and I will treat it as so.

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Member Signature Date Signed PRINT Member Name BIRTHDATE Member #