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Department 111. RULES OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

Chapter 111-8. HEALTHCARE FACILITY REGULATION

Subject 111-8-62. PERSONAL CARE HOMES

111-8-62-.07 Governing Body

(1) The governing body is responsible for providing the oversight necessary to ensure that the home operates in compliance with applicable requirements: Chapter 7 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, administrative rules and regulations of the Department of Community Health, Chapters 111-8-25, 111-8-62 and 111-8-100, and all other statutes, rules and regulations.

(2) The governing body must ensure that the Department has current contact information consisting of name, e-mail address for departmental notifications to the home, physical addresses, and phone numbers for the governing body and the administrator or on-site manager of the home. The governing body must ensure that staff is held accountable for delivering any notices provided to the governing body at the listed addresses to the governing body.

(3) The governing body is responsible for implementing policies, procedures and practices in the home that support the core values of dignity, respect, choice, independence and privacy of the residents in a safe environment and in accordance with these rules. At a minimum, the policies and procedures that are developed must provide direction for the staff and residents on the following:

(a) The services available in the home, including, personal services, memory care services/centers and any other specialized services such as designated proxy caregivers.

(b) Admissions, discharges and immediate transfers which ensure that the home does not admit or retain residents who need more care than the home is authorized or capable of providing.

(c) Refunds when a resident is transferred or discharged.

(d) Training and ongoing evaluation of staff, including specialized training if designated proxy caregivers are provided or memory care is offered.

(e) House rules and their enforcement.

(f) Protecting the rights of the residents as set forth in these rules;

(g) Medication management, procurement and the professional oversight provided for such services.

(h) Health and hygiene issues for residents and staff relating to infection control, work policies and return to work policies, food borne illnesses and reportable diseases.

(i) The investigation and reporting of abuse, neglect, exploitation of residents, residents' wandering away from the community, accidents, injuries and changes in residents' conditions to required parties.

(j) Discipline procedures for handling conduct which is inconsistent with the policies of the home committed by staff.

(k) Emergency preparedness, drills and evacuation requirements.

(l) Quality assurance and peer review mechanisms to determine opportunities for improving care utilizing information acquired from reports and investigations of serious incidents, including resident and family feedback.

(m) The use of volunteers, who have unsupervised access to the residents and their orientation regarding resident's rights and basic safety precautions.

(n) The specific use of proxy caregivers allowed within the home and the oversight of proxy caregivers the home requires or provides in accordance with Georgia law, these rules and the rules for proxy caregivers, Chapter 111-8-100.

(o) The safety and security precautions that will be employed by the home to protect residents from harm by other residents, designated proxy caregivers and other individuals, not employed by the home who routinely come into the home.

(p) The staffing plan which takes into account the specific needs of the residents and also includes arrangements for staffing in the absence of regularly scheduled staff.

(4) The governing body must not permit any person who is a member of the governing body, administration or staff to serve as the representative of a resident of the home.

(5) Where a member of the governing body, administration or staff serves as the representative payee of the resident, the home must use the funds received for the exclusive use and benefit and in the best interest of the resident and maintain necessary records to support such use.

(6) The governing body must ensure that staff accepts certified mail from the Department when sent to the licensed home.

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Department 160. RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Chapter 160-1.

Subject 160-1-4. GRANT PROGRAMS

160-1-4-.301 Literacy for Learning, Living and Leading in Georgia (L4GA) ARP/ESSER Supplemental Awards Grant

1. **Purpose of Grant.** The purpose of the grant is to provide federal funds for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and their partnering organizations to serve Georgia's students. Funds will be used to implement projects designed to create systemic change by engaging early care providers, schools, community organizations, and teacher educators to advance literacy skills, reading and writing for students from birth through grade 12.

2. **Term and Conditions.** Grants are awarded through a competitive process to LEAs that partner with community coalitions and identify a feeder pattern from birth through grade 12. The LEA-partnerships will develop a systemic literacy plan and create routines for reviewing system-wide data to address systemic issues. LEA-partnerships are expected to engage community organizations, teacher educators, and schools, provide classrooms with print-rich materials, leverage digital learning, use valid and reliable assessments, provide a schedule consistent with research in order to maximize literacy instruction, and ensure that all partners, including school leaders and teachers, participate in professional learning. Recipients must agree to administer valid and reliable formative assessments and submit reports upon request to the Georgia Department of Education.

3. **Eligible Recipients.** All LEAs are eligible to apply. LEAs will perform a needs assessment to determine that they have selected the neediest schools to include in their subgrant application.

4. **Criteria for Award.** Applications are reviewed by the Georgia Department of Education for adherence to the terms and conditions describe in the application. Applications are then sent randomly to approved national readers to be scored. Funding will be awarded based on the following formula: 15% for children birth through age 5, 40% for elementary schools, and 40% for students in middle and high school to be distributed evenly. These funds are awarded for a three-year period. Participation in the project extends through September 30, 2024.

5. **Directions and Deadlines for Applying.** Requests for information and application should be made to the L4GA Grant Office, Georgia Department of Education, 1562 Twin Towers East 205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive Atlanta, GA 30334 or online at www.doe.k12.ga.us.

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Department 183. RULES OF STATE ELECTION BOARD

Chapter 183-1. GEORGIA ELECTION CODE

Subject 183-1-12. PREPARATION FOR AND CONDUCT OF PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS

183-1-12-.08 Logic and Accuracy Testing

1. Primaries and Elections.

a. On or before the third day preceding a primary or election, including special primaries, special elections, and referendum elections, the election superintendent shall commence the preparation and testing of the electronic poll books, electronic ballot markers, printers, and ballot scanners for use on Election Day.

b. On or before the third day preceding the advance voting period, the election superintendent shall commence the preparation and testing of the electronic poll books, electronic ballot markers, printers, and ballot scanners for use during the advance voting period. Voting system components that passed logic and accuracy testing for advance voting do not have to be re-tested for use on Election Day for the same election, unless there is a change in the programming or database used by the component.

c. Notice Requirements.

a. At least five days prior to the commencement of such testing, the election superintendent shall give the public proper notice of such preparation and testing by:

i. If the county or municipality maintains a publicly accessible website, publishing a notice on the homepage of the county's or municipality's (whichever is applicable) publicly accessible website associated with elections and/or registrations.

ii. Advertising in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or municipality. The advertisement shall be prominently displayed, shall not be less than 30 square inches, and shall not be placed in the section of the newspaper where legal notices appear.

iii. Notifying the Secretary of State or designee in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

b. Proper public notice shall include stating the date, time, and place or places where preparation and testing of the voting system components for use in the primary or election will commence, and stating that such preparation shall continue from day to day until such preparation is complete and that such preparation and testing shall be open to the public and that members of the public are entitled to be present during the preparation and testing.

d. The election superintendent shall cause such preparation and testing to begin on such date and time and at such place or places. Such preparation and testing shall be open to members of the public to observe; however, such members of the public shall not in any manner interfere with the preparation and testing of the voting system components. Any person found to be interfering with the preparation and testing process may be asked to leave the testing process and may be cited for interfering with an election official while in performance of election duties. Any questions and/or complaints from the general public regarding the preparation and testing process must be directed to the election superintendent and not to the individual personnel conducting the preparation and testing process. The election superintendent may make such reasonable rules and regulations concerning the conduct of such members of the public observing such preparation and testing, as the election superintendent deems necessary and appropriate; provided, however, that such rules and regulations shall not prevent members of the public from fairly observing the preparation and testing of the voting system components.

2. In addition to any reasonable rules and regulations that the election superintendent may create for the public to observe the preparation and testing process, the election superintendent or designee thereof, shall:

- a. Be available for the first hour of the first day of testing to explain the preparation and testing process and to respond to questions and provide answers regarding the purpose and the process of preparation and testing;
- b. Maintain a presence at all times during the preparation and testing process;
- c. Administer an oath of custodian prior to beginning the preparation and testing process to any county personnel (except permanent state, county, or municipal election staff) appointed by the election superintendent to conduct the preparation and testing process;
- d. Establish an area reasonable in proximity for the public to observe the preparation and testing process. Such area shall provide reasonable accommodations for the public insofar as space permits, but shall not be so established as to deny the general public the opportunity to view the process; however, the area should be of such nature so as to allow the preparation and testing process to proceed without interference by the general public;
- e. Allow only election office personnel or individuals assigned to conduct the preparation and testing to enter the testing area during the preparation and testing process;
- f. Prohibit any preparation and testing reports created for recording the seal numbers of voting system components from being disclosed to the public;
- g. Prohibit the security seal numbers or other security measures of any voting system components from being disclosed to the public; and
- h. Prohibit photographic and audio equipment of any kind, including cell phone cameras, from being used to record the security seal numbers or other measures used to secure any voting system components, provided that this rule shall not prohibit the news media from reporting on the preparation and testing process, so long as seal numbers and other security measures on any voting system component are not recorded or displayed in any manner.

3. During the public preparation and testing of the electronic poll books, electronic ballot markers, printers, and ballot scanners to be used in a particular primary or election, the election superintendent shall cause each electronic ballot marker and scanner to be programmed with the election files for the precinct at which the electronic ballot marker and ballot scanner unit will be used.

The superintendent shall cause the accuracy of the components to be tested by causing the following tasks to be performed:

- a. Check that the electronic poll books accurately look up and check-in voters via both the scanning function and manual lookup and create a voter access card that pulls up the correct ballot on the electronic ballot marker for every applicable ballot style.
- b. Check that the touchscreen on the electronic ballot marker accurately displays the correct selections utilizing a voter access card and manual ballot activation and that the touchscreen accurately reflects the selected choices.
- c. Check that the printer prints a paper ballot that accurately reflects the choices selected on the touchscreen and immediately mark all printed paper ballots as "test" ballots.
- d. Check that the ballot scanner scans the paper ballot, including both ballots marked by electronic ballot markers and ballots marked with a pen, and that the ballot scanner scans ballots regardless of the orientation the ballot is entered into the scanner.
- e. Check that the tabulation contained in the ballot scanner memory card can be accurately uploaded to the election management system, and that the tabulated results match the selections indicated on the paper ballot.

If any component fails any of the testing, the component shall not be used in a primary, election, or runoff until such unit is repaired and inspected and found capable of proper functioning and passes logic and accuracy tests. The component failure should be documented and reported to the superintendent. Upon the successful completion of the logic and accuracy test, the component shall be cleared of any vote totals collected during testing. A zero tape shall be run on the ballot scanner subsequent to successful testing, and the tape shall be attached to the custodian's certification form to document the logic and accuracy testing. The components shall then be sealed and securely stored for transfer to the polling place.

After the completion of logic and accuracy testing on any voting system component, each component shall be sealed and safely and securely stored until such time as the component is transported to the polling place in which such component is to be used. The zero tapes, results tapes, test ballots, and other paperwork shall be securely stored by the superintendent.

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183-1-12-.11 Conducting Elections

1. As each voter presents himself or herself at the polling place for the purpose of voting during the time during which the polls are open for voting, each voter shall be offered instruction by a poll officer in the method of voting on the voting system. In providing such instruction, the poll officers shall not in any manner request, suggest, or seek to persuade or induce any voter to vote any particular candidate, political party, or political body, or for or against any particular question.

2. (a) When a person presents himself or herself at the polling place for the purpose of voting during the time during which the polls are open for voting, the person shall complete a voter certificate and submit it to the poll officers. The voter certificate may be an electronic or paper record. The poll officers shall verify the identity of the person and that the person is a registered voter of the precinct and, if so, shall approve the voter certificate and enter an appropriate designation on the electors list for the precinct reflecting that the voter has voted in the primary, election, or runoff being conducted. The voter's name shall then be entered on the appropriate numbered list of voters.

(b) A poll officer shall then issue the voter an appropriate voter access card authorizing the voter to vote the correct ballot on the touchscreen or utilize the correct access code to manually bring up the correct ballot on the touchscreen. The voter shall then enter the enclosed space in the polling place and proceed to vote his or her choices. Upon making his or her selections, the voter shall cause the paper ballot to print, remove his or her printed ballot from the printer, remove the voter access card from the touchscreen component, review the selections on his or her printed ballot, scan his or her printed ballot into the scanner, and return the voter access card to a poll officer. Then the voter shall exit the enclosed area of the polling place.

(c) If an emergency situation makes utilizing the electronic ballot markers impossible or impracticable, as determined by the election superintendent, the poll officer shall issue the voter an emergency paper ballot that is to be filled out with a pen after verifying the identity of the voter and that the person is a registered voter of the precinct. Emergency paper ballots shall not be treated as provisional ballots, but instead shall be placed into the scanner in the same manner that printed ballots in the polling place are scanned. The election superintendent shall cause each polling place to have a sufficient amount of emergency paper ballots so that voting may continue uninterrupted if emergency circumstances render the electronic ballot markers or printers unusable. For any primary or general election for which a state or federal candidate is on the ballot, a sufficient amount of emergency paper ballots shall be at least 10% of the number of registered voters to a polling place. The poll manager shall store all emergency ballots in a secure manner and ensure that all used and unused emergency ballots are accounted for. All unused emergency ballots shall be placed into a secure envelope and sealed such that the envelope cannot be opened without breaking such seal.

(d) If an emergency situation exists that makes voting on the electronic ballot markers impossible or impracticable, the poll manager shall alert the election superintendent as soon as possible. The existence of an emergency situation shall be in the discretion of the election supervisor. However, if a poll manager is unable to contact the election superintendent after diligent effort, the poll manager shall have the ability to declare that an emergency situation exists at the polling place. The poll manager shall continue diligent efforts to contact the election superintendent, and shall inform the superintendent as soon as possible of the situation at the polling place. The election superintendent, in his or her discretion, shall either overrule or concur with the declaration of emergency circumstances. While the determination of an emergency situation is in the discretion of the election superintendent, the types of events that may be considered emergencies are power outages, malfunctions causing a sufficient number of electronic ballot markers to be unavailable for use, or waiting times longer than 30 minutes.

3. At least once each hour during the time while the polls are open, the poll officers shall examine the enclosed space to verify that no unauthorized matter has been affixed to any voting system component or placed in the voting booth and that the voting system components have not been tampered with in any manner. Poll officers shall also check that no unattended ballots are left in the printer or anywhere in the enclosed space other than the appropriate ballot box. Any unattended ballots found in the enclosed space that do not belong to a voter currently in the enclosed space shall not be counted, but shall be secured and labelled as unattended ballots.

4. The polling place shall be arranged in such a manner as to provide for the privacy of the elector while voting and to allow monitoring of each voting system component by the poll officers while the polls are open. The electronic ballot markers and ballot scanners used in the polling place shall be set up in a manner to assure the privacy of the elector while casting his or her ballot while maintaining the security of such units against tampering, damage, or other improper conduct. In addition, at least one ballot marking device shall be configured for voting by physically disabled voters in wheelchairs and provisions shall be made to provide for the privacy of such electors while voting.

5. It shall be permissible under O.C.G.A. § [21-2-410](#) and shall not constitute assistance in voting under O.C.G.A. § [21-2-409](#) for poll officers to assist a voter in inserting the voter access card into the ballot marking device and in explaining the operation of the unit to the voter; provided that the poll officer shall withdraw from the voting booth prior to the voter making any selections. The poll officers shall not in any manner request, suggest, or seek to persuade or induce any voter to vote for any particular candidate, political party, or political body, or for or against any particular question.

6. Voters utilizing an audio tactile interface (ATI) device to vote on the ballot marking device without the assistance of any other individual shall not be considered as receiving assistance in voting and shall not be required to complete the forms required for receiving assistance in voting pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [21-2-409](#); however, if another person other than a poll officer is handling the printed ballot before it is inserted into the scanner, that person shall be considered as assisting.

7. The poll officers shall confirm that voters deposit their ballots and return the voter access cards to the poll officers prior to leaving the enclosed space in the polling place. The poll officers shall arrange and configure the polling place and provide staffing at such places within the polling place to confirm that a voter will not leave the enclosed space with a ballot or voter access card.

8. The election superintendent shall cause each polling place to be sufficiently staffed. At least one poll officer shall be assigned to assisting voters who have questions while they are in the voting booth but before they approach the ballot scanner. Another poll officer shall be stationed at every ballot scanner in use in the polling place while voting is occurring. The poll officer stationed at the ballot scanner shall offer each voter specific verbal instruction to review their printed paper ballot prior to scanning it. In addition to the preceding instruction, the poll officer stationed at the ballot scanner shall offer general instruction throughout the period while voting is occurring telling voters that sample ballots and magnifying devices are available to assist them in reviewing their paper ballot. The poll officer shall take all reasonable precautions not to view the selections on an elector's ballot unless it is required due to assistance requested by the elector. If a poll officer observes a voter attempting to leave the enclosed space with a paper ballot, the poll officer shall inform the voter of the consequence of not depositing his or her paper ballot into the ballot scanner prior to leaving the room.

9. A voter may request information from poll officers concerning how to use the electronic ballot marker or any other voting system component at any time during the voting process. However, once the voter scans his or her ballot into the ballot scanner, even if the ballot is blank with no votes cast, such voter shall be deemed to have voted and may not thereafter vote again. If a voter leaves the room encompassing the enclosed space with his or her paper ballot and does not place that ballot into the appropriate ballot scanner or ballot box, that voter shall be deemed to have voted and may not thereafter vote again. A sign shall be placed at the exit of the enclosed space that informs every voter that ballots may not be removed from the enclosed space. Any paper ballot that is removed from the room encompassing the enclosed space shall not be counted and shall be marked as spoiled by a poll officer.

10. (a) If a voter discovers that the ballot presented on the electronic ballot marker is not correct or, for a partisan primary, is not the ballot that the voter desired to vote, the voter shall immediately notify a poll officer. The poll officer shall cancel or void the ballot on the electronic ballot marker without attempting in any manner to see how the voter has voted and shall then take the necessary steps to provide the voter with the correct ballot and make any necessary corrections to the voter certificate of the voter, the electors list, and the numbered list of voters. If the error is due to equipment malfunction, the poll officer shall document the incident on a form developed by the Secretary of State. The poll manager shall inform the election superintendent immediately if one or more electronic ballot markers are associated with a significant number of incidents.

(b) If, while reviewing his or her printed ballot, the voter discovers that the printed ballot does not contain the proper ballot selections or that the voter was not issued the proper ballot, the voter shall immediately inform a poll officer. The poll officer shall spoil the paper ballot and take the necessary steps to allow the voter to make his or her selections again on the electronic ballot marker and cause the correct ballot to be issued. If the error is due to equipment malfunction, the poll officer shall document the incident on a form developed by the Secretary of State. The poll manager shall inform the election superintendent immediately if one or more electronic ballot markers are associated with a significant number of incidents.

(c) If the voter places his or her paper ballot into the ballot scanner or ballot box prior to notifying the poll officials of any errors in the ballot, the voter shall be deemed to have voted and shall not be permitted to cast another ballot.

11. (a) If any voting system component malfunctions during the day of a primary, election, or runoff, the poll manager shall immediately notify the election superintendent and shall not allow any voter to use the component until and unless the malfunction is corrected. The poll manager shall utilize appropriate backup procedures so that voting is not interrupted due to any equipment malfunctions. The election superintendent shall immediately arrange for the repair of the voting system component or shall provide a replacement component as soon as practicable. A replacement component shall not be used unless it has been appropriately tested prior to its use.

(b) In the event that a ballot scanner malfunctions, the voter shall place their voted ballot in the emergency bin connected to the ballot box. The ballots in the emergency bin shall be counted when the ballot scanner is properly functioning, by a replacement ballot scanner brought to the polling place, or, if neither are available, by another scanner at the county elections office. Poll officers may scan ballots placed into the emergency bin through the ballot scanner or a replacement ballot scanner when doing so will not interfere with voting. A voter placing his or her ballot into the emergency bin is considered to have voted that ballot and shall not be permitted to cast another ballot.

(c) Accredited poll watchers shall be allowed to observe the process described in this rule; however, they must do so in a manner that does not interfere with poll officials or voters.

12. Polling Place Wait Time Recordings

(a) On the day of any state or federal general primary, election, or runoff therefrom, the chief manager of a precinct shall measure and record the time a voter waits in line prior to checking into vote.

(b) The wait times shall be measured a minimum of three times while voting is occurring, in accordance with the following specifications:

i. Morning wait times shall be measured only during the hours between 7:00AM and 11:00AM.

ii. Midday wait times shall be measured only during the hours between 11:00AM and 3:00PM.

iii. Evening wait times shall be measured only during the hours of 3:00pm and 7:00PM.

(c) Such results shall be recorded on a form provided by the Secretary of State and provided electronically in a manner determined by the Secretary of State.

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183-1-12-.12 Tabulating Results

(a) After the Polls Close.

1. Immediately after the polls close and the last voter has voted, the poll manager and two witnesses who have been previously sworn as poll officers as provided in O.C.G.A. §§ [21-2-94](#) and [21-2-95](#) shall begin the closing procedure on each ballot scanner so that no further votes are cast and record the number of scanned ballots from every ballot scanner used in the polling place. The poll manager and the two witnesses shall record the number of scanned ballots from each scanner on a recap form to be developed by the Secretary of State. The poll manager and the two witnesses shall cause each ballot scanner to print three tapes of the tabulated results and shall sign each tape indicating that it is a true and correct copy of the tape produced by the ballot scanner. If the poll manager or the witnesses have reason to believe that printed tapes are not a true and correct tabulation of the ballots scanned by that ballot scanner, the poll manager or witness shall document the reasons and evidence for that belief and inform the election superintendent, who shall take appropriate action, in his or her discretion, so that the ballots in the ballot box associated with the ballot scanner are accurately tabulated.

2. The poll manager shall cause the number of printed ballots from each ballot marking device to be recorded on the recap form. The poll manager shall further cause the number of spoiled ballots and ballots placed in the emergency bin of the scanner that were unable to be scanned to be recorded on the recap form. The poll manager shall cause the total number of voter check ins from the electronic poll book and/or paper voter list to be recorded on the recap form. If the numbers recorded on the recap form do not reconcile with each other, the poll manager shall immediately determine the reason for the inconsistency; correct the inconsistency, if possible; and fully document the inconsistency or problem along with any corrective measures taken.

3. As soon as possible after the polls close and the last elector votes, the poll manager shall advise the election superintendent of the total number of ballots scanned into the ballot scanner, the total number of provisional ballots

issued at the precinct, and the total number of any cast but unscanned ballots in a scanner emergency bin in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.

4. One of the three tapes of the tabulated results printed from the ballot scanner shall be affixed to the door of the polling place for the information of the public along with a copy of the provisional ballot recap form for the polling place. One tape shall be placed into an envelope (or reusable document storage container suitable for the same purposes) provided by the election superintendent, along with the "poll officer" memory card from the ballot scanner. The envelope shall be sealed by the poll manager and the same two witnesses who signed the tape such that the envelope cannot be opened without breaking such seal. The poll manager and the two witnesses shall initial the envelope indicating that it contains the correct tape and memory card from the indicated ballot scanner. The envelope shall be labelled with the name of the polling place, the serial number of the ballot scanner, and the number assigned to the ballot scanner for that election. The third tape shall be placed into another envelope with the polling place recap form.

5. The poll manager and two witnesses who have been sworn as poll officers as provided in O.C.G.A. §§ [21-2-94](#) and [21-2-95](#) shall unseal and open each ballot box, remove the paper ballots from each ballot box, and place the paper ballots into a durable, portable, secure and sealable container to be provided for transport to the office of the election superintendent. A separate container shall be used for the paper ballots from each ballot box and the container shall be labelled with the polling place, ballot scanner serial number, the number assigned to the ballot scanner for that election, the count of the ballots from the tabulation tape, and the date and time that the ballot box was emptied. The container shall be sealed and signed by the poll manager and the same two witnesses such that it cannot be opened without breaking the seal. The poll manager and the two witnesses shall sign a label affixed to the container indicating that it contains all of the correct ballots from the indicated ballot box and no additional ballots.

6. The poll manager and the same two witnesses who emptied the ballot box shall complete and sign a form indicating that the ballot box was properly emptied and the ballots were properly stored and secured. Such form shall be delivered to the election superintendent with the completed polling place recap form. The ballot box shall be resealed and the new seal numbers shall be documented.

7. The envelopes containing the tabulation tape and the memory card, the containers containing the paper ballots, the completed polling place recap forms, voter access cards, supervisor's cards, electors lists, numbered lists of voters, electronic poll books, and other such paperwork shall be delivered to the election superintendent by the poll manager and at least one other sworn poll officer or law enforcement official. The election superintendent or his or her designee shall receive the materials and shall issue a receipt to the poll manager for the materials. The poll manager and any poll officers who travelled with the materials shall sign a form indicating that no sealed documents were unsealed enroute and that the materials have not been tampered with. The election superintendent, in his or her discretion, may allow a designee of the poll manager to deliver the envelopes or containers containing the ballot scanner tabulation tapes and memory cards to be used for unofficial reporting of results prior to the delivery of the other polling place materials provided that the same procedures for transit and delivery set forth herein are followed.

8. Before leaving the polling place, the poll manager shall power off, secure, and seal all electronic ballot markers, ballot boxes, and ballot scanners. The polling place shall be locked to prohibit unauthorized entry.

9. Accredited poll watchers shall be allowed to observe the process described in this rule; however, they must do so in a manner that does not interfere with poll officials.

(b) Consolidation of Results.

1. All persons involved with the tabulation and consolidation of the election results and who will operate the computer programs or handle the memory cards shall be sworn in the same manner that custodians are sworn before entering into their duties.

2. Only persons who are permanent employees of the election superintendent or have been duly sworn as poll officers or custodians shall touch or be in contact with any ballot, container, returns, tapes, device, memory card, or any other such election materials. Only persons who are employed by the election superintendent or have been duly

sworn shall be in the immediate area of the tabulating center designated by the superintendent for the officers to conduct the tabulation and consolidation of the election results.

3. The tabulation and consolidation shall be performed in public. However, the election superintendent may make reasonable rules and regulations for conduct at the tabulating center for the security of the results and the returns and to avoid interference with the tabulating center personnel.

4. The election superintendent shall ensure all properly cast ballots are processed, counted, and tabulated as soon as possible and shall not cease such count and tabulation until all such ballots are counted and tabulated.

a. For the purposes of this rule, "shall not cease" allows for reasonable or limited breaks so long as the processing, counting, and tabulating of ballots resumes as soon as possible. If the election superintendent, in its reasonable discretion, determines that due to mechanical or technological failures, emergency circumstances, or other circumstances that do not allow the processing, counting, and tabulating of ballots to continue reliably and accurately, the election superintendent shall report as soon as possible in writing to the Secretary of State in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State the reason the processing, counting, and tabulating of ballots cannot continue reliably and accurately and the estimated time that the processing, counting, and tabulating ballots will resume.

5. Upon the delivery of any election materials from a polling place, the election superintendent or his or her designee shall provide a receipt that clearly states what election materials have been delivered.

6. Upon receiving the paper ballots and the memory cards, the election superintendent shall verify the signatures on the sealed envelopes and containers, verify that the seals are intact, that the envelopes or containers have not been opened, and that there is no evidence of tampering with the envelopes, containers, or their contents.

7. In the case of elections for county, state, and federal office, after verifying that the envelopes and containers are properly sealed and have not been opened or tampered with, the election superintendent shall break the seal and open each envelope and remove the memory card and results tape. The election superintendent or his or her designee shall then insert the memory card into the election management system computer and transfer the vote totals from the memory card into the election management system for official tabulation and consolidation.

8. After transferring all of the vote totals from the memory cards to the election management system and consolidating such totals with the totals from the absentee ballot system and such votes from any provisional ballots which have been found by the registrars to be authorized pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [21-2-419](#), the election superintendent shall prepare the official consolidated returns for the primary, election, or runoff.

9. The election superintendent shall not list and certify in the official consolidated returns for an election any results for write in candidates who were not properly qualified under O.C.G.A. § [21-2-133](#).

10. In the case of primaries, elections, and runoffs for county, state, and federal office, the county election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State the election returns by precinct for the county in electronic format or by electronic means, as may be specified by the Secretary of State, within fourteen days following a primary, election, or runoff.

(c) Publicly Posting Total Number of Ballots Cast After Close of Polls.

1. For the purposes of publicly posting the number of ballots cast as soon as possible after the close of polls and the number of absentee ballots received as soon as possible following the deadline to receive such absentee ballots as required by O.C.G.A § 21-2-421(a), posting information in a prominent public place means:

a. If the county or municipality maintains a publicly accessible website, publishing information on the homepage of the county's publicly accessible website associated with elections and/or registrations.

b. If the county or municipality does not maintain a publicly accessible website, affixing information on the door of the county or municipality's election office such that the information is viewable to the public.

c. At the same time that such information is publicly posted, it shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State in a manner determined by the Secretary of State.

(d) Election Night Reporting. The election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State unofficial election results for all races for state offices in any primary, election, or runoff as soon as possible after the closing of the polls for such primary, election, or runoff. Such results shall be transmitted in a format prescribed by the Secretary of State. At a minimum, the results shall be transmitted upon one third of the precincts reporting results, upon two thirds of the precincts reporting results, and upon all precincts reporting results, including absentee ballots within all precincts. Except upon prior notice to and consultation with the Secretary of State, no election superintendent shall conclude the tabulation of votes on election night in any primary, election, or runoff in which there are contested races for federal and state offices until and unless all such unofficial results, including absentee ballots, have been transmitted to the Secretary of State.

(e) Reconciliation Report

1. No later than 30 days following the election, the election superintendent shall transmit to the Secretary of State a reconciliation report that reconciles the aggregate total of all ballots cast in each precinct as reported in the precinct-level election results to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in each precinct on the form made available by the Secretary of State. Any discrepancies in the aggregate total of ballots cast in each precinct compared to the aggregate number of voters who received credit for voting in a precinct shall be fully investigated by the election superintendent or designee. The explanation for any discrepancy shall be included in the Reconciliation Report.

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183-1-12-.13 Storage of Returns

(a) After tabulating and consolidating the results, the election superintendent shall prepare an electronic file which shall contain a copy of the information contained on each memory card which shall include all ballot images as well as vote totals and a copy of the consolidated returns from the election management system.

(1) As provided by O.C.G.A. § [50-18-71](#), ballot images are subject to public disclosure. The election superintendent shall retain copies of all ballot images prior to depositing election materials to the clerk of superior court or the municipal clerk, as appropriate, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-500](#) to ensure the election superintendent's ability to provide public access to ballot images.

(b) The electronic file shall be stored on a secure medium which shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container and shall become a part of the election materials which shall be deposited with the clerk of superior court or the municipal clerk, as appropriate, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-500](#). In addition, the signed results tape from each ballot scanner and the corresponding paper ballots shall also be deposited with the clerk of superior court.

(c) The memory cards shall be sealed in an appropriate container and securely maintained by the election superintendent until the period for requesting a recount of the primary, election, or run off results has expired. The election superintendent and at least one other sworn individual in the tabulating center shall seal the container and sign the seal such that the container cannot be opened without destroying or damaging the seal. Upon the expiration of the period for requesting a recount, the election superintendent may use the memory cards for programming ballot scanners units for the next primary, election, or runoff.

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183-1-12-.18 Provisional Ballots

(1) This rule shall govern the casting of provisional ballots by voters at primaries and elections in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ [21-2-418](#) and [21-2-419](#).

(2) In each polling place, there shall be established a location or station in the public area of the polling place for the purpose of issuing and receiving provisional ballots. Each polling place shall have an information sheet developed by the Secretary of State available for voters who have questions about the provisional ballot process. The information sheet should describe relevant law regarding provisional ballots for voters who do not show up on the electors list for that polling place.

(3) The election superintendent shall provide each polling place with an adequate supply of provisional ballots in each ballot style (district combination) for the precinct and an inner ballot envelope and an outer ballot envelope. The election superintendent shall also be prepared to resupply polling places with provisional ballots in needed ballot styles in a timely manner while voting is occurring so that polling places do not run out of provisional ballots. The ballot envelopes shall be so designed that the ballot will fit within the inner ballot envelope and the inner ballot envelope will fit within the outer ballot envelope. The inner ballot envelope shall have printed on it the words "Official Provisional Ballot" and nothing else. The outer envelope shall have places for inserting the person's name, precinct, date and name of election, ballot style (district combination), and whether such ballot is a regular provisional ballot, a provisional ballot cast by a voter who registered to vote for the first time in this state by mail and has not provided the identification required by O.C.G.A. §§ [21-2-220](#) and [21-2-417](#), or a ballot cast during poll hours extended by a court order, or a combination thereof. Primaries and elections conducted by counties shall use optical scan ballots for provisional voting. The poll manager shall cause all voted provisional ballots to be deposited into the provisional ballot box and not be inserted into the polling place ballot scanner and kept separate and apart from non-provisional ballots cast at the polling place. Municipalities shall use the same type of ballots as the municipality uses for mail-in absentee voting. The election superintendent shall also provide a booth for voting provisional ballots in the enclosed space which will provide privacy for a person while voting a provisional ballot and a secure container in which the voted provisional ballots shall be placed.

(4) Voters whose names do not appear on electors list.

(a) When a person arrives at a polling place, completes a voter certificate, and presents it to the poll workers but the person's name does not appear on the official electors list for the precinct, the poll officers shall immediately direct the person to the provisional ballot station. The polling place shall have an electronic poll book that includes a master list of registered voters in the state, and the poll workers shall check the list to determine if the person is assigned to a different polling place within the county or registered in a different county. If the person's name appears on the master list for a different precinct within the same county, the poll workers shall inform the person of his or her correct polling place. The poll officials shall also inform such person that any votes cast by a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct will not be counted unless it is cast after 5:00 P.M. and before the regular time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff and unless the person executes a sworn statement, witnessed by the poll official, stating that he or she is unable to vote at his or her correct polling place prior to the closing of the polls and giving the reason therefor. If the person states a good-faith belief that he or she timely registered to vote in the precinct in which he or she is present, he or she shall be offered a provisional ballot. If the person is registered in a different county, the poll officer shall inform the person that he or she appears to be registered in a different county. If the person is still eligible to vote in the county in which they appear to be registered, the person may return to that county to vote. If the person states a good-faith belief that he or she timely registered to vote in the county in which he or she is present, he or she shall be offered a provisional ballot.

(b) If the person's name is not found on the official list of electors for the precinct or the master list, the poll officers shall immediately contact the registrars and the person shall provide such information as the registrars may request to determine if the person is eligible to vote in the election. The registrars shall promptly review the information provided by the person and shall attempt to determine if the person timely and properly registered to vote in the county in which he or she is present.

(c) If the registrars can immediately determine that the person timely and validly registered to vote in the primary or election and should be assigned to the precinct at which the person is present, the registrars shall authorize the poll officers to add the person's name to the official electors list for the precinct and shall permit the person to vote in the same manner as other voters in the precinct vote. When there are multiple ballot styles (district combinations) in use in the precinct, the registrars shall also advise the poll officers which ballot style (district combination) should be issued to the person. The person's name shall then be added to the official electors list for the precinct with a notation of the name of the registrar who authorized such addition. Upon presentation of a properly completed voter certificate and the identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-417](#), the person shall be permitted to vote in the same manner as other voters in the precinct.

(d) If the registrars can immediately determine that the person timely and validly registered to vote in the primary or election but should be assigned to a different precinct within the same county where the person is present, the registrars shall direct the poll officers to inform the person of the appropriate other precinct and the registrars shall notify the officers of such other precinct to add the person's name to the official electors list for such other precinct. The poll officials shall also inform such person that any votes cast by a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct will not be counted unless it is cast after 5:00 P.M. and before the regular time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff and unless the person executes a sworn statement, witnessed by the poll official, stating that he or she is unable to vote at his or her correct polling place prior to the closing of the polls and giving the reason therefor. Upon the completion of a voter certificate and the submission of the identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-417](#), the person shall be permitted to vote in the same manner as other persons in such other precinct.

i. In such cases, all votes cast by such person for candidates for whom such person is properly entitled to vote shall be counted and all votes cast for candidates for whom such person is not properly entitled to vote shall be void and shall not be counted in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-419\(c\)](#). When there are multiple ballot styles (district combinations) in use in such other precinct, the registrars shall also advise the poll officers at such other precinct which ballot style (district combination) should be issued to the person. The person's name shall then be added to the official electors list for the other precinct by the poll officers of the other precinct with a notation of the name of the registrar who authorized such addition.

(e) If the registrars cannot immediately determine that the person timely and validly registered to vote in the primary or election; but, from the information presented by the person, the person, if properly registered, would be assigned to the precinct at which the person is present, the registrars shall inform the poll officers and the person shall be offered a provisional ballot at such precinct. When there are multiple ballot styles (district combinations) in use in the precinct, the registrars shall also advise the poll officers which ballot style (district combination) should be issued to the person.

(f) If the registrars cannot immediately determine that the person timely and validly registered to vote in the primary or election; but, from the information presented by the person, the person, if registered, would be assigned to a different precinct from the precinct in the county at which the person is present, the registrars shall direct the poll officers to inform the person of the appropriate precinct. The poll officials shall also inform such person that any votes cast by a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct will not be counted unless it is cast after 5:00 P.M. and before the regular time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff and unless the person executes a sworn statement, witnessed by the poll official, stating that he or she is unable to vote at his or her correct polling place prior to the closing of the polls and giving the reason therefor.

i. The registrars shall notify the officers of such other precinct to permit the person to vote a provisional ballot when such person arrives at such precinct, completes an official voter registration form and a provisional ballot voter certificate, and submits the appropriate identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-417](#). When there are multiple

ballot styles (district combinations) in use in such other precinct, the registrars shall also advise the poll officers which ballot style (district combination) should be issued to the person.

ii. In such case, all votes cast by such person for candidates for whom such person is properly entitled to vote shall be counted and all votes cast for candidates for whom such person is not properly entitled to vote shall be void and shall not be counted in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-419\(c\)](#).

(g) If the person appears at a precinct in a county or municipality in which the person does not reside, the registrars shall instruct the poll officers to direct the person to contact the registrars in the county in which the person resides to determine in which precinct such person should vote.

(h) If the poll officers cannot get in touch with the registrars after making a reasonable effort to do so, the poll officers shall be authorized to permit the person to receive a provisional ballot at the precinct without additional authorization from the registrars, but if from the information presented by the person, the person, if registered, would be assigned to a different precinct from the precinct in the county at which the person is present, the registrars shall direct the poll officers to inform the person of the appropriate precinct. The poll officials shall also inform such person that any votes cast by a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct will not be counted unless it is cast after 5:00 P.M. and before the regular time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff and unless the person executes a sworn statement, witnessed by the poll official, stating that he or she is unable to vote at his or her correct polling place prior to the closing of the polls and giving the reason therefor. In such case, all votes cast by such person for candidates for whom such person is properly entitled to vote shall be counted and all votes cast for candidates for whom such person is not properly entitled to vote shall be void and shall not be counted in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-419\(c\)](#).

(i) Upon accepting the opportunity to receive a provisional ballot, the person shall complete a provisional ballot voter certificate and an official voter registration form and submit such completed certificate and form to the poll officers along with the appropriate identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-417](#). The poll officers shall place the name of the person on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters and issue the person a provisional ballot of the style authorized by the registrars along with an inner ballot envelope and an outer ballot envelope. Before issuing the outer ballot envelope to the person, the poll officers shall enter the person's name, the name of the precinct, the date and name of the election, and the ballot style (district combination) on the outer envelope. The person shall then retire to the provisional ballot voting booth and mark the ballot with his or her intended selections. Upon completing the ballot, the person shall seal the ballot in the inner ballot envelope and place the inner ballot envelope containing the ballot into the outer ballot envelope and shall seal the outer ballot envelope. The person shall then return the sealed envelope to the poll officers.

(j) Upon receiving the sealed ballot envelope from a person casting a provisional ballot, the poll officers shall verify that the information requested on the outer ballot envelope is complete, shall mark the appropriate box or boxes to designate the type of provisional ballot enclosed therein, and shall direct the person to place the ballot envelope into the secure container for provisional ballots which shall be located within the enclosed space in the polling place where it can be monitored by the poll officers and observed by the public. The provisional ballot voter certificate and voter registration form shall be attached together and shall be placed in a separate, distinctively marked envelope or reusable document container which shall be placed in a secure location in the polling place.

(5) Voter who registered for first time by mail but did not provide required identification.

(a) When a person arrives at a polling place, completes a voter certificate, and presents it to the poll workers but does not have the identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-417](#) and the person's name appears on the official electors list for the precinct with a designation that the person registered to vote for the first time in this state by mail but has not provided the required identification to the registrars as required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-220](#), the poll officers shall immediately direct the person to the provisional ballot station. At the provisional ballot station, the person shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot at such precinct. When there are multiple ballot styles (district combinations) in use in the precinct, the poll officers shall issue the appropriate ballot style (district combination) to the person as shown on the electors list. The poll officers shall place the name of the person on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters and issue the person a provisional ballot of the style authorized by the registrars along with an inner ballot envelope and an outer ballot envelope. Before issuing the outer ballot envelope to the person, the poll

officers shall enter the person's name, the name of the precinct, the date and name of the election, and the ballot style (district combination) on the outer envelope. The person shall then retire to the provisional ballot voting booth and mark the ballot with his or her intended selections. Upon completing the ballot, the person shall seal the ballot in the inner ballot envelope and place the inner ballot envelope containing the ballot into the outer ballot envelope and shall seal the outer ballot envelope. The person shall then return the sealed envelope to the poll officers.

(b) Upon receiving the sealed ballot envelope from a person completing a provisional ballot, the poll officers shall verify that the information requested on the outer ballot envelope is complete, shall mark the appropriate box or boxes to designate the type of provisional ballot enclosed therein, and shall direct the person to place the ballot envelope into the secure container for provisional ballots which shall be located within the enclosed space in the polling place where it can be monitored by the poll officers and observed by the public.

(c) The provisional ballot shall not be counted unless the voter provides the identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-220](#) and [21-2-417](#) to the registrars before the end of the period set by law for the verification of provisional ballots. Such identification may be provided to the registrars in person, by email, by facsimile transmission or, in the case of disabled voters, by delivery by a third party.

(6) Voters voting during extended polling hours in an election in which federal candidates are on the ballot.

(a) In the event that the polling hours for a polling place are extended by a court order beyond the normal closing time for a primary, election, or runoff in which federal candidates are on the ballot, all voters who vote after the normal closing time for the polling place shall vote by provisional ballot.

(b) Voters whose names appear on the electors list and who have the appropriate identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-417](#) shall complete a provisional voter certificate and shall be issued a provisional ballot along with an inner ballot envelope and an outer ballot envelope. Such voters shall not be required to complete a voter registration form. It also shall not be necessary to obtain approval from the registrars to issue provisional ballots to such voters. The poll officers shall place the name of the person on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters. Before issuing the outer ballot envelope to the person, the poll officers shall enter the person's name, the name of the precinct, the date and name of the election, and the ballot style (district combination) on the outer envelope. The person shall then retire to a provisional ballot voting booth and mark the ballot with his or her intended selections. Upon completing the ballot, the person shall seal the ballot in the inner ballot envelope and place the inner ballot envelope containing the ballot into the outer ballot envelope and shall seal the outer ballot envelope. The person shall then return the sealed envelope to the poll officers. Upon receiving the sealed ballot envelope from a person completing a provisional ballot, the poll officers shall verify that the information requested on the outer ballot envelope is complete, shall mark the appropriate box to designate that the ballot is an extended poll hours provisional ballot, and shall direct the person to place the ballot envelope into the secure container for provisional ballots which shall be located within the enclosed space in the polling place where it can be monitored by the poll officers and observed by the public.

(c) If the voter's name is not on the electors list, the poll workers shall follow the provisions of this rule for regular provisional balloting under this rule and, if the voter is authorized by the registrars to vote a provisional ballot under the terms of this rule, shall also mark the appropriate box on the outer ballot envelope to indicate that the ballot was issued during extended poll hours.

(d) If the voter's name is on the electors list but registered to vote for the first time in this state by mail and has not provided the identification required by O.C.G.A. § [21-2-220](#), the poll officers shall permit the voter to vote in accordance with the provisions of this rule for first time voters who register for the first time in this state by mail without providing the required identification, and shall also mark the appropriate box on the outer ballot envelope to indicate that the ballot was issued during extended poll hours.

(e) The poll officers shall provide each first time voter who registered for the first time in this state by mail without providing the required identification who casts a provisional ballot information on how the voter may provide the registrars with the appropriate identification in order that the voter's ballot may be counted.

(7) Each voter casting a provisional ballot in a primary, election, or runoff in which federal candidates appear on the ballot shall be given written information explaining how such voter can ascertain if such ballot is counted and, if such ballot is not counted, the reason why such ballot was not counted.

(8) The provisional ballot voter certificates and voter registration cards may be picked up during the day by a registrar or deputy registrar for the purpose of beginning the process of determining the eligibility of the persons to cast provisional ballots. Before transferring the voter certificates and registration cards to the registrars during the day, the poll officers shall note the number of certificates and cards being transferred to the registrars. If such voter certificates and registration cards are not picked up by the registrars by the time that the polls close and the last voter has voted, the envelope in which the provisional ballot voter certificates and voter registration cards have been deposited shall be securely sealed and shall be returned to the election superintendent with the other materials from the polling place.

(9) After the close of the polls and the last voter has voted, the poll officers shall account for all voted provisional ballots, cancelled and spoiled provisional ballots, and unused provisional ballots. The ballot stubs and unused and spoiled ballots shall then be securely sealed in the container provided for them by the election superintendent. The poll officer, along with two other witnesses sworn as poll officers, shall then proceed to open the secure container in which the provisional ballots were deposited and count the number of voted provisional ballots contained therein. The poll officer and witnesses shall then compare the total number of persons voting provisional ballots as shown on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters with the number of ballots issued and the number of ballots voted. If these numbers do not equal one another, the poll officers shall determine the reason for the inconsistency and shall correct the problem before going further. The poll officer and witnesses shall seal the voted provisional ballots in a container for transfer to the election superintendent. The poll officers shall complete and sign a provisional ballot recap sheet and post one copy of the recap sheet on the door of the polling place with the election results from the precinct. The remaining copies of the provisional ballot recap sheet along with the numbered list of provisional ballot voters shall be returned to the election superintendent with the other election materials from the precinct.

(10) Upon receiving the election materials from the precincts, the election superintendent shall cause the envelope containing the provisional ballot voter certificates and voter registration cards to be promptly removed from the other materials and, if applicable, transferred to the registrars for processing. If applicable, the voter certificates and registration cards shall be transferred to the registrars no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day following the day of the primary, election, or runoff. The election superintendent shall also remove the container containing the voted provisional ballots and shall place such container in a secure location within the election superintendent's office.

(11) Upon receiving the provisional ballot voter certificates and voter registration cards from the election superintendent, the registrars shall promptly proceed to determine the eligibility of each person that voted a provisional ballot.

(a) If the registrars determine that the person did timely register and is eligible and entitled to vote in such primary, election, or runoff, the registrars shall mark on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters that the ballot is accepted and shall notify the election superintendent of the proper ballot style (district combination) for the voter.

(b) If the registrars determine that the person did not timely register to vote for the primary or election or is not eligible and entitled to vote in such primary or election or if the registrars cannot determine by the close of business on the third business day following the day of the primary, election, or runoff if the voter timely registered and was eligible and entitled to vote in such primary or election, the registrars shall mark on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters that the ballot is rejected.

(c) Not later than the close of business on the third business day following the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the registrars shall return to the election superintendent the numbered list of provisional ballot voters reflecting the accepted and rejected provisional ballots.

(d) The names of those persons whose names are accepted shall be added to the official electors list. The voter registration cards of those persons whose ballots are rejected on the numbered list of provisional ballot voters shall be processed by the registrars and, if found to be eligible and qualified, shall be added to the electors list for future elections.

(e) The registrars shall maintain the provisional ballot voter certificates for the same period of time and under the same conditions as the regular voter certificates. Voter registration cards completed by provisional ballot electors shall be maintained for the same period of time and under the same conditions as other voter registration cards.

(12) Upon receiving the numbered list of provisional ballot electors from the registrars, the election superintendent shall prepare to count the accepted provisional ballots. The election superintendent shall first compare the precinct designation and election district information with the style of ballot (district combination) cast by the provisional ballot voter.

(a) If the ballot style (district combination) voted by the voter was correct, then the election superintendent shall open the outer envelope and place the inner envelope containing the ballot into a ballot box.

(b) If the ballot style (district combination) voted by the voter was not correct, then the election superintendent shall open the outer envelope and note the correct ballot style (district combination) on the inner envelope. Each such inner envelope shall then be placed in a separate container until all of the outer envelopes have been opened. The outer envelopes shall then be stored in a location away from the inner envelopes in a manner such that the inner envelope and ballot of a voter cannot be identified as being the ballot of a particular voter. The superintendent shall then open each such inner envelope and remove the ballot and shall place a unique identifying number on the ballot along with the designation of the precinct at the top of the ballot. The election superintendent shall then prepare or cause to be prepared a duplicate ballot. The duplicate ballot shall be clearly labeled with the word "Duplicate" and shall bear the name of the precinct and the same unique identifying number as the original ballot at the top of the ballot. The election superintendent shall transfer or cause to be transferred to the duplicate ballot, in the presence of at least two other consolidation assistants and in public, only the votes cast by the provisional ballot voter in the races and on the questions to which such voter was eligible and entitled to vote. The votes entered on the duplicate ballot shall be verified by at least one consolidation assistant. The completed duplicate ballot shall be placed in the ballot box with the other provisional ballots to be counted. The original ballot shall be placed into an appropriate container and retained.

(c) After opening all of the outer envelopes and making all necessary duplicate ballots, the election superintendent shall then open the inner envelopes of the ballots in the ballot box and proceed to count the votes in the same manner as absentee ballots are counted. Upon completing the count, the election superintendent shall add the provisional ballot votes to the other votes cast at the polls and by absentee ballot and shall consolidate and certify the results of the primary, election, or runoff. The provisional ballots and any duplicates shall be retained for the same time period and in the same manner as absentee ballots.

(d) The rejected provisional ballots shall be marked on the outer envelope as "Not Counted" and shall not be opened. The ballots shall be maintained for the same time period and in the same manner as absentee ballots which were returned too late to be counted.

(e) The election superintendent shall notify the registrars of the names of those persons who cast a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct or on an incorrect ballot style (district combination).

(13) Upon identifying the rejected provisional ballot electors, the registrars shall proceed at the earliest possible time to notify each such person by first-class mail at the address shown on the provisional ballot voter certificate that his or her ballot was not counted because of the inability of the registrars to verify that the person timely registered to vote or such other proper reason. The registrars shall also attempt to notify the person by telephone or email if the provisional ballot voter certificate contains an email address or telephone number. If the person's voter registration card was approved, the registrars shall also notify the person that his or her name will be added to the elector's list and the person will be eligible to vote in future primaries and elections and that a voter notification or precinct card will be mailed to the person to provide the voter with the correct precinct and election district information.

(a) Upon receiving notification from the election superintendent of the names of persons who cast provisional ballots in the incorrect precinct or on the incorrect ballot style (district combination), the registrars shall notify such persons of their correct precinct and/or election district information. The sending of a voter notification or precinct

card by first-class mail to the address shown on the voter registration card completed by such person when voting by provisional ballot shall be sufficient notice for such voters.

(b) If the person's voter registration is rejected, the registrars shall notify the person of such rejection in accordance with O.C.G.A. § [21-2-226\(d\)](#).

(c) In addition, the registrars shall establish a free access system, such as a toll-free telephone number or an Internet website, by which voters who cast provisional ballots in a primary, election, or runoff in which federal candidates are on the ballot may ascertain whether their ballots were counted or, if the ballots were not counted, the reasons why such ballots were not counted. The registrars shall establish and maintain reasonable procedures necessary to protect the security, confidentiality, and integrity of personal information collected, stored, or otherwise used by such system. Access to information about an individual provisional ballot shall be restricted to the voter who cast such ballot.

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Department 183. RULES OF STATE ELECTION BOARD

Chapter 183-1. GEORGIA ELECTION CODE

Subject 183-1-14. ABSENTEE VOTING

183-1-14-.12 Eligibility of Application for Absentee Ballot

(1) The application for an absentee ballot shall be in writing on the form made available by the Secretary of State and shall contain sufficient information for proper identification of the elector. To be deemed sufficient, an application for an absentee ballot must contain the elector's name, date of birth, address as registered, address where elector wishes the ballot to be mailed, the number of his or her driver's license or identification card issued pursuant to Article 5 of chapter 5 of Title 40 or other allowable identification, and the signature of the applicant.

(2) In the case of the elector making such application for an absentee ballot, the application shall contain the signature of such elector.

(3) In the case of a relative making an application on behalf of an elector pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [21-2-381\(a\)\(1\)\(B\)](#), the application shall contain the signature of the elector's relative as well as the relationship of the relative to the elector.

(4) Web-based tools or applications that allow people who are otherwise eligible to request absentee ballots in Georgia (i.e., voters or eligible family members) by entering personal information into the web-based tool or application by the voter or eligible family member to partially complete an absentee ballot application are permitted. However, confidential voter information entered into these web-based tools or applications shall not be stored, sold, distributed by any entity or person, nor used for any commercial purposes. If a person gives express written consent, non-confidential voter information may be securely stored by the entity or person but shall not be sold or used by any entity or person for any commercial purposes.

(a) For the purposes of this rule, "confidential voter information" means any field contained in the absentee ballot application that is not made available for public inspection pursuant to applicable law, including but not limited to O.C.G.A. § [21-2-225](#), including, but not limited to, (1) the driver's license or state identification card number and (2) the voter's month and day of birth.

(5) Any application for an absentee ballot sent to any voter by any person or entity shall display the following disclaimer on the space provided on the application for such disclaimer:

"This is NOT an official government publication and was NOT provided to you by any government entity and this is NOT a ballot. It is being distributed by [insert name and address of person, organization, or other entity distributing such document or material]."

(a) The disclaimer required in section (a) of this rule shall be:

i. Sufficient font size to be clearly readable by the recipient of the communications.

1. A disclaimer in twelve (12)-point type satisfies the size requirement.

ii. Be contained in a printed box set apart from the other contents of the communications.

iii. Be printed with a reasonable degree of color contrast between the background and printed disclaimer.

1. A disclaimer satisfies the color contrast requirement if it is printed in white text on a black background or if the degree of contrast between the background color and the disclaimer text color is at least as great as the degree of contrast between the background color and the color of the largest text in the communication.

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Amended: F. Jan. 23, 2020; eff. Feb. 12, 2020.

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183-1-14-.14 Early Absentee Ballot Processing

(1) Beginning at 8:00 A.M. on the third Monday prior to the day of the primary, election, or runoff, the election superintendent shall be authorized to open the outer oath envelope of absentee ballots that have been verified and accepted pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [21-2-386\(a\)\(1\)\(B\)](#) to remove the contents of such outer envelope, open the inner envelope marked "Official Absentee Ballot," and scan the absentee ballot using one or more scanners.

(a) While absentee ballot processing and scanning shall be open to the view of the public and monitors designated by political parties and candidates, no person except one employed and designated by the election superintendent shall touch any ballot or ballot container. Any person involved in processing and scanning absentee ballots shall swear an oath, in the same form as the oath for poll officers provided in O.C.G.A. § [21-2-95](#), prior to beginning the processing and scanning of absentee ballots.

(b) At least three persons who are registrars, deputy registrars, poll workers, or absentee ballot clerks shall be present at all times while the absentee ballot envelopes are being opened and the absentee ballots are being scanned.

(c) Outer envelopes shall be opened in such a manner as not to destroy the voter oath signature, the voter's identification information, and (if applicable) the signature and oath of a person assisting a voter.

(2) Public Notice of Absentee Ballot Processing and Scanning.

(a) At least seven days prior to beginning the absentee ballot processing and scanning set forth in section (1) of this rule, the election superintendent shall give the public proper notice of such processing and scanning by:

- i. Providing written notice to the Secretary of State or designee in the manner prescribed by the Secretary of State;
- ii. If the county or municipality maintains a publicly accessible website, publishing a notice on the homepage of the county's or municipality's (whichever is applicable) publicly accessible website associated with elections and/or registrations; and
- iii. Posting the notice in a prominent location in the election superintendent's office.

(b) Proper public notice shall include the dates, start and end times, location or locations where absentee ballots will be processed and scanned, and that such processing and scanning shall be open to the view of the public.

(3) Reconciliation Procedures.

(a) For the purposes of this rule, "reconciliation form" means the reconciliation form prescribed and provided by the Secretary of State.

(b) For the purposes of this rule, "batch" means one hundred absentee ballot envelopes or less.

(c) Prior to opening the outer envelope of a batch, all outer envelopes in the batch shall be counted and recorded on a reconciliation form. Upon opening the outer envelopes of a batch, the contents shall be removed in a manner that ensures the contents of the envelope cannot be matched back to the outer envelope to ensure an elector's constitutional right to a secret ballot. Once all outer envelopes have been opened and contents removed, the inner envelopes shall be opened and the absentee ballots removed. Once all the absentee ballots have been removed, the number of ballots shall be counted and recorded on the reconciliation form and compared to the original count of outer envelopes in the batch. Any discrepancy shall be investigated and reported on the reconciliation form. The reconciliation form shall be signed by the officials processing the batch of ballots. The absentee ballots shall then be scanned on a ballot scanner. A batch number assigned by the ballot scanner shall be recorded on the reconciliation form for that batch.

(d) Any ballot that is so torn, bent, or otherwise defective that it cannot be processed by the scanner shall be duplicated pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [21-2-483](#). If the elections superintendent orders a duplication panel to prepare a true duplicate copy for processing, all members of a duplication panels shall complete a Duplication Panel Oath prior to carrying out the duties of a duplication panel member. The Duplication Panel Oath shall be in the following form:

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY/MUNICIPALITY OF

OATH OF DUPLICATION PANEL MEMBER

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I will as a duplication panel member for the County/Municipality of _____, faithfully perform all of my duties in accordance with state law; that I will not tally, tabulate, estimate, or attempt to tally, tabulate, or estimate or cause the ballot scanner or any other equipment to produce any tally or tabulate, partial or otherwise, the absentee ballots cast until the time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff except as provided in O.C.G.A. § [21-2-386](#) nor will I communicate directly or indirectly any information learned through my participation in the duplication panel except, if necessary, to election officials, the Secretary of State, or appropriate law enforcement; and that I will use my best endeavors to prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse in carrying out my duties.

Duplication Panel Member

Administered by, sworn to,

and subscribed before me,

this ____ day of _____, 20____

Election Superintendent

(e) Vote review panels shall be established, as needed, to adjudicate any rejected ballots pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [21-2-483](#) and Rule 183-1-15.02. Members of vote review panels shall complete a Vote Review Panel Oath prior to carrying out the duties of a vote review panel member. The Vote Review Panel Oath shall be in the following form:

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY/MUNICIPALITY OF

OATH OF VOTE REVIEW PANEL MEMBER

I, _____, do swear (or affirm) that I will as a vote review panel member for the County/Municipality of _____, faithfully perform all of my duties in accordance with state law; that I will not tally, tabulate, estimate, or attempt to tally, tabulate, or estimate or cause the ballot scanner or any other equipment to produce any tally or tabulate, partial or otherwise, the absentee ballots cast until the time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff except as provided in O.C.G.A. § [21-2-386](#) nor will I communicate directly or indirectly any information learned through my participation in the vote review panel except, if necessary, to election officials, the Secretary of State, or appropriate law enforcement; and that I will use my best endeavors to prevent any fraud, deceit, or abuse in carrying out my duties.

Vote Review Panel Member

Administered by, sworn to,

and subscribed before me,

this _____ day of _____, 20____

Election Superintendent

(f) Successfully scanned ballot batches shall be bound together with a photocopy of the reconciliation form, and the official who scanned the ballots shall notate on the reconciliation form that the batch has been scanned, including the date and location of the scanning, and initial the notation.

(g) The scanned absentee ballots shall then be placed in a secured container. More than one batch of scanned absentee ballots may be placed in the same container, but the individual batches must be separately bound. A security seal that contains an identification number shall be placed on the container. The batch number(s), the number of scanned absentee ballots in each batch, and the security seal number shall be recorded on the container.

(h) Completed original copies of reconciliation forms shall be retained by the election superintendent for two years.

(4) Prompt and Undelayed Scanning of Absentee Ballots After Opening.

(a) The election superintendent shall ensure that the ballots shall be scanned, reconciled, and securely stored on the same work day in which the outer envelopes are opened.

(5) Secrecy of Election Results Prior to Polls Closing.

(a) All cell phones, laptops, audio or video recording devices, and other communication devices shall be prohibited from the room where the processing of absentee ballots is taking place, except for county election computers necessary to carry out this rule or otherwise conduct the election.

(b) No person shall tally, tabulate, estimate, or attempt to tally, tabulate, or estimate or cause the ballot scanner or any other equipment to produce any tally or tabulate, partial or otherwise, the absentee ballots cast until the time for the closing of the polls on the day of the primary, election, or runoff except as provided in O.C.G.A. § [21-2-386](#).

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Department 391. RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Chapter 391-2. COASTAL RESOURCES

Subject 391-2-3. COASTAL MARSHLANDS PROTECTION

391-2-3-.03 Regulation of Marinas, Community Docks and Commercial Docks

(1) **Purpose.** The purpose of these Rules is to implement the authority of the Board of Natural Resources to promulgate rules and regulations for permitting under and enforcement of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act. This Chapter establishes standards and procedures to be applied by the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee when reviewing applications for a permit to construct or modify a marina, commercial dock, or community dock on or over marshlands within the estuarine area of the state.

(2) **Definitions used in this Rule.**

(a) "303(d) listed stream" means a stream, stream segment, or other surface waterbody identified on a list submitted biannually to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, known as the 303(d) list. Inclusion on the 303(d) list denotes the waterbody segment as impaired because it does not meet one or more designated uses (i.e. Fishing, Recreation, etc.) and for which one or more total maximum daily loads needs to be developed.

(b) "Approved Disposal System" means an on-site wastewater disposal system suitable for domestic or other sewage approved by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division and/or local sanitation regulatory authority, as applicable.

(c) "Commercial Dock" means a dock providing 500 linear feet or less of docking space for vessels inclusive of commercial vessels.

(d) "Committee" means Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee.

(e) "Community dock" means a dock providing 500 linear feet or less of docking space which is a subdivision or community recreational amenity providing water access for residents, and which may or may not entail a fee. A dock meeting this definition but providing more than 500 feet of docking space is treated as a marina, as defined in these rules.

(f) "Department" means the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

(g) "Effective shading" means the amount of shading realized by utilizing alternative walkway decking material or alternative walkway design when compared to shading associated with traditional planking construction.

(h) "Fixed dock" means a dock, constructed on pilings, that is fixed in elevation, i.e., that does not float on the water.

(i) "Fixed terminal platform" means the platform constructed on pilings at the terminal, waterward end of a dock.

(j) "Floating dock" means a dock that floats on the water to which watercraft are tied for mooring.

(k) "Heritage preserve marshlands" means those marshlands that have been dedicated as a heritage preserve by the Governor pursuant to O.C.G.A. [12-3-75](#).

(l) "Impaired water" means a stream, stream segment, or other surface waterbody that does not meet water quality standards and that is identified in the most recent 303(d) list as an "Impaired Water."

(m) "Improvements" means additions to or enhancements of raw land or structures that normally increase its usefulness and/or value, which are constructed in accordance with applicable legal requirements at the time of such construction and are intended to remain attached to or associated with the project.

(n) "Manatee Basics for Boaters" means a 3' by 4' manatee educational display sign referenced in certain leases or permits, which contains standardized content pre-approved by the Wildlife Resources Division Wildlife Conservation Section.

(o) "Manatee Travel Corridor" means channel(s) or waterway(s) that manatees are known to frequent and/or travel through, as determined by telemetry studies, aerial surveys and the Wildlife Resources Division's Wildlife Conservation Section's public sightings database.

(p) "Marina" means any dock facility which has any one or more of the following:

1. Includes fueling, maintenance or repair services (regardless of dock length);
2. Is greater than 500 linear feet of dock space; or
3. Has dry storage for boats in an upland storage yard or vertical rack system.

(q) "Minor alteration" means any change in the marshlands which taken singularly or in combination with other changes, involves less than 0.10 acres.

(r) "Model Ordinance within the Guide for Molluscan Shellfish Control in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program" means the requirements which are minimally necessary for the sanitary control of molluscan shellfish, as established by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program, a voluntary and cooperative program established in 1925 and comprised of federal, state and municipal authorities and representatives of the shellfish industry.

(s) "Modification" means a structural change to a community dock, commercial dock, or marina facility, whether existing but not permitted, existing and permitted, or permitted and yet to be constructed.

(t) "Project" means the proposed construction or maintenance activity identified in an application for a marshlands permit within the contemplation of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act. A project may consist of two components: a marshlands component and an upland component, as defined in Rule [391-2-3-.02\(1\)](#).

(u) "Tier One Community Crab Dock" means a community dock consisting of a single fixed walkway and an "L" or "T" shaped fixed terminal platform, supported on pilings, lacking floats, and from which water dependent activities such as fishing may be conducted.

(v) "Tier Two Community Dock" means a community dock consisting of a single fixed walkway and terminal fixed platform, supported on pilings, connecting ramp(s), and floating dock(s), and from which water dependent activities such as boating and fishing may be conducted.

(w) "Tier Three Community Dock" means a community dock consisting of a single fixed walkway and terminal fixed platform, supported on pilings, connecting ramp(s), and floating dock(s), and which does not qualify under a Tier One Community Crab Dock or a Tier Two Community Dock, and from which water dependent activities such as boating and fishing may be conducted.

(3) Tier One Community Crab Dock.

(a) To qualify for the permitting procedures as set out in paragraph (c) below, a proposed Tier One Community Crab Dock project must comply with the following standards or conditions:

1. There shall be no improvements on the upland component of the project, other than for pedestrian access to the marsh component and driveways and parking area landward of the 50' marshlands buffer, all of which must be pervious.
 2. The community dock must be for water-dependent activities that access a channel with defined banks and not ponded areas or mudflats.
 3. The community dock must terminate at the first channel that is 10 feet wide grass to grass.
 4. If the community dock walkway spans a tributary that can be bridged (a tributary less than 10 feet wide), it must have a minimum clearance of six feet above the mean high water line to the bottom of the walkway bridge. Piling spacing must provide for safe navigation in the channel.
 5. A single "L" or "T" shaped fixed terminal platform up to 180 square feet is allowed.
 6. The width of the fixed terminal platform may not exceed 6 feet.
 7. The fixed terminal platform may not extend more than one-third of the width of the creek at mean high water.
 8. The fixed terminal platform may not be enclosed but may be covered and screened with wainscoting not higher than three feet.
 9. The fixed terminal platform may be roofed; provided, however, the roof may not exceed a maximum height of 12 feet above the fixed terminal platform decking at the lowest deck height.
 10. A second deck, attic, or ceiling storage is not allowed on any roofed section of the fixed terminal platform.
 11. The community dock walkway may not exceed 4 feet in width and may not exceed 500 feet maximum length. The walkway is measured from the delineated marshlands jurisdiction line as determined or verified by the Department, channelward to the fixed terminal platform.
 12. The community dock walkway decking shall be of same material for its entire length, and standardized materials must be used when grating is used.
 13. The community dock walkway must be constructed at a height above all vegetation, but not more than six feet above grade.
 14. No floating dock or docks are allowed as part of the marshland component of the project.
 15. No hoists or lift davits are allowed as part of the marshland component of the project.
 16. No boats are allowed except for kayaks and canoes.
 17. The community dock may not have fish cleaning stations, restrooms, retail or commercial activity.
 18. Lighting if used must be shielded and on a timer.
 19. No dredging is allowed in association with the community dock project.
 20. The community dock may not be located in heritage preserve marshlands.
 21. The applicant must operate and maintain the dock in a manner that will not unreasonably obstruct navigation to and from neighboring properties.
- (b) Professional drawings of the project are required to be submitted as a part of the application. The drawings must be stamped by a Registered Land Surveyor, Professional Engineer, or Architect licensed to do business in Georgia.

(c) Upon receipt of a substantially complete project application and application fee, an abbreviated review and processing period shall apply.

1. Staff to the Committee shall have 21 days to review the project permit application.

2. The Committee shall provide Public Notice of the application for 15 days.

3. Upon a determination that the project application is complete (including staff review and public notice) and the project meets all requirements of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act and these rules, the Commissioner may issue a Coastal Marshlands Protection Act permit unless a Committee member requests the application be brought to a Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee meeting for broader consideration.

4. Provided the project application is not called to a Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee meeting, total processing time of a Tier One Community Crab Dock shall not exceed 45 days following a preliminary determination by staff of completeness.

(d) No construction or alteration of a Tier One Community Crab Dock may commence until the expiration of 30 days following the date on which the application is approved; provided, however, that if a timely appeal is filed, no construction or alteration may commence until all administrative and judicial proceedings are terminated.

(e) The applicant/permittee must demonstrate the capacity to establish sufficient power and authority to enforce the conditions of the permit.

(f) Any modification to a Tier One Community Crab Dock is subject to review pursuant to the appropriate Tier criteria.

(g) If a proposed project does not qualify as a Tier One Community Crab Dock the application will be processed using the review and processing protocol for a Tier Two Community Dock, Tier Three Community Dock and Commercial Dock, or Marinas, using the lowest tier review and processing protocol for which the proposed project meets the standards. An application for multiple dock structures automatically defaults to the review and processing protocol for a Tier Three Community Dock and Commercial Dock.

(h) Permittee must provide a post-construction survey that locates the Tier One Community Crab Dock as indicated in the application materials. Such survey shall comply with the Georgia Plat Act, O.C.G.A. Sec. [15-6-67](#) et seq.

(4) Tier Two Community Dock.

(a) To qualify for the permitting procedures as set out in subparagraph (c) below, a proposed Tier Two Community Dock project must comply with the following standards or conditions:

1. The upland component of the project is limited to pedestrian access and pervious parking landward of the 50' marshland buffer.

2. There shall be no commercial activity at the community dock.

3. The community dock shall provide mooring space on a first come, first served basis and is open to all in the community served by the dock.

4. The community dock does not require a water bottoms lease, i.e., the dock has 500 linear feet or less of mooring space.

5. The community dock walkway shall not exceed 6 feet in width, 750 feet in length, and 3,000 square feet of effective shading impact. The walkway is measured from the delineated marshlands jurisdiction line as determined or verified by the Department, channelward to the fixed terminal platform.

6. The community dock walkway decking shall be of same material for its entire length, and standardized materials must be used when grating is used.
7. The community dock walkway must be constructed at a height above all vegetation, but not more than six feet above grade.
8. The community dock must be for water-dependent activities that access the first channel with defined banks and not ponded areas or mudflats.
9. The creek on which the community dock is located must be a minimum of 25 feet in width mean low water to mean low water.
10. A community dock located in a creek 25 feet to 39 feet width mean low water to mean low water may occupy a maximum of one-fourth of the creek width mean low water to mean low water.
11. A community dock located in a creek 40 feet wide or greater mean low water to mean low water may occupy a maximum of one-third of the creek width mean low water to mean low water.
12. If the community dock walkways pans a tributary that can be bridged (a tributary less than 10 feet wide, grass to grass), it must have a minimum clearance of six feet above the mean high water line to the bottom of the walkway bridge. Piling spacing must provide for safe navigation in the channel.
13. The community dock may have a single fixed terminal platform at the end of the walkway, which is limited to a maximum of 400 square feet, including screened and/or roofed sections.
14. The fixed terminal platform or floating docks shall not be constructed over vegetation.
15. The fixed terminal platform may not be enclosed but may be covered and screened with wainscoting not higher than three feet.
16. The fixed terminal platform may be roofed; provided, however, the roof may not exceed a maximum height of 12 feet above the fixed terminal platform decking at the lowest deck height.
17. A second deck, attic, or ceiling storage is not allowed on any roofed section of the fixed terminal platform.
18. The community dock may have floating docks, which shall be limited in size to that which is reasonable for the documented, intended use, not to exceed 800 sq. feet maximum floating dock structure. Documentation of need must be submitted to justify the size of the proposed floating dock.
19. Floating docks may not rest on the water bottom at low tide and must be supported on pilings or by cradle at least two feet above the mud.
20. No fish cleaning station, fueling, restrooms, pump-out, or retail activities are allowed.
21. No dredging is allowed in association with the community dock project.
22. Lighting if used must be shielded and on a timer.
23. The community dock may not be located in heritage preserve marshlands.
24. The community dock or its operation shall not cause or create a measurable adverse water quality impact to the waterbody in which it is built, as measured by dissolved oxygen, fecal bacteria, or nutrient enrichment. At a minimum, the community dock must not be in a body of water listed on Georgia EPD's most recent 303(d) list as an "Impaired Water."

25. If the Department determines through its own water quality sampling or other resource analyses that there are environmental impacts of concern associated with the project, the Department may require the applicant/permittee at the applicant/permittee's expense, to have water, substrate, and/or tissue samples collected and analyzed for metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, or other constituents.

(i) Sample collection and analyses must be according to methods approved by the Department.

(ii) All results from such sampling results must be provided to the Department as obtained and may be used by the Department to further restrict the dock to reduce water quality impacts.

26. The permittee must operate and maintain the dock in a manner that will not unreasonably obstruct navigation to and from neighboring properties.

27. The applicant/permittee must post temporary manatee awareness signage during construction of the facility and permanent posting and maintenance of the informational display signage, "Manatee Basics for Boaters" post-construction.

(b) Professional drawings of the project are required to be submitted as a part of the application. The drawings must be stamped by a Registered Land Surveyor, Professional Engineer, or Architect licensed to do business in Georgia.

(c) Upon receipt of a substantially complete Tier Two Community Dock project application and application fee, an abbreviated review and processing period shall apply.

1. Staff to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee shall have 60 days to review the project permit application.

2. The Committee shall provide Public Notice of the application for 15 days, which period shall be concurrent with the staff review.

3. Staff to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee shall have 15 days to review the public comment received.

4. If the Tier Two Community Dock project is a minor alteration, Committee members shall have 10 days to request broader consideration of the project at a meeting of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee.

(i) Upon a determination that the project application is complete (including staff review and public notice) and the project meets all requirements of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act and these rules, the Commissioner may issue a Coastal Marshlands Protection Act permit for a Tier Two Community Dock which is a minor alteration unless a Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee member requests that the project be heard at a Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee meeting for broader consideration.

(ii) If no Committee member requests the application receive broader consideration at a Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee meeting, the application shall be processed to the Commissioner of Natural Resources for his review and action within 15 days.

(iii) Provided the project application is not called to a Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee meeting, total processing time of a Tier Two Community Dock shall not exceed 115 days following a preliminary determination by staff of completeness.

5. Upon determination that a Tier Two Community Dock project application that is not a minor alteration is complete (including staff review and public notice), the project application shall be placed on the meeting agenda of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee.

6. If a second public notice is issued, an additional 15 days would be added to the processing time.

(d) No construction or alteration of a Tier Two Community Dock may commence until the expiration of 30 days following the date on which the application is approved; provided, however, that if a timely appeal is filed, no construction or alteration may commence until all administrative and judicial proceedings are terminated.

(e) The "Minor Alteration" acreage provision of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act shall not take into consideration any reduction in acreage calculation for the effective shading impact reduction attributable to alternative walkway decking material or alternative walkway design.

(f) The applicant/permittee must demonstrate the capacity to establish sufficient power and authority to enforce the conditions of the permit.

(g) Any modification to a Tier Two Community Dock is subject to review pursuant to the appropriate Tier criteria.

(h) If a proposed project does not qualify as a Tier Two Community Dock the application will be processed using the review and processing protocol for a Tier Three Community Dock and Commercial Dock, or Marinas, using the lowest tier review and processing protocol for which the proposed project meets the standards. An application for multiple dock structures automatically defaults to the review and processing protocol for a Tier Three Community Dock and Commercial Dock.

(i) Permittee must provide a post-construction survey that locates the Tier Two Community Dock as indicated in the application materials. Such survey shall comply with the Georgia Plat Act, O.C.G.A. Sec. [15-6-67](#) et seq.

(5) Tier Three Community Dock or Commercial Dock.

(a) To qualify for the permitting procedures as set out in subparagraph (d) below, a proposed Tier Three Community Dock or Commercial Dock project must comply with the following standards or conditions:

1. The community dock walkway or commercial dock walkway shall not exceed 6 feet in width, 1,000 feet in length, and not exceed 3,000 square feet of effective shading impact. The walkway is measured from the delineated marshlands jurisdiction line as determined or verified by the Department, channelward to the fixed terminal platform.

2. The Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee may provide for an exception to the limitations on maximum walkway length and square footage. Documentation of need must be submitted to justify an exception, which shall be granted or denied in the sole discretion of the Committee.

3. The community dock or commercial dock walkway decking shall be of same material for its entire length, and standardized materials must be used when grating is used.

4. The community dock or commercial dock walkway must be constructed at a height above all vegetation, but not more than six feet above grade.

5. If the community or commercial dock walkway spans a tributary that can be bridged (a tributary less than 10 feet wide, grass to grass), it must have a minimum clearance of six feet above the mean high water line to the bottom of the walkway bridge.

6. The fixed terminal platform may not be enclosed but may be covered and screened with wainscoting not higher than three feet.

7. A second story or deck is not allowed on any roofed section of the fixed terminal platform.

8. Floating docks may not rest on the waterbottom at low tide and must be supported on pilings or by cradle at least two feet above the mud.

9. No dredging is allowed in association with the initial community or commercial dock project.

10. The applicant must operate and maintain the dock in a manner that will not unreasonably obstruct navigation to and from neighboring properties.

11. The community dock or its operation shall not cause or create a measurable adverse water quality impact to the waterbody in which it is built, as measured by dissolved oxygen, fecal bacteria, or nutrient enrichment.

12. If the Department determines through its own water quality sampling or other resource analyses that there are environmental impacts of concern associated with the project, the Department may require the applicant/permittee at applicant/permittee's expense, to have water, substrate, and/or tissue samples collected and analyzed for metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, or other constituents.

(i) Sample collection and analyses must be according to methods approved by the Department.

(ii) All results from such sampling results must be provided to the Department as obtained and may be used by the Department to further restrict the dock to reduce water quality impacts.

13. The applicant/permittee must post temporary manatee awareness signage during construction of the facility and permanent posting and maintenance of the informational display signage, "Manatee Basics for Boaters" post-construction.

(b) Professional drawings of the project are required to be submitted as a part of the application. The drawings must be stamped by a Registered Land Surveyor, Professional Engineer, or Architect licensed to do business in Georgia.

(c) A needs assessment must be submitted to justify the size of the proposed community dock or commercial dock. The Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee may opt for phased build out based on demonstrated need. If the permit requires a phased build out based on demonstrated need, the permit may be extended for an additional five years upon a showing that all due efforts and diligence have been made toward completion of the phases authorized to date based on demonstrated need.

(d) Upon receipt of a substantially complete Tier Three Community Dock or Commercial Dock project application and application fee, the application shall be reviewed and processed subject to a higher degree of examination and scrutiny and longer review times than a Tier One Community Crab Dock or a Tier Two Community Dock.

1. The Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee shall provide Public Notice of the application for 30 days.

2. An application is complete when it contains substantially all of the written information, documents, forms, fees, and materials required by the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, and such additional information as is required by the Committee to properly evaluate the application.

3. The Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee shall act upon an application for a permit within 90 days after the application is complete; provided, however, that this provision may be waived upon the written request of the applicant.

(e) No construction or alteration of a Tier Three Community Dock or Commercial Dock may commence until the expiration of 30 days following the date on which the application is approved; provided, however, that if a timely appeal is filed, no construction or alteration may commence until all administrative and judicial proceedings are terminated.

(f) The "Minor Alteration" acreage provision of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act shall not take into consideration any reduction in acreage calculation for the effective shading impact reduction attributable to alternative walkway decking material or alternative walkway design.

(g) The applicant/permittee must demonstrate the capacity to establish sufficient power and authority to enforce the conditions of the permit.

(h) Permittee must provide a post-construction survey that locates the Tier Three Community Dock or Commercial Dock as indicated in the application materials. Such survey shall comply with the Georgia Plat Act, O.C.G.A. Secs. [15-6-67](#) et seq.

(6) Marinas.

(a) The Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee may issue a permit for a marina in accordance with the requirements of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee in accordance with subparagraph (h) below, a marina must comply with the following standards or conditions:

1. The marina launch pier shall not exceed 1,000 feet in length. The marina launch pier is measured from the delineated marshlands jurisdiction line as determined or verified by the Department, channelward to the boat launching area.
2. The marina pedestrian walkway shall not exceed 1,000 feet in length and shall not exceed 3,000 square feet of effective shading impact. The walkway is measured from the delineated marshlands jurisdiction line as determined or verified by the Department, channelward to the fixed terminal platform.
3. The Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee may provide for an exception to the limitations on maximum marina launch pier length, and to the limitations on marina pedestrian walkway length and square footage. Documentation of need must be submitted to justify an exception, which shall be granted or denied in the sole discretion of the Committee.
4. The marina may not be sited within 1,000 feet of waters classified as approved for shellfish harvesting by the Coastal Resources Division, or located where its presence or operation would cause a closing of waters classified for shellfish harvest based on the Model Ordinance within the Guide for Molluscan Shellfish Control in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.
5. A marina to be located on open water must be sited at the first navigable creek that has a defined channel, adequate width and depth for the intended use, and established history of navigational access or use.
6. Any marina component proposed to be constructed on or over coastal marshlands must be for water dependent activities. No restaurants or structures for non-water dependent uses may be constructed on or over coastal marshlands.
7. Floating docks may not rest on the waterbottom at low tide and must be supported on pilings or by cradle at least two feet above the mud.
8. A marina proposed to be located in a manatee travel corridor or on a waterway where manatees may be found must have protective measures to minimize manatee/boat interactions to include:
 - (i) An education plan for boaters using the marina;
 - (ii) Regular monthly maintenance of dock facilities' hoses, faucets, or any apparatus or equipment capable of producing a stream of fresh water in close proximity to the access of the facility;
 - (iii) A contingency plan for emergency repair of freshwater sources;
 - (iv) Temporary manatee awareness signage during construction of the facility and permanent posting and maintenance of the informational display sign, "Manatee Basics for Boaters" post-construction; and
 - (v) Speed zones may be required if the marina is in a manatee travel corridor.
9. No dredging of tidal waterbottoms or vegetated coastal marshlands is allowed in association with the initial marina project.
10. If the marina could require maintenance dredging in the future, a permanent, dedicated spoil site with the capacity for the initial dredge volume and anticipated maintenance needs must be identified at the time of application.

11. Dry boat storage is encouraged as a supplement or alternative to in-water mooring, to the extent feasible.
12. The marina should provide onshore restrooms, shower, and laundry facilities in the upland component of the project. The applicant/permittee must take specific measures (such as, but not limited to, signs or dock regulations) to encourage boaters to use the washrooms, laundromat, and restrooms onshore, if any.
13. A marina must have an approved disposal system for disposal of wastewater generated by boats and upland facilities at the marina.
14. A marina must install, for collection of solid wastes, trashcans, dumpsters, or other suitable containers in compliance with The Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (33 USCA 1901 and 33 CFR 158). Adequate separate containers for toxic substances shall be available.
15. A marina shall not allow any person to operate a marine toilet at a marina at any time so as to cause or permit to pass or to be discharged into the waters adjacent to the marina any untreated sewage or other waste matter or contaminant of any kind.
 - (i) A marina must have a working pump-out facility and dockside wastewater collection system for sanitary wastes from vessels, adequate for the capacity of the marina (number and size of vessels) and require their use by boats using the marina, unless specific exceptions are allowed by the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee.
 - (ii) Pump-out facility maintenance logs must be kept.
 - (iii) The marina must prominently display signage showing the location of the nearest pump-out facility.
16. The Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee may permit marina fueling facilities which conform to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and GADNR Environmental Protection Division laws and regulations, and which meet the following requirements:
 - (i) Fuel storage tanks and fuel lines between tank, dock, and vessels shall be equipped with emergency shut-off valves.
 - (ii) Dispensing nozzles shall be the automatic closing type without a hold-open latch.
 - (iii) A marina must have adequate booms available either on-site or under contract to contain any oil spill.
 - (iv) The marina shall have a current "Operations Manual" containing the following:
 - (I) Description of how the applicant meets the conditions of this permit,
 - (II) The geographic location of the dock,
 - (III) A physical description of the facility showing mooring areas, fuel storage and dispensing areas, and locations of safety equipment,
 - (IV) A description and the location of each emergency shut-off system,
 - (V) The names and telephone numbers of the facility, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, Environmental Protection Division Emergency Response Center, and other personnel who may be called by employees of the facility in an emergency, including fire and police, and
 - (VI) The names and telephone numbers of available hazardous spill clean-up contractors nearest the dock.
17. All components of a marina must be designed, installed, operated and maintained in a manner that will not unreasonably obstruct navigation to and from neighboring properties.

18. The marina or its operation shall not cause or create a measurable adverse water quality impact to the waterbody in which it is built, as measured by dissolved oxygen, fecal bacteria, or nutrient enrichment.

19. If the Department determines through its own water quality sampling or other resource analyses that there are environmental impacts of concern associated with the marina project, the marina may be required to have at applicant's/permittee's expense, water, substrate, and/or tissue samples collected and analyzed for metals, petroleum hydrocarbons, or other constituents.

(i) Sample collection and analyses must be according to methods approved by the Department.

(ii) All results from such sampling must be provided to the Department as obtained and may be used by the Department to further restrict the dock to reduce water quality impacts.

(b) Professional drawings of the marina project are required to be submitted as a part of the application. The drawings must be stamped by a Registered Land Surveyor, Professional Engineer, or Architect licensed to do business in Georgia.

(c) A needs assessment must be submitted to justify the size of the proposed marina. The Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee may opt for phased build out based on demonstrated need. If the permit requires a phased build out based on demonstrated need, the permit may be extended for an additional five years upon a showing that all due efforts and diligence have been made toward completion of the phases authorized to date based on demonstrated need.

(d) Upon receipt of a substantially complete marina project application and application fee, the application shall be reviewed and processed subject to a higher degree of examination and scrutiny and longer review times than a Tier One Community Crab Dock or a Tier Two Community Dock.

1. The Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee shall provide Public Notice of the application for 30 days.

2. An application is complete when it contains substantially all of the written information, documents, forms, fees, and materials required by the Coastal Marshlands Protection Act, and such additional information as is required by the Committee to properly evaluate the application.

3. The Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee shall act upon an application for a permit within 90 days after the application is complete; provided, however, that this provision may be waived upon the written request of the applicant.

(e) No construction or alteration of a marina may commence until the expiration of 30 days following the date on which the application is approved; provided, however, that if a timely appeal is filed, no construction or alteration may commence until all administrative and judicial proceedings are terminated.

(f) The applicant/permittee must demonstrate the capacity to establish sufficient power and authority to enforce the conditions of the permit.

(g) Permittee must provide a post-construction survey that locates the marina as indicated in the application materials. Such survey shall comply with the Georgia Plat Act, O.C.G.A. Secs. [15-6-67](#) et seq.

(h) Nothing in these rules shall be construed to preclude the Committee from developing or issuing permits suitable to the circumstances of a particular application.

(7) Community Dock, Commercial Dock, or Marina Modification.

(a) A permit modification may be issued by the Committee in accordance with subparagraph (c) below for a community dock, commercial dock, or marina modification that complies with all the following standards or conditions:

1. The project modification entails no improvements to the upland component of the project; and
2. The project is a modification or addition to an existing dock facility permitted by the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee for water-dependent activities; and
3. The project modification involves less than 0.1 acre of new impacts to coastal marshlands; and
4. The project modification will not affect a change in use of the originally permitted community dock or marina; and
5. The project modification does not necessitate the issuance of an initial marina lease for the facility undergoing modification; and
6. No fueling is allowed in association with the community dock, commercial dock, or marina modification; and
7. No fish cleaning station may be located on or over coastal marshlands in association with the community dock, commercial dock, or marina modification; and
8. No dredging is allowed in association with the community dock, commercial dock, or marina modification.

(b) Professional drawings of the project are required to be submitted as a part of the application. The drawings must be stamped by a Registered Land Surveyor, Professional Engineer, or Architect licensed to do business in Georgia.

(c) Upon receipt of a substantially complete Community Dock, Commercial Dock, or Marina Modification project application and application fee that meets the standards of subparagraph (a), above, an abbreviated review and processing period shall apply.

1. Staff to the Committee shall have 21 days to review the project permit application.
 2. The Committee shall provide Public Notice of the application for 15 days.
 3. Upon a determination that the project application is complete (including staff review and public notice), the Commissioner may issue a Coastal Marshlands Protection Act permit unless a Committee member requests the application be brought to a Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee meeting for broader consideration.
 4. Provided the project application is not called to a Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee meeting, total processing time of a community dock modification, commercial dock modification, or marina modification meeting the standards of subparagraph (a), above, shall not exceed 45 days following a preliminary determination by staff of completeness.
- (d) No construction or alteration of a community dock or marina modification may commence until the expiration of 30 days following the date on which the application is approved; provided, however, that if a timely appeal is filed, no construction or alteration may commence until all administrative and judicial proceedings are terminated.
- (e) The applicant/permittee must demonstrate the capacity to establish sufficient power and authority to enforce the conditions of the permit.
- (f) Any modification not meeting the standards of subparagraph (a) above, shall be reviewed and processed subject to a higher degree of examination and scrutiny applying the standards and review times of the tier that would apply if it were a new project.
- (g) Permittee must provide a post-construction survey that locates the Community Dock, Commercial Dock, or Marina Modification indicated in the application materials. Such survey shall comply with the Georgia Plat Act, O.C.G.A. Secs. [15-6-67](#) et. seq.

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Department 391. RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Chapter 391-4. WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION

Subject 391-4-2. HUNTING REGULATIONS

391-4-2-.70 Wildlife Management Areas, Other State Lands, and Federal Areas

The following species may be hunted on State areas in accordance with restrictions set forth below except as prescribed in [391-4-2-.60](#) through [391-4-2-.68](#), and on Federal areas in accordance with the restrictions set forth below.

Alapaha River WMA
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 17 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 23-Oct 24 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 11-Nov 13 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Nov 24-Nov 28, Dec 14-Dec 19 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 23 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 29-Oct 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 10-Nov 12 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 27, Dec 13-Dec 18 Sign-in
Dove
Saturdays only during 1st season.
2021-22
Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9 Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 50
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 50
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 23-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15, Apr 16-Apr 22 Sign-in Quota 15
2022-23
Apr 22-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 8-Apr 14, Apr 15-Apr 21 Sign-in Quota 15
Albany Nursery WMA
Special Regulations
Physically Disabled hunters should apply by letter by Mar. 10 to Albany Nursery Quota Turkey Hunt, Game Management, 2024 Newton Road, Albany, Georgia 31701. Include a phone number. See page 74 for all other quota hunt application instructions.; No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season. Dog training in designated area only.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Dec 5-Jan 9 Sign-in
Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Oct 28-Oct 31, Nov 25-Nov 28 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Dec 4-Jan 8 Sign-in

Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Oct 27-Oct 30, Nov 24-Nov 27 Sign-in
Dove
Quota on designated fields only. All other areas open to the public.
2021-22
Sep 11-Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 24, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 35
2022-23
Sep 10-Oct 9, Nov 19-Nov 23, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 35
Quail
Quail hunting by quota only. Maximum 3 persons per party. Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.
2021-22
Jan 15 Sign-in Quota 1
Youth Nov 20, Dec 4 Sign-in Quota 1
2022-23
Jan 14 Sign-in Quota 1
Youth Nov 19, Dec 3 Sign-in Quota 1
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Mobility Impaired Apr 16-Apr 20, Apr 30-May 4 Sign-in Quota 1
Youth Apr 9-Apr 13, Apr 23-Apr 27 Sign-in Quota 1
2022-23
Mobility Impaired Apr 15-Apr 19, Apr 29-May 3 Sign-in Quota 1
Youth Apr 8-Apr 12, Apr 22-Apr 26 Sign-in Quota 1
Alexander WMA
Special Regulations
No camping. Bird dog training allowed year-round in designated areas.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 15, Dec 1-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Nov 30 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 21, Dec 1-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Nov 30 Sign-in
Dove
Quota; No dove hunting outside of dove field; Shooting hours from 12 noon - sunset on quota hunts
2021-22
Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31 Sign-in
Sep 4, Sep 11 Sign-in Quota 50
2022-23
Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31 Sign-in
Sep 3, Sep 10 Sign-in Quota 50
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey

2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Allatoona WMA
Special Regulations
Firearms prohibited in U.S. Corps of Engineers developed campsites. Horse and bicycle trails & areas are closed all day during Firearms Specialty Hunt and before 10:00 a.m. EST during all other deer and turkey seasons. No ATVs. No camping.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 15 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Oct 17 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Nov 1 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 21 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Jan 1 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Oct 23 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Oct 31 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Alligator Creek WMA
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Jan 9 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Jan 8 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Altama Plantation WMA
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Nov 10, Dec 31-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 28-Dec 30 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Nov 11-Nov 13, Dec 2-Dec 4 Sign-in Quota 50

2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Nov 9, Dec 30-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 27-Dec 29 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Nov 10-Nov 12, Dec 1-Dec 3 Sign-in Quota 50
Small Game
No furbearer season.
2021-22
Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Firearms Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Firearms Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Altamaha WMA - Buffalo Swamp, Lewis Island, and McGowan Lake Tracts
Special Regulations
This area includes those Altamaha WMA lands west of Butler & Champney Islands.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 17 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Jan 9 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Oct 23 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Jan 8 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Firearms Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Firearms Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Altamaha WMA - Waterfowl Management Area
Special Regulations
This area includes Broughton, Butler, Champney, Rabbit and Rhett's Islands. Butler Refuge (located on Butler Island east of HWY 17) and Ansley Hodges MARSH Project (located west of HWY 17 on Champney Island) are closed to firearms at all times, but open to archery deer hunting seasons and archery rabbit hunting after the last Saturday of waterfowl season. Airboats are prohibited inside managed waterfowl impoundments. Boats are restricted to one motor of 25hp or less. Access to Rhett's Island at designated crossover sites only. Waterfowl shooting hours end at noon, except last day of season when shooting hours end at sunset. Rhett's Island is closed to fishing, shrimping & crabbing during early teal season & statewide waterfowl season. Butler Island ponds & impoundments closed to cast netting west of Highway 17. Drone use prohibited, including launching and landing.
Coyote

Mar. 1-May 31. Small game weapons only. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Nov 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Nov 15 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4-Sep 5, Sep 11-Sep 12, Sep 18-Sep 19, Sep 25-Sep 26
2022-23
Sep 3-Sep 4, Sep 10-Sep 11, Sep 17-Sep 18, Sep 24-Sep 25
Rabbit
Bag Limit of 6/person/day. Archery Youth Only, Butler Refuge Area
2021-22
Youth Archery Jan 29-Jan 30
2022-23
Youth Archery Jan 28-Jan 29
Small Game
Butler Island opens after the last Saturday of waterfowl season. Aug. 15-Nov. 15, Feb. 1-Feb.28. No furbearer season. Snipe: Wed.-Sun. & State Holidays during season.
Turkey
No turkey season
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon, except last day of season when shooting hours end at sunset. Rhett's Island: Wed., Sat., Sun. & State Holidays during statewide season. Q25 Butler Island: Saturday Only. Stand selection drawing will be held at 5:00am. Stand-by hunters will be issued unfilled quota slots based on drawing the morning of the hunt. Maximum of 3 persons per party. Q25 Champney Island: Weekends Only. Quota selection required, no stand-by allowed. Maximum 3 persons per party. First hunt open only to youth and veterans to apply; other 2 party members do not have to be youth or veterans.
2021-22
Butler Island Nov 20, Nov 27, Dec 18, Jan 1, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 22, Jan 29 Quota 25
Champney Island Youth and Veterans only: Nov 20-Nov 21 General Quota: Nov 27-Nov 28, Dec 18-Dec 19, Dec 25-Dec 26, Jan 1-Jan 2, Jan 8-Jan 9, Jan 15-Jan 16, Jan 22-Jan 23, Jan 29-Jan 30 Quota 25
2022-23
Butler Island Nov 19, Nov 26, Dec 17, Dec 24, Dec 31, Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 Quota 25
Champney Island Youth and Veterans only: Nov 19-Nov 20; General Quota: Nov 26-Nov 27, Dec 17-Dec 18, Dec 24-Dec 25, Dec 31-Jan 1, Jan 7-Jan 8, Jan 14-Jan 15, Jan 21-Jan 22, Jan 28-Jan 29 Quota 25
Appling County Dove Field VPA
Special Regulations
On opening day, hunters shall not enter a managed dove field and hunting structures shall not be placed on a managed dove field prior to 10:00 am. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Dove
2021-22
Sep 11, Sep 18 Sign-in
Youth Sep 4 Sign-in
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 17 Sign-in
Youth Sep 3 Sign-in
Arrowhead WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's except by mobility impaired hunters during mobility impaired hunts. No camping.
Coyote

May 16-31. Small game weapons only.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Dec 6-Jan 9 Sign-in
Mobility Impaired Archery Either Sex Nov 29-Dec 5 Sign-in
Youth Archery Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 28 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Dec 5-Jan 8 Sign-in
Mobility Impaired Archery Either Sex Nov 28-Dec 4 Sign-in
Youth Archery Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 27 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Youth Aug 15-Oct 31, Feb 1-Feb 28
2022-23
Youth Aug 15-Oct 31, Feb 1-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Mobility Impaired Apr 9-Apr 15 Sign-in
Youth Apr 16-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Mobility Impaired Apr 8-Apr 14 Sign-in
Youth Apr 15-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Saturdays only during statewide season.
B.F. Grant WMA
Special Regulations
No hunting on or access through pastures.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Sep 19, Dec 2-Dec 5 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 4-Nov 6, Nov 18-Nov 20 Bonus Deer Quota 300
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 17-Dec 19 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Sep 18, Dec 1-Dec 4 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 3-Nov 5, Nov 17-Nov 19 Bonus Deer Quota 300
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 16-Dec 18 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2-10, Nov 21-Nov 28, Dec 20-Jan 31
2022-23
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1-9, Nov 20-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 16-Apr 22 Sign-in Quota 80
Apr 23-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Apr 9-Apr 15 Sign-in
2022-23

Apr 15-Apr 21 Sign-in Quota 80
Apr 22-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Apr 8-Apr 14 Sign-in
Waterfowl
No waterfowl hunting on MARSH ponds. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
2021-22
First Sat. of 2 nd Season, Jan 22 Sign-in Quota 3
2022-23
First Sat. of 2 nd Season, Jan 21 Sign-in Quota 3
Balls Ferry State Park
Special Regulations
No camping. On youth hunts, only youth may hunt. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8, Oct 16-Jan 9 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14, Oct 22-Jan 8 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Archery Apr 18-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Apr 9-Apr 17 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Apr 17-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Apr 8-Apr 16 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Banks Lake NWR
Special Regulations
No commercial activities allowed. Open only to Quota selected hunters in Alligator Hunt Zone 4.
Alligator
2021-22
Aug 27-Aug 29
2022-23
Aug 26-Aug 28
Bartram Forest WMA
Special Regulations
Archery only for all species. No firearms hunting is allowed. Bartram Forest is a multiple- use recreation area; other users may be present during open hunting seasons. Gates may be opened or closed at the discretion of Georgia Forestry Commission. Please see WMA maps for safety zones. No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28

2022-23
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Archery Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Beaverdam WMA
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 17, Sep 25-Oct 15 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 25-Nov 27, Dec 15-Dec 18 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 6 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Sep 18-Sep 24 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 16, Sep 24-Oct 21 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 24-Nov 26, Dec 14-Dec 17 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Sep 17-Sep 23 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Berry College WMA
Special Regulations
There is no open season for the taking of any wildlife on Berry College campus and refuge. Firearms and archery equipment are prohibited on the campus and refuge. Hunters may not use the campus or refuge for gaining access to the WMA. No ATV's. Horse, bicycle, and foot trails and areas are closed all day during firearms deer season and before 10:00am during deer archery and turkey season. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Nov 2, Nov 7-Nov 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 1-Dec 4 Bonus Deer Quota 1000
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 3-Nov 6 Bonus Deer Quota 1000
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Jan 8-Jan 9 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Nov 6-Nov 11 Sign-in
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Nov 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 2-Nov 5 Bonus Deer Quota 1000
Firearms Either Sex Nov 30-Dec 3 Bonus Deer Quota 1000
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Jan 7-Jan 8 Bonus Deer
Dog Training
Aug 15 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts.
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9-Oct 10, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 7, Jan 10-Jan 31
2022-23

Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8-Oct 9, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 6, Jan 9-Jan 31
Small Game
No night hunting.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Big Dukes Pond WMA
Special Regulations
Camping, ATVs & horses prohibited. Note Safety Zone on map - access prohibited between Feb. 1 and July 15.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Nov 30 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Nov 30 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Big Hammock WMA
Special Regulations
If the river stage is 9 feet or higher, measured at the Doctortown Gauge, the gates will be closed. Deer hunters may not hunt within 50 feet of the nature trail off Mack Phillips Rd.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Dec 1-Jan 9 Sign-in
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 6, Oct 10-Oct 15 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Nov 7 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Dec 1-Jan 8 Sign-in
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 5, Oct 9-Oct 21 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 29-Nov 13 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 6-Oct 8 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Big Lazer Creek WMA

Coyote	
2021-22	
May 16-May 31	
2022-23	
May 16-May 31	
Deer	
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.	
2021-22	
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Sep 24, Oct 17-Oct 31 Sign-in	
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 14-Oct 16, Nov 11-Nov 13 Bonus Deer	
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 19-Nov 21 Sign-in	
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 25-Sep 26 Sign-in	
2022-23	
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Sep 23, Oct 16-Oct 30 Sign-in	
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 13-Oct 15, Nov 10-Nov 12 Bonus Deer	
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 18-Nov 20 Sign-in	
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 24-Sep 25 Sign-in	
Dove	
2021-22	
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18-Sep 24, Nov 24-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31	
2022-23	
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17-Sep 23, Nov 23-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31	
Small Game	
2021-22	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
2022-23	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
Turkey	
2021-22	
Apr 9-Apr 17, Apr 23-May 1 Sign-in Quota 50	
May 2-May 15 Sign-in	
2022-23	
Apr 8-Apr 16, Apr 22-Apr 30 Sign-in Quota 50	
May 1-May 15 Sign-in	
Waterfowl	
PFA is open for waterfowl hunting Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide waterfowl season.	
Blackbeard Island NWR	
Special Regulations	
All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.savannahcoastalpermits.com . No alligator hunting. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/blackbeard_island for seasons, dates and more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.	
Blanton Creek WMA	
Coyote	
2021-22	
May 16-May 31	
2022-23	
May 16-May 31	
Deer	
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.	
2021-22	
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Oct 8, Oct 11-Oct 17, Nov 21-Nov 28 Sign-in	
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 21-Oct 23, Nov 18-Nov 20 Bonus Deer Quota 200	
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 9-Oct 10 Sign-in	

2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Oct 6, Oct 10-Oct 16, Nov 20-Nov 27 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 20-Oct 22, Nov 17-Nov 19 Bonus Deer Quota 200
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 8-Oct 9 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 18-Sep 30, Nov 21-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 4, Sep 11 Sign-in Quota 75
2022-23
Sep 17-Sep 30, Nov 20-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 3, Sep 10 Sign-in Quota 75
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 23-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15, Apr 16-Apr 22 Sign-in Quota 35
2022-23
Apr 22-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 8-Apr 14, Apr 15-Apr 21 Sign-in Quota 35
Waterfowl
No waterfowl hunting on MARSH ponds. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Blue Ridge WMA
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Buck Only Sep 11-Oct 6, Oct 16-Oct 31 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 24-Nov 27 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 3-Nov 7 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Buck Only Sep 10-Oct 12, Oct 22-Oct 31 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 23-Nov 26 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 2-Nov 6 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Bond Swamp NWR
Special Regulations

Refuge permits are required for all hunts. Quota deer and waterfowl application deadline is September 22, 2021 & September 21, 2022. Quota turkey application deadline is February 16, 2022 & February 15, 2023. Sign-in required for youth deer hunt. Contact the Piedmont Refuge office to obtain applications, permits and refuge specific hunting regulations. Hunters are required to sign out harvested game at refuge check stations. Feral hogs may only be taken during refuge big game and small game hunts with applicable weapons restrictions. No May 16-31 coyote season. Baiting is prohibited. For more information call 478-986-5441 or email.

Deer

2021-22

Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Nov 7

Firearms Either Sex Nov 19-Nov 20, Dec 3-Dec 4 Quota 200

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 13-Nov 14 Sign-in Quota 50

2022-23

Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Nov 6

Firearms Either Sex Nov 18-Nov 19, Dec 2-Dec 3 Quota 200

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 12-Nov 13 Sign-in Quota 50

Quail

2021-22

Dec 5-Jan 31

2022-23

Dec 4-Jan 31

Rabbit

2021-22

Dec 5-Jan 31

2022-23

Dec 4-Jan 31

Small Game

Bag Limit of 1/day for Fox Squirrel

Squirrel

2021-22

Aug 15-Sep 10, Dec 5-Jan 31

2022-23

Aug 15-Sep 9, Dec 4-Jan 31

Turkey

Bag Limit 1

2021-22

Apr 9-Apr 10, Apr 22-Apr 23 Quota 40

2022-23

Apr 8-Apr 9, Apr 21-Apr 22 Quota 40

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

2021-22

Dec. 12-13, Dec 23-Dec 24, Jan 7-Jan 8, Jan 21-Jan 22 Quota 20

2022-23

Dec 12-13, Dec 23-Dec 24, Jan 6-Jan 7, Jan 20-Jan 21 Quota 20

Broad River WMA

Deer/Bear

2021-22

Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Nov 30

2022-23

Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Nov 30

Small Game

2021-22

Aug 15-Feb 28

2022-23

Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15
Buck Shoals WMA
Special Regulations
Day Use access is available on River Rd. Access for scheduled events is available on Cloverleaf Dr. and Buck Shoals Dr. Limit of 1 for all big game (Turkey and Deer) hunts. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer/Bear
1 deer limit on all hunts
2021-22
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Nov 6-Nov 7 Bonus Deer Quota 12
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 20-Nov 21, Dec 4-Dec 5 Bonus Deer Quota 12
2022-23
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 6 Bonus Deer Quota 12
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 19-Nov 20, Dec 3-Dec 4 Bonus Deer Quota 12
Dove
2021-22
Hunt-and-Learn Sep 11-Sep 12 Quota 15
Youth Sep 4 Quota 25
2022-23
Hunt-and-Learn Sep 10-Sep 11 Quota 15
Youth Sep 3 Quota 25
Small Game
No night hunting.
2021-22
Youth Jan 1-Jan 9, Jan 22-Jan 30 Sign-in Quota 10
2022-23
Youth Jan 7-Jan 15, Jan 21-Jan 29 Sign-in Quota 10
Turkey
2021-22
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 9-Apr 10 Quota 3
Youth Apr 23-Apr 24, May 7-May 8 Quota 5
2022-23
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 8-Apr 9 Quota 3
Youth Apr 22-Apr 23, May 6-May 7 Quota 5
Bullard Creek WMA
Special Regulations
No firearms deer hunting within posted Towns Bluff Tract but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game hunting.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 22, Sep 26-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 16-Dec 18 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 24-Nov 27 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 16 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 23-Sep 25 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 29-Oct 31 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 21, Sep 25-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 15-Dec 17 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 26 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Oct 20-Oct 22 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 22-Sep 24 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 28-Oct 30 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-Apr 15 Sign-in Quota 80
Apr 16-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-Apr 14 Sign-in Quota 80
Apr 15-May 15 Sign-in
Bullard Creek WMA - Bell Telephone Tract
Special Regulations
No firearms deer hunting but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Bullard Creek WMA - Montgomery Tract
Special Regulations
Access is limited to foot or boat travel only and is quality buck which means bucks must have a minimum of four points (1 inch or longer) on one side. No firearms deer hunting but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game hunting.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Bullard Creek WMA - Ocmulgee Tract
Special Regulations
No firearms deer hunting but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Camp Creek VPA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.

Camp Thunder VPA	
Special Regulations	
No ATVs. No camping.	
Coyote	
May 16-31, archery only.	
Deer	
2021-22	
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in	
2022-23	
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in	
Small Game	
2021-22	
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28	
2022-23	
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28	
Turkey	
2021-22	
Archery Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in	
2022-23	
Archery Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in	
Waterfowl	
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.	
Canoochee Sandhills WMA	
Deer	
2021-22	
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 9 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Dec 16-Dec 18 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Oct 23, Nov 11-Nov 13 Sign-in	
2022-23	
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 8 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Dec 15-Dec 17 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Oct 27-Oct 29, Nov 10-Nov 12 Sign-in	
Dove	
Saturdays only during 1st season.	
2021-22	
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9 Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31	
2022-23	
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31	
Turkey	
2021-22	
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in	
2022-23	
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in	
Cardinal VPA	
Special Regulations	
No May 16-31 coyote season.	
Deer	
2021-22	
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in	
2022-23	
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in	
Small Game	

2021-22
Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Firearms Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Firearms Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Carter's Lake WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's except by mobility impaired hunters during the mobility impaired hunt. No camping. Quota hunters must apply by letter to US Army Corps of Engineers, 975 Powerhouse Rd, Chatsworth, GA 30705 between Aug 15 and Sept 10.
Coyote
May 16-31. Small game weapons only.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Nov 14-Jan 1 Sign-in
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Nov 4, Nov 8-Nov 12 Sign-in
Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 7 Bonus Deer Quota 20
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 13 Bonus Deer Quota 20
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Nov 13-Jan 1 Sign-in
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Nov 3, Nov 7-Nov 11 Sign-in
Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 6 Bonus Deer Quota 20
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 12 Bonus Deer Quota 20
Dog Training
Rabbit Dog Training Only: Wed/Fri/Sat from Nov-Feb, except during firearms deer hunts.
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Cedar Creek WMA
Special Regulations
ATVs prohibited.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 10 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 29-Dec 12 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 14-Oct 16 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 11-Nov 13 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 28 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 28-Dec 11 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 20-Oct 22 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 10-Nov 12 Bonus Deer

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Nov 22-Nov 27 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2-10, Nov 20-Nov 22, Dec 19-Jan 31
2022-23
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1-9, Nov 19-Nov 21, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Cedar Creek WMA - Little River Area
Special Regulations
No ATVs. No camping.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8, Oct 16-Jan 9 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14, Oct 22-Jan 8 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Cedar Grove VPA
Special Regulations
No furbearer hunting.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23

Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Ceylon WMA
Special Regulations
This area includes new acquisitions, including the Black Point Tract and Grover Island. Black Point is accessible from Harriet's Bluff Road. Access to Grover Island is by river only.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Oct 17, Dec 3-Dec 26 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 21-Oct 23, Nov 11-Nov 13, Dec 2-Dec 4 Bonus Deer Quota 100
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Oct 16, Dec 4-Dec 27 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 20-Oct 22, Nov 10-Nov 12, Dec 1-Dec 3 Bonus Deer Quota 100
Dog Training
Bird dog training area: The mature pine stands bounded by hardwood drains/marsh adjacent to the intersection of Boat House and Ceylon Rd.
Small Game
2021-22
Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Firearms Apr 9-Apr 15, Apr 23-Apr 29, May 7-May 13 Sign-in Quota 40
2022-23
Firearms Apr 8-Apr 14, Apr 22-Apr 28, May 6-May 12 Sign-in Quota 40
Chattahoochee Bend State Park
Special Regulations
Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the evening before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. Campsites (hunters only) will be available for hunter use and may be reserved through the park office at (770) 254-7271. ATVs Prohibited. All park access will be closed to the general public during the hunt. No May 16-31 Coyote season.
Deer
5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.
2021-22
Firearms Either Sex Nov 30-Dec 1 Bonus Deer Quota 100
2022-23
Firearms Either Sex Nov 29-Nov 30 Bonus Deer Quota 100
Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Almo
Special Regulations
No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and location.
Coyote
2021-22
May 16-May 31
2022-23
May 16-May 31
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 20-Nov 28 Sign-in
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 21-Oct 23, Nov 11-Nov 13 Bonus Deer Quota 150
2022-23

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 19-Nov 27 Sign-in
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Oct 13 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 20-Oct 22, Nov 10-Nov 12 Bonus Deer Quota 150
Quail
Quail hunting prohibited due to low population levels.
Small Game
Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-Apr 17, Apr 30-May 8 Sign-in Quota 50
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 22-Apr 24
May 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-Apr 16, Apr 29-May 7 Sign-in Quota 50
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 21-Apr 23
May 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Blackjack Crossing
Special Regulations
Archery only for all hunting. No camping. No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and location.
Coyote
2021-22
May 16-May 31
2022-23
May 16-May 31
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.
2021-22
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
Exception to Archery Area Rules. Hunt and Learn can use firearms.
2021-22
Archery Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Fort Perry
Special Regulations
No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and locations.

Coyote	
2021-22	
May 16-May 31	
2022-23	
May 16-May 31	
Deer	
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.	
2021-22	
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 21-Nov 28 Sign-in	
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Sep 19, Oct 4-Oct 10 Sign-in	
Firearms Antlerless Only Oct 1-Oct 3 Sign-in	
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 28-Oct 30, Nov 11-Nov 13 Bonus Deer Quota 35	
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Nov 5-Nov 7	
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 25-Sep 26 Sign-in Quota 35	
2022-23	
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 20-Nov 27 Sign-in	
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Sep 18, Oct 3-Oct 9 Sign-in	
Firearms Antlerless Only Sep 30-Oct 2 Sign-in	
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 27-Oct 29, Nov 10-Nov 12 Bonus Deer Quota 35	
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Nov 4-Nov 6	
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 24-Sep 25 Sign-in Quota 35	
Dove	
2021-22	
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18-Sep 24, Sep 27-Sep 30, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31	
2022-23	
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17-Sep 23, Sep 26-Sep 30, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31	
Quail	
Quail hunting prohibited due to low population levels.	
Small Game	
Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.	
2021-22	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
2022-23	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
Turkey	
2021-22	
Apr 9-Apr 11, Apr 23-Apr 25 Sign-in Quota 15	
May 11-May 15 Sign-in	
Youth Apr 16-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 15	
2022-23	
Apr 8-Apr 10, Apr 22-Apr 24 Sign-in Quota 15	
May 10-May 15 Sign-in	
Youth Apr 15-Apr 17 Sign-in Quota 15	
Waterfowl	
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.	
Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Hilliard	
Special Regulations	
No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and locations.	
Coyote	
2021-22	
May 16-May 31	
2022-23	
May 16-May 31	

Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Sep 30, Nov 21-Dec 10 Sign-in
Firearms Antlerless Only Oct 1-Oct 3, Sep 30-Oct 1 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 28-Oct 30, Nov 18-Nov 20 Bonus Deer Quota 50
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Nov 5-Nov 7
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 13-Nov 14 Sign-in Quota 50
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Sep 29, Nov 20-Dec 9 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 27-Oct 29, Nov 17-Nov 19 Bonus Deer Quota 50
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Nov 4-Nov 6
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 12-Nov 13 Sign-in Quota 50
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18-Sep 30, Nov 21-Nov 28, Dec 19-Dec 31, Jan 2-Jan 14, Jan 16-Jan 31
Youth Sep 4, Sep 11 Sign-in Quota 35
2022-23
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17-Sep 29, Nov 20-Nov 27, Dec 19-Dec 30, Jan 1-Jan 13, Jan 15-Jan 31
Youth Sep 3, Sep 10 Sign-in Quota 35
Quail
Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.
2021-22
Dec 11, Jan 1, Jan 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Dec 10, Dec 31, Jan 14 Sign-in
Small Game
Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 23
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-Apr 17, Apr 30-May 8 Sign-in Quota 40
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 22-Apr 24
2022-23
Apr 8-Apr 16, Apr 29-May 7 Sign-in Quota 40
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 21-Apr 23
Waterfowl
Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - VPA Tracts
Special Regulations
No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and locations. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in

Small Game
Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Chattahoochee National Forest - Outside of WMAs
Special Regulations
Transportation of any loaded weapon in a motor vehicle or possession of alcohol when hunting are prohibited. Placing, leaving, or depositing any food, bait, or garbage in a manner likely to attract or concentrate any wildlife, whether for purposes of hunting or viewing animals. Failure to properly store food or garbage so as to prevent access by wildlife. Baiting is prohibited. No night hunting. Hogs and coyotes may be taken with archery equipment during archery deer season, with deer weapons during firearms deer season, with turkey weapons during turkey season and with small game weapons during small game dates. Hogs may be hunted with dogs with appropriate weapons restrictions while training dogs during dates when training season coincides with small game or turkey season. No May 16-31 coyote season. NOTE: Be aware of hikers and campers.
Bear
Hunting bears with dogs is prohibited on the Chattahoochee National Forest.
2021-22
Archery Jan 2-Jan 9
Archery Sep 11-Oct 8
Firearms Oct 16-Jan 1
Primitive Weapons Oct 9-Oct 15
2022-23
Archery Jan 2-Jan 8
Archery Sep 10-Oct 14
Firearms Oct 22-Jan 1
Primitive Weapons Oct 15-Oct 21
Deer-East of I-75
2021-22
Archery Buck Only Jan 2-Jan 9
Archery Buck Only Sep 11-Oct 8
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Jan 1
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 9-Oct 15
2022-23
Archery Buck Only Jan 2-Jan 8
Archery Buck Only Sep 10-Oct 14
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Jan 1
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 15-Oct 21
Deer-West of I-75
2021-22
Archery Buck Only (except during county either-sex days) Jan 2-Jan 9
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8
Firearms Buck Only (except during county either-sex days) Oct 16-Jan 1
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15
2022-23
Archery Buck Only (except during county either-sex days) Jan 2-Jan 8

Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14
Firearms Buck Only (except during county either-sex days) Oct 22-Jan 1
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21
Dog Training
Other requirements apply, see Dog Training page in the Popular Guide.
2021-22
Aug 1-Sep 9, Jan 2-Mar 19
2022-23
Aug 1-Sep 8, Jan 2-Mar 19
Small Game
Use of centerfire firearms at night prohibited.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
Bag Limit 1
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15
Chattahoochee WMA
Bear
Dog-bear hunters must check in at the Chestatee WMA check station prior to hunting and are required to attend a pre-hunt meeting as directed in their draw notification email. All dogs used in the dog-bear hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. The party bag limit is 5 bears.
2021-22
Firearms Dogs Oct 2-Oct 10 Quota 9
Firearms Sep 18-Sep 24 Sign-in
2022-23
Firearms Dogs Oct 1-Oct 9 Quota 9
Firearms Sep 17-Sep 23 Sign-in
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Buck Only Sep 11-Sep 17, Sep 25-Oct 1, Oct 11-Oct 27 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 20-Nov 28 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 28-Oct 31, Dec 9-Dec 12 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Buck Only Oct 10-Oct 26 Sign-in
Archery Buck Only Sep 10-Sep 16, Sep 24-Sep 30 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 19-Nov 27 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 27-Oct 30, Dec 8-Dec 11 Bonus Deer
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23

Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Chestatee WMA
Bear
Dog-bear hunters must check in at the Chestatee WMA check station prior to hunting and are required to attend a pre-hunt meeting as directed in their draw notification email. All dogs used in the dog-bear hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. The party bag limit is 5 bears.
2021-22
Firearms Dogs Oct 2-Oct 10 Quota 6
Firearms Sep 18-Sep 24 Sign-in
2022-23
Firearms Dogs Oct 1-Oct 9 Quota 6
Firearms Sep 17-Sep 23 Sign-in
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Buck Only Sep 11-Sep 17, Oct 11-Oct 31 Sign-in
Archery Buck Only Sep 25-Oct 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 17-Nov 21, Dec 8-Dec 12 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Buck Only Sep 10-Sep 16, Oct 10-Oct 31 Sign-in
Archery Buck Only Sep 24-Sep 30 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 16-Nov 20, Dec 7-Dec 11 Bonus Deer
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Chickasawhatchee WMA
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8, Dec 30-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 9-Dec 11 Sign-in Quota 350
Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 6 Bonus Deer Quota 350
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 21-Nov 27, Dec 24-Dec 29 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14, Dec 29-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 8-Dec 10 Sign-in Quota 350
Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5 Bonus Deer Quota 350
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 20-Nov 26, Dec 23-Dec 28 Sign-in

Dove
Quota on designated fields only. All other areas open to the public.
2021-22
Sep 11-Oct 10, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 40
2022-23
Sep 10-Oct 9, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 40
Quail
Quail hunting by quota only. Maximum 3 persons per party. Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.
2021-22
Nov 13, Dec 4, Jan 1, Jan 15, Jan 22, Jan 29 Sign-in Quota 4
Nov 23, Nov 30 Sign-in
Youth Jan 29 Sign-in Quota 1
Youth Nov 13, Dec 4, Jan 1, Jan 15, Jan 22 Sign-in Quota 1
2022-23
Nov 12, Dec 3, Dec 31, Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 Sign-in Quota 4
Nov 22, Nov 29 Sign-in
Youth Jan 28 Sign-in Quota 1
Youth Nov 12, Dec 3, Dec 31, Jan 14, Jan 21 Sign-in Quota 1
Small Game
No fox squirrel hunting.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 30-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15, Apr 16-Apr 22, Apr 23-Apr 29 Sign-in Quota 40
2022-23
Apr 29-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 8-Apr 14, Apr 15-Apr 21, Apr 22-Apr 28 Sign-in Quota 40
Clarks Hill WMA
Special Regulations
Areas west of U.S. HWY 78/GA HWY 17 are open for hunting during statewide seasons only. Camping in designated sites only.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 23, Sep 27-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 21 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Sep 24-Sep 26 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Oct 24 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 22, Sep 26-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 27 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Sep 23-Sep 25 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 28-Oct 30 Sign-in
Dove
Quota on designated fields only.
2021-22

Sep 11-Sep 14, Sep 18, Oct 2, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 30
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 17, Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 30
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Clayhole Swamp WMA
Special Regulations
Horseback riding prohibited during ALL deer hunts. Area west of Cowpen Swamp is archery only for all species, open during their respective statewide seasons.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 15, Sep 20-Sep 28, Oct 3-Nov 26, Dec 4-Dec 17 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 27-Dec 3, Dec 18-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Sep 30-Oct 2 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 17-Sep 19 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 14, Sep 19-Sep 27, Oct 2-Nov 25, Dec 3-Dec 16 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 26-Dec 2, Dec 17-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Sep 29-Oct 1 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 16-Sep 18 Bonus Deer
Small Game
No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.
2021-22
Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Firearms Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Firearms Apr 8-May 15
Clybel WMA
Special Regulations
Multi-use trails and areas are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00 a.m. during archery and turkey seasons. Rules are posted at trailhead.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 30, Nov 12-Nov 14 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 6, Nov 18-Nov 20 Bonus Deer Quota 200
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 10, Nov 15-Nov 16
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 28 Sign-in

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 2-Oct 7 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 30, Nov 11-Nov 13 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5, Nov 17-Nov 19 Bonus Deer Quota 200
Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 9, Nov 14-Nov 15
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Nov 22-Nov 27 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 1-Oct 6 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Hunt-and-Learn Georgia R3 Dove Field Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 Sign-in
Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9, Nov 21-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31 Sign-in
Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 200
2022-23
Hunt-and-Learn Georgia R3 Dove Field Sep 3, Sep 10 Sign-in
Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 20-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31 Sign-in
Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 200
Quail
Bag limit is 6 per person or 12 per party for quail.
2021-22
Dec 4, Dec 18, Jan 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Dec 3, Dec 17, Jan 21 Sign-in
Rabbit
Bag limit=3 rabbits/person/day.
2021-22
Hunt-and-Learn Dec 11, Jan 7-Jan 9
2022-23
Hunt-and-Learn Dec 10, Jan 6-Jan 8
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 16-Apr 22, May 9-May 15 Sign-in Quota 25
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 29-May 1
Youth Apr 9-Apr 15, May 2-May 8 Sign-in Quota 25
2022-23
Apr 15-Apr 21, May 8-May 14 Sign-in Quota 25
Hunt-and-Learn Apr 28-Apr 30
Youth Apr 8-Apr 14, May 1-May 7 Sign-in Quota 25
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Cohutta WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's except on designated ATV trails.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Buck Only Sep 11-Oct 6, Oct 11-Nov 30, Dec 6-Jan 1 Sign-in

Firearms Buck Only Oct 7-Oct 10, Dec 1-Dec 5 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Buck Only Sep 10-Oct 5, Oct 10-Nov 29, Dec 5-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 6-Oct 9, Nov 30-Dec 4 Bonus Deer
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Collins Rd VPA
Special Regulations
No ATVs. No camping. Bird dog training: Sun-Tues & Thurs-Fri year-round. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Rabbit
Wed & Sat during statewide season
2021-22
Nov 13, Nov 17, Nov 20, Nov 24, Nov 27, Dec 1, Dec 4, Dec 8, Dec 11, Dec 15, Dec 18, Dec 22, Dec 25, Dec 29, Jan 1, Jan 5, Jan 8, Jan 12, Jan 15, Jan 19, Jan 22, Jan 26, Jan 29, Feb 2, Feb 5, Feb 9, Feb 12, Feb 16, Feb 19, Feb 23, Feb 26
2022-23
Nov 12, Nov 16, Nov 19, Nov 23, Nov 26, Nov 30, Dec 3, Dec 7, Dec 10, Dec 14, Dec 17, Dec 21, Dec 24, Dec 28, Dec 31, Jan 4, Jan 7, Jan 11, Jan 14, Jan 18, Jan 21, Jan 25, Jan 28, Feb 1, Feb 4, Feb 8, Feb 11, Feb 15, Feb 18, Feb 22, Feb 25
Small Game
Rabbit only
Conasauga River WMA
Special Regulations
No ATVs. No camping.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Dec 10, Dec 12-Dec 17, Dec 19-Dec 24, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Dec 9, Dec 11-Dec 16, Dec 18-Dec 23, Dec 25-Jan 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-Apr 24 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-Apr 23 Sign-in
Waterfowl
January - Saturdays only during statewide season.
2021-22
Dec 11, Dec 18, Dec 25 Sign-in Quota 3
2022-23
Dec 10, Dec 17, Dec 24 Sign-in Quota 3
Coopers Creek WMA

Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Buck Only Sep 11-Oct 6, Nov 1-Nov 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 1-Dec 5 Bonus Deer
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 27-Oct 31 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Buck Only Oct 8-Oct 10 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Buck Only Sep 10-Oct 5, Nov 1-Nov 13 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 30-Dec 4 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 26-Oct 30 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Buck Only Oct 7-Oct 9 Bonus Deer
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Coosawattee WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's. Hunters must sign-in for big game hunts and check-out bonus deer and bear at the Carter's Lake WMA check station.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 14, Oct 18-Nov 3, Nov 7-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 6 Bonus Deer Quota 35
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 17 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 20, Oct 18-Nov 2, Nov 6-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5 Bonus Deer Quota 35
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Oct 23 Bonus Deer
Dove
State Season
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Cordele Fish Hatchery
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.

Waterfowl
Maximum 3 persons per party. Shooting hours end at 12 noon. Designated Pond Only.
2021-22
Dec 18, Jan 1 Sign-in Quota 3
Youth Dec 4, Jan 15 Sign-in Quota 3
2022-23
Dec 17, Dec 31 Sign-in Quota 3
Youth Dec 3, Jan 14 Sign-in Quota 3
Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's. All non-hunting activities except camping are closed during firearms deer hunts. Additionally, horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed before 10:00am during archery deer and turkey season. Firearms restrictions apply to certain portions of the WMA (consult WMA map for specific limitations).
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Dec 12-Jan 1 Sign-in
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 15, Oct 18-Nov 10, Nov 14-Dec 7 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 8-Dec 11 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 11-Nov 13 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Oct 17 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Sep 10-Oct 21, Oct 24-Nov 9, Nov 13-Dec 6, Dec 11-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 7-Dec 10 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 10-Nov 12 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Oct 23 Bonus Deer
Dog Training
Aug 15 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts. Training limited to designated areas (see map).
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9-Oct 10, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
2022-23
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8-Oct 9, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 16-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15 Sign-in Quota 40
2022-23
Apr 15-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 8-Apr 14 Sign-in Quota 40
Cumberland Island National Seashore
Special Regulations
Registration opens July 1st at www.pay.gov . Hunting fee is \$35. No standby hunters. No non-hunters. Cumberland Island Ferry is available for access to and from the island for a fee. Mandatory check-in starts at 9:00 AM EST one day prior to hunt at Plum Orchard Camp and Brickhill Campground. Children must be 12-17 for Youth Hunt; under age 16 must be accompanied by and under direct supervision of an adult at all times during the hunt. All NPS regulations apply to hunting areas. On primitive weapons hunts, modern centerfire handguns that meet state regulations may be used. Buckshot prohibited. Visit www.nps.gov/cuis/ for detailed information. No May 16-31 Coyote season.
Deer

2021-22
Archery Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 7, Bonus Deer Quota 125
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 9-Nov 11, Dec 7-Dec 9, Bonus Deer Quota 100
Youth Firearms Either Sex Dec 20-Dec 21, Bonus Deer Quota 50
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Oct 4-Oct 6, Bonus Deer Quota 125
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 8-Nov 10,, Dec 6-Dec 8, Bonus Deer Quota 100
Youth Firearms Either Sex Dec 19-Dec 20, Bonus Deer Quota 50
Feral hog
2021-22
Firearms Hog Only Jan 4-Jan 6, Jan 25-Jan 27 Sign-in Quota 100
2022-23
Firearms Hog Only Jan 3-Jan 5, Jan 24-Jan 26 Sign-in Quota 100
Dawson Forest WMA
Special Regulations
All trails are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00 AM during archery and turkey seasons. Special rules apply to horse, bicycle and camping use; rules are posted at trailhead, camping areas & WMA check station. Permits are required for horse, bicycle and camping use. Permits must be completed and on person to be valid. Roads on the city of Atlanta Tract are closed to vehicles daily from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM except for individuals legally camping, hunting, or fishing on the area.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Oct 13, Dec 13-Dec 26 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 28-Oct 31 Bonus Deer
Firearms Quality Buck Only Nov 10-Nov 14, Dec 2-Dec 5 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 15-Oct 17 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Oct 12, Dec 12-Dec 25 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 27-Oct 30 Bonus Deer
Firearms Quality Buck Only Nov 9-Nov 13, Dec 1-Dec 4 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 14-Oct 16 Bonus Deer
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4 Quota 40
Sep 6, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
2022-23
Sep 3 Quota 40
Sep 5, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Di-Lane Plantation WMA

Special Regulations
Only Quality Bucks with at least four points (1 inch long or longer) on either side are legal. For information about bird dog field trials call 706-595-4222. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Oct 6 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 11-Nov 13 Bonus Deer
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 7-Oct 9, Oct 21-Oct 23 Bonus Deer Quota 400
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Oct 12 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 10-Nov 12 Bonus Deer
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 13-Oct 15, Oct 27-Oct 29 Bonus Deer Quota 400
Dove
Quota; No dove hunting outside of dove fields. Field 2 only (South of Rocky Creek) Jan. 1-31
2021-22
Field 1 & 2 Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Nov 20-Nov 28 Sign-in
Field 1 Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 100
Field 2 Jan 1-Jan 31 Sign-in
Youth Field 2 Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 75
2022-23
Field 1 & 2 Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 19-Nov 27 Sign-in
Field 1 Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 100
Field 2 Jan 1-Jan 31 Sign-in
Youth Field 2 Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 75
Quail
Quota: limit 6 quail/person, 12 quail/party. Quail hunters may take woodcock, snipe, and other gamebirds with an open season.
2021-22
Dec 1, Dec 4, Dec 8, Dec 11, Dec 15, Dec 18, Dec 22, Dec 29, Feb 9 Sign-in Quota 8
Youth Feb 5 Sign-in Quota 8
2022-23
Dec 3, Dec 7, Dec 10, Dec 14, Dec 17, Dec 21, Dec 28, Dec 31, Feb 8 Sign-in Quota 8
Youth Feb 4 Sign-in Quota 8
Rabbit
Rabbit hunting in designated areas only.
Small Game
Squirrel hunting area wide during state season on dates open for small game. Rabbit hunting in designated areas only. Rabbit, raccoon, and woodcock hunting permitted South of Rocky Creek only Jan. 1-31. Designated areas posted at check station.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 16-Apr 22, Apr 23-Apr 29 Sign-in Quota 30
Apr 30-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Apr 9-Apr 15 Sign-in Quota 20
2022-23
Apr 15-Apr 21, Apr 22-Apr 28 Sign-in Quota 30
Apr 29-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Apr 8-Apr 14 Sign-in Quota 20

Dixon Bay WMA
Special Regulations
No camping.
Alligator
Alligator hunting prohibited.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Nov 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 13-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Nov 11 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 12-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
Furbearer hunting prohibited.
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Dixon Memorial WMA
Special Regulations
Alligators may not be taken on the Federal portion of Cowhouse Island or Laura S. Walker State Park. No airboats.
Bear
Bears may not be taken on the Federal portion of Cowhouse Island.
2021-22
Archery Sep 23-Sep 25 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 4-Nov 6 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Oct 7-Oct 9 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Sep 30-Oct 2 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Sep 22-Sep 24 Sign-in
Firearms Nov 3-Nov 5 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Oct 6-Oct 8 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Sep 29-Oct 1 Bonus Deer
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated area only. All dogs used in the dog-deer hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. The dog-deer hunting area will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 28, Oct 3-Oct 6, Oct 10-Oct 15 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 17, Oct 23-Oct 26 Sign-in
Firearms Dog Deer Nov 20, Dec 4 Sign-in, Buckshot only Quota 3
Firearms Either Sex Nov 24-Nov 28 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 6 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 9 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 29-Oct 2 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 27, Oct 2-Oct 5, Oct 9-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 15-Oct 16, Oct 22-Oct 25 Sign-in
Firearms Dog Deer Nov 19, Dec 3 Sign-in, Buckshot Only Quota 3

Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 27 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 28-Oct 1 Bonus Deer
Deer/Bear
2022-23
Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 6-Oct 8 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4-Oct 10, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
2022-23
Sep 3-Sep 27, Nov 19-Nov 22, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Dodge County PFA
Special Regulations
Hunting in designated area only. Area map posted at office and kiosk. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Alligator
Night hunting only.
2021-22
Sep 10-Sep 12 Sign-in
2022-23
Sep 9-Sep 11 Sign-in
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 14 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 13 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Youth Apr 22-Apr 23, Apr 29-Apr 30 Sign-in Quota 2
2022-23
Youth Apr 21-Apr 22, Apr 28-Apr 29 Sign-in Quota 2
Doerun Pitcherplant Bog WMA
Special Regulations
Doerun Pitcherplant Bog WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources, vehicular access is limited. No ATVs or horses allowed. No Camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
No fox or bobcat hunting. No fox squirrel hunting.
2021-22
Jan 10-Feb 28
2022-23

Jan 9-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Youth Apr 9-Apr 10, Apr 16-Apr 17 Sign-in Quota 1
2022-23
Youth Apr 8-Apr 9, Apr 15-Apr 16 Sign-in Quota 1
Dukes Creek - Smithgall Woods State Park
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Buck Only Sep 17-Sep 19 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 1-Dec 4 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Nov 10-Nov 13 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Buck Only Oct 15-Oct 17 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Buck Only Sep 16-Sep 18 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 30-Dec 3 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Nov 9-Nov 12 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Buck Only Oct 14-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
Small Game hunting by reservation only. Maximum 10 furbearer hunters/25 small game hunters per hunt period. Reservations must be made beginning Nov. 1 by calling (706) 878-3087.
2021-22
Dec 9-Dec 11, Jan 6-Jan 8, Feb 3-Feb 5
2022-23
Dec 8-Dec 10, Jan 5-Jan 7, Feb 2-Feb 4
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 15-Apr 17, Apr 29-May 1, May 13-May 15 Bonus Deer Quota 20
2022-23
Apr 14-Apr 16, Apr 28-Apr 30, May 12-May 14 Bonus Deer Quota 20
Dupont Tract VPA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Bear
2021-22
Archery Sep 16-Sep 18 Sign-in
Archery Sep 23-Sep 25, Sep 30-Oct 2, Oct 7 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Sep 15-Sep 17 Sign-in
Archery Sep 22-Sep 24, Sep 29-Oct 1, Oct 6-Oct 8 Sign-in
Deer
2021-22
Archery Nov 15-Jan 9 Sign-in
Archery Sep 11-Oct 29 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 30-Nov 14 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Nov 14-Jan 8 Sign-in
Archery Sep 10-Oct 28 Sign-in
Firearms Oct 29-Nov 13 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28

2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Echeconnee Creek WMA
Special Regulations
Archery only area. Public access to Ocmulgee River tract is only by boat. No camping. Firearms prohibited.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Archery Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Elbert County WMA
Special Regulations
No camping. Sign-in required only on Vaughter Tract.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Nov 4 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in

Elmodel WMA
Special Regulations
No Camping. Dog training in designated area only.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4-Oct 10, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
2022-23
Sep 3-Oct 9, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Quail
Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party. Bag limit is 3 per person.
2021-22
Nov 13, Nov 16, Nov 20, Nov 23, Nov 27, Nov 30, Dec 4, Dec 7, Dec 11, Dec 14, Dec 18, Dec 21, Dec 28, Jan 1, Jan 4, Jan 8, Jan 11, Jan 15, Jan 18, Jan 22, Jan 25, Jan 29, Feb 5, Feb 12, Feb 19
2022-23
Nov 12, Nov 15, Nov 19, Nov 22, Nov 26, Nov 29, Dec 3, Dec 6, Dec 10, Dec 13-Dec 17, Dec 17, Dec 20, Dec 27, Dec 31, Jan 3, Jan 7, Jan 10, Jan 14, Jan 17, Jan 21, Jan 24, Jan 28, Feb 4, Feb 11, Feb 18 Sign-in
Small Game
No fox or bobcat hunting.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Eufaula NWR
Special Regulations
Apply July 9-Aug. 15 for youth deer hunts; Aug. 1-Sept. 15 for waterfowl hunts. User fees must be prepaid (\$2 per hunter). Eligible ages for all youth hunts (deer and waterfowl) are 10-15 years. A waterfowl permit holder is allowed to bring up to two guests (no more than 3 individuals/blind). No May 16-31 Coyote season.
Alligator
Closed to alligator hunting.
Deer
Bradley Unit opens for archery Nov. 1.
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 2, Oct 16 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 1, Oct 15 Bonus Deer
Waterfowl

Q16 Ducks and Geese Only: Wednesdays during statewide season. Shell limit is 25. Youth Hunt: Check with refuge office for specific dates. Shell limit is 25. Portions of Chattahoochee River and Walter F. George Reservoir within the Eu-Eufaula NWR boundaries are closed to waterfowl hunting.

Evans County PFA

Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Alligator

Night hunting only.

2021-22

Sep 3-Sep 5 Sign-in

2022-23

Sep 2-Sep 4 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Hunting allowed in waterfowl impoundment only. No boats allowed. Maximum of 3 people per blind. Parties must stay in designated spots, must stay together, and must stay within 100 feet of blind marker except when retrieving game. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

F.D. Roosevelt State Park

Special Regulations

Hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 pm on the evening before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 non-refundable, non-transferable park-hunting fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. ATVs prohibited. Cabins and campsites (hunters only) may be reserved by calling the park office at (706) 663-4858. All park facilities will be closed during the hunt. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2022-23

Firearms Either Sex Jan 3-Jan 4 Bonus Deer Quota 100

Fishing Creek WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2021-22

Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in

Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 29 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Jan 1 Sign-in

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in

2022-23

Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in

Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Nov 4 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Jan 1 Sign-in

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in

Dove

2021-22

Sep 4-Oct 10, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31

2022-23

Sep 3-Oct 9, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31

Small Game

2021-22

Aug 15-Feb 28

2022-23

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2021-22

Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in

2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Flat Creek PFA
Special Regulations
No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Alligator
Night only. No daytime hunting.
2021-22
Sep 10-Sep 12
2022-23
Sep 9-Sep 11
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Dog Training
Bird dog training allowed August 15-March 15 only.
Dove
2021-22
Oct 2, Oct 9, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Youth Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25
2022-23
Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Youth Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
During second season Wednesdays and Saturdays only. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
2021-22
Nov 20, Nov 27 Sign-in Quota 3
2022-23
Nov 19, Nov 26 Sign-in Quota 3
Flat Tub WMA
Special Regulations
No ATVs.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in

Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Nov 20, Dec 26-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 21-30 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Nov 19, Dec 26-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 20-30 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Flint River WMA
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Sep 20, Nov 21-Nov 30 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 18-Nov 20 Bonus Deer Quota 25
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 4-Nov 6 Sign-in Quota 25
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 9-Oct 17 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Sep 19, Nov 20-Nov 29 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 17-Nov 19 Bonus Deer Quota 25
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 3-Nov 5 Sign-in Quota 25
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 8-Oct 16 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18-Sep 30, Nov 21-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
2022-23
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17-Sep 30, Nov 20-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Fort Gordon
Special Regulations
Hunting and fishing permits are offered to the general public through "ftgordon.isportsman.net". Lottery winners can purchase any outdoor recreation permit, valid for one year from date of purchase or no later than Aug. 1 of the year following the drawing. Application period begins July 1 and ends July 15 each year. All hunters, regardless of age, must possess a Hunter Education Certificate. For more information go to " https://ftgordon.isportsman.net ". No May 16-31 Coyote season.
Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield
Special Regulations

All hunters must set up an account and acquire a permit at https://ftstewart.isportsman.net . Mandatory check-in. All hunting is subject to post regulations and access for hunting is not guaranteed. No May 16-31 Coyote season.	
Alligator	
2021-22	
Either Sex Aug 21-Oct 3	
2022-23	
Aug 20-Oct 2	
Deer	
Additional permits and restrictions apply, visit https://ftstewart.isportsman.net for details.	
2021-22	
Archery Either Sex Jan 10-Jan 30	
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8	
Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Jan 9	
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15	
2022-23	
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 7, Jan 9-Jan 29	
Firearms Either Sex Oct 15-Jan 8	
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 14	
Quail	
2021-22	
Nov 13-Feb 27	
2022-23	
Nov 12-Feb 26	
Rabbit	
2021-22	
Nov 13-Feb 27	
2022-23	
Nov 12-Feb 26	
Squirrel	
2021-22	
Aug 21-Feb 27	
2022-23	
Aug 20-Feb 26	
Turkey	
2021-22	
Apr 9-May 15	
2022-23	
Apr 8-May 15	
Fort Yargo State Park	
Special Regulations	
Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 pm. on the evening before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the park office at (706) 356-4362. All other Park facilities will be closed to the general public during hunt. No ATVs. No May 16-31 Coyote season.	
Deer	
5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.	
2021-22	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 30-Dec 1 Bonus Deer Quota 85	
2022-23	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 29-Nov 30 Bonus Deer Quota 85	
Gaither WMA	
Special Regulations	

No horseback riding. Bicycles are only permitted for hunter access. Archery only area is South of Old Post Rd and East of Davis Ford Rd and is only for deer on the deer hunting dates. All other species can be hunted with firearms except deer in this area. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2021-22

Archery Either Sex Oct 16-Oct 24, Nov 15-Nov 17 Sign-in

Youth Firearms Either Sex Dec 20-Dec 26 Sign-in Quota 25

2022-23

Archery Either Sex Oct 22-Oct 30, Nov 14-Nov 16 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 6, Jan 6-Jan 8 Sign-in Quota 25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Dec 19-Dec 25 Sign-in Quota 25

Small Game

2021-22

Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in

2022-23

Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in

Turkey

2021-22

Apr 9-Apr 15, Apr 16-Apr 22, Apr 23-Apr 29 Sign-in Quota 10

2022-23

Apr 8-Apr 14, Apr 15-Apr 21, Apr 22-Apr 28 Sign-in Quota 10

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Germany Creek WMA

Special Regulations

No camping.

Deer

2021-22

Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in

Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 29 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Jan 1 Sign-in

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in

2022-23

Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in

Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Nov 4 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Jan 1 Sign-in

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in

Small Game

2021-22

Aug 15-Feb 28

2022-23

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2021-22

Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in

2022-23

Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in

Grand Bay WMA

Special Regulations

No May 16-31 Feral Hog and Coyote season. Harvested deer must be removed from the area whole (no field dressing). No ATVs or motorcycles. A valid Moody Air Force Base Hunting and Fishing Permit may be substituted for WMA license. Hiking trail from check station closed to hikers during firearms deer hunts. Federal lands within WMA may be closed for military training. No firearms hunting within designated archery-only areas.

Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 12, Sep 18-Sep 19, Sep 25-Sep 26, Nov 20-Nov 21, Dec 4-Dec 5, Dec 18-Dec 19, Dec 25-Dec 26, Jan 1-Jan 2 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Oct 17 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Oct 24, Oct 30-Oct 31, Nov 6-Nov 7, Nov 13-Nov 14, Nov 27-Nov 28, Dec 11-Dec 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 10 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 2-Oct 3 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 11, Sep 17-Sep 18, Sep 24-Sep 25, Nov 19-Nov 20, Dec 3-Dec 4, Dec 17-Dec 18, Dec 24-Dec 25, Dec 31-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 16 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Oct 23, Oct 29-Oct 30, Nov 5-Nov 6, Nov 12-Nov 13, Nov 26-Nov 27, Dec 10-Dec 11 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 9 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 1-Oct 2 Sign-in
Small Game
No fox squirrel or furbearer hunting.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 30-May 1 Sign-in
Youth Apr 9-Apr 10, Apr 23-Apr 24 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 29-Apr 30 Sign-in
Youth Apr 8-Apr 9, Apr 22-Apr 23 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Saturdays and Sundays only during statewide season.
Griffin Ridge WMA
Special Regulations
No ATVs or horses. No vehicles allowed beyond designed parking areas. River access allowed. Camping only at Fountain Hole camping area.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8, Dec 4-Dec 26 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 14 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 17 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 29-Oct 31 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14, Dec 3-Dec 25 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 13 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 23 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 28-Oct 30 Sign-in
Small Game
No furbearer season.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey	
2021-22	
Apr 16-Apr 22, Apr 30-May 6, May 7-May 13 Sign-in Quota 25	
Youth Apr 9-Apr 15 Sign-in Quota 25	
2022-23	
Apr 15-Apr 21, Apr 29-May 5, May 6-May 12 Sign-in Quota 25	
Youth Apr 8-Apr 14 Sign-in Quota 25	
Hannahatchee WMA	
Coyote	
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.	
Deer	
2021-22	
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Jan 9 Sign-in	
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in	
2022-23	
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in	
Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Jan 8 Sign-in	
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in	
Dove	
2021-22	
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18-Sep 30, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31	
2022-23	
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17-Sep 30, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31	
Small Game	
2021-22	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
2022-23	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
Turkey	
2021-22	
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in	
2022-23	
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in	
Hard Labor Creek State Park	
Special Regulations	
Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the evening before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the park office at (706) 557-3001. All other park facilities will be closed to the general public during deer hunt. No ATVs. No May 16-31 Coyote season.	
Deer	
5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.	
2021-22	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 3 Bonus Deer Quota 250	
2022-23	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 3 Bonus Deer Quota 250	
Harris Neck NWR	
Special Regulations	
All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.savannahcoastalpermits.com . Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/harris_neck_for_seasons , dates and more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.	
Hart County WMA	
Deer/Bear	

2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Nov 11 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 12-Nov 14 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Nov 17 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 18-Nov 20 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 6, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
2022-23
Sep 3, Sep 5, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Hiltonia WMA
Special Regulations
No camping.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Nov 12 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 13-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Nov 11 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 12-Jan 8 Sign-in
Dove
Saturdays only during 1st season.
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9 Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
2022-23
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8 Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
No furbearer season.
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Hitchiti Experimental Forest
Special Regulations
Dates and regulations are the same as Piedmont NWR. The Hitchiti Experimental Forest is open for hunting only during Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge hunting seasons with a valid Piedmont Refuge hunting permit and in accordance with refuge specific regulations. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Small Game

Bag Limit of 1/day for Fox Squirrel
Turkey
Bag Limit 1
Horse Creek WMA
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 15, Sep 19-Oct 1, Oct 4-Oct 26, Jan 1-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 27-Oct 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 9-Dec 11 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 18-Nov 20 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 16-Sep 18 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 2-Oct 3 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 14, Sep 18-Sep 30, Oct 3-Oct 25, Jan 1-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 26-Oct 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 8-Dec 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 17-Nov 19 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 15-Sep 17 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 1-Oct 2 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Hugh M. Gillis PFA
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 14 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 13 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Youth Apr 15-Apr 16, Apr 29-Apr 30 Sign-in Quota 2
2022-23
Youth Apr 14-Apr 15, Apr 28-Apr 29 Sign-in Quota 2
Indian Ford Farm Dove Fields
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season. Hunters must sign-in at check station at 12:00 P.M. Maps and instructions will be provided at sign-in. Hunt is 12:00 PM until 7:00 PM. No ATVs. Hunters must use open gates to access fields; DO NOT climb fences. It is of utmost importance to have no litter left behind, including expended shotgun shells. Extra caution should be taken to ensure absolutely no live shells are left behind!
Dove
2021-22
Youth Sep 11 Sign-in Quota 50
2022-23
Youth Sep 10 Sign-in Quota 50
J.L. Lester WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's. No night hunting. Fishing prohibited during deer hunts, quota hunts and field trials. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Nov 22-Nov 28, Dec 25-Dec 31 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 2-Oct 3, Jan 8-Jan 9 Bonus Deer Quota 20

2022-23
Archery Either Sex Nov 21-Nov 27, Dec 24-Jan 1 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 9, Jan 7-Jan 8 Bonus Deer Quota 20
Dog Training
Aug 15 - Mar 19, except during deer hunts, quota hunts and field trials.
Dove
2021-22
Sep 18, Sep 25
Youth Sep 4, Sep 11
2022-23
Sep 17, Sep 24
Youth Sep 3, Sep 10
Quail
2021-22
Jan 1, Feb 27 Quota 5
2022-23
Dec 31, Feb 26 Quota 5
Rabbit
2021-22
Jan 2, Feb 26 Quota 5
2022-23
Jan 1, Feb 25 Quota 5
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Joe Kurz WMA
Special Regulations
Bird dog training allowed August 15-March 15 in designated areas, except during deer and quota quail hunts, in designated area only.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 31-Nov 7 Sign-in
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Sep 19 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 14-Oct 16, Oct 28-Oct 30 Bonus Deer Quota 100
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Sep 18, Nov 6-Nov 11 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 20-Oct 22, Nov 3-Nov 5 Bonus Deer Quota 100
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9-Oct 10, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 15, Jan 17-Jan 31
2022-23
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8-Oct 9, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 14, Jan 16-Jan 31
Quail
Bag limit is 6 per person or 12 per party.
2021-22
Dec 11, Jan 16, Feb 5 Sign-in Quota 3
2022-23
Dec 10, Jan 15, Feb 4 Sign-in Quota 3
Rabbit

Bag limit=3 rabbits/person/day.
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-Apr 17, Apr 30-May 8 Sign-in Quota 25
2022-23
Apr 8-Apr 16, Apr 29-May 7 Sign-in Quota 25
Waterfowl
Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
John's Mountain WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 29, Nov 1-Nov 17, Nov 21-Dec 25 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 18-Nov 20 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Oct 31 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 28, Oct 31-Nov 16, Nov 20-Dec 25 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 17-Nov 19 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 29-Oct 30 Bonus Deer
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Keg Creek WMA
Special Regulations
No camping.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22

Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Kretlow Farm VPA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Lake Russell WMA
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 7, Oct 11-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 24-Nov 27 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Dec 9-Dec 15 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 10 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 7 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 6, Oct 10-Oct 15 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 23-Nov 26 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Dec 8-Dec 14 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 9 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 6 Bonus Deer
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Lake Seminole WMA
Special Regulations
No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Jan 9 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Jan 8 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
State Season. No hunting waterfowl within 300 yards of a house, dock, building, or other structure, or a developed recreation area (i.e. beach, campground, boat ramp, etc.)
Lake Sidney Lanier - Buford Dam
Special Regulations
All facilities will be closed to the general public during the hunts. Limit: 2, only one of which may be antlered. Hunters must apply by letter no later than October 10, 4:30 PM. Hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 P.M. the evening before the hunt. Visit http://go.usa.gov/SE85 for more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Lake Sidney Lanier - Islands
Special Regulations
Hunters must apply by letter no later than October 10, 4:30 PM. Visit http://go.usa.gov/SE85 for more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
Limit of one deer per day which counts against state bag limit. Hunters must record harvest through Georgia Game Check.
Lake Walter F. George WMA
Special Regulations
No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl

State season. No hunting waterfowl within 300 yards of a house, dock, building, or other structure, or a developed recreation area (i.e. beach, camp-ground, boat ramp, etc.) Eufaula Wildlife Refuge has separate regulations.

Lanahassee Creek VPA

Quail

Quail hunting by quota only. Maximum 3 persons per party. Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.

Lanahassee WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Oct 8, Oct 16-Nov 7 Sign-in

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 18-Nov 20, Dec 2-Dec 4 Bonus Deer Quota 50

Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in

2022-23

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Oct 14, Oct 22-Nov 6 Sign-in

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 17-Nov 19, Dec 1-Dec 3 Bonus Deer Quota 50

Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 25-Dec 31 Sign-in

Quail

Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.

2021-22

Nov 21, Dec 5, Dec 12 Sign-in

2022-23

Nov 20, Dec 4, Dec 11 Sign-in

Small Game

2021-22

Aug 15-Feb 28

2022-23

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

Turkey hunting prohibited due to low population levels.

Little Ocmulgee State Park

Alligator

Alligator hunting by special permit only; open only to drawn quota hunters for alligator zone #4 who apply and are selected for the park hunt. Interested hunters must call 229-896-3551 no later than close of business on July 31 to apply. Selected hunters will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass is required. Only night hunting is permitted (30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise). Hunting is allowed Sunday nights through Thursday nights only, during state season. Special permit restriction apply. Special permit hunters may legally harvest one alligator at least 48" or greater in length. Only one vessel is permitted per special permit. Fishing/boating and other non-permitted lake activities are prohibited by regulation after sunset and before sunrise.

Little Satilla WMA

Special Regulations

No camping.

Deer

2021-22

Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in

Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 17 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Jan 9 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Oct 23 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Jan 8 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Lola Tract VPA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Bear
2021-22
Archery Sep 16-Sep 18, Sep 23-Sep 25, Sep 30-Oct 2, Oct 7-Oct 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Sep 15-Sep 17, Sep 22-Sep 24, Sep 29-Oct 1, Oct 6-Oct 8 Sign-in
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 29, Nov 15-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Nov 14 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 28, Nov 14-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 29-Nov 13 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
London Farms VPA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season. Selected hunters may start checking in at noon on the first hunt (Sept 4, 2021) and hunt until 30 minutes before official sunset. Selected hunters may check in 6:00 AM on the Sept 11, 2021 hunt and hunt from 30 minutes before sunrise until noon. No blinds, buckets, seats or other devices may be placed on the field until the hunter has checked in. No stand-bys. Selected hunters may bring up to two guests.
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11 Quota 30
2022-23
Sep 3, Sep 10 Quota 30

Lower Broad River WMA
Special Regulations
No camping.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Nov 4 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 30
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 30
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Lula Bridge WMA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Waterfowl
2021-22
Sep 4-Sep 26, Oct 9-Oct 24, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 12-Jan 31
Youth Nov 13-Nov 14
2022-23
Sep 3-Sep 25, Oct 8-Oct 23, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 12-Jan 31
Youth Nov 12-Nov 13
Mayhaw WMA
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Nov 30 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Dec 1-Jan 9 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Nov 30 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 1-Jan 8 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
McDuffie PFA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Dove
2021-22
Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9
Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 25
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8
Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 25
Waterfowl
Waterfowl hunters must check kiosk at entrance gate for information on which ponds are open. Designated ponds only. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
2021-22
Dec 18, Dec 25, Jan 1
2022-23
Dec 17, Dec 24, Dec 31
McEntire Road VPA
Special Regulations
No ATV's. VPA is only open to the public for hunting during designated seasons. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25-Oct 3
2022-23
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24-Oct 2
McGraw Ford WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 1 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 1 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9-Oct 10, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
2022-23

Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8-Oct 9, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 16-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15 Sign-in Quota 10
2022-23
Apr 15-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 8-Apr 14 Sign-in Quota 10
Mead Farm WMA
Special Regulations
Foot traffic only. No camping. Bird dog training is allowed year-round.
Deer
Archery only
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 1 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
2021-22
Sep 11, Sep 15, Sep 18, Sep 22, Sep 25, Dec 15, Dec 18, Dec 22, Dec 25, Dec 29, Jan 1, Jan 5, Jan 8, Jan 12, Jan 15, Jan 19, Jan 22, Jan 26, Jan 29
Youth Nov 13, Nov 20, Nov 27
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 14, Sep 17, Sep 21, Sep 24, Dec 14, Dec 17, Dec 21, Dec 24, Dec 28, Dec 31, Jan 4, Jan 7, Jan 11, Jan 14, Jan 18, Jan 21, Jan 25, Jan 28
Youth Nov 12, Nov 19, Nov 26
Mistletoe State Park
Special Regulations
Hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 pm on the evening before the hunt. Two deer limit. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the Park Office at 706-541-0321. All other Park facilities will be closed to the general public during the hunt. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2022-23
Firearms Either Sex Nov 15-Nov 16 Bonus Deer Quota 75
Montezuma Bluffs WMA
Special Regulations

Montezuma Bluffs WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources, vehicular access is limited to boat landing road. No ATVs or horses allowed. No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
No fox or bobcat hunting.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Archery Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Moody Forest WMA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season. No ATVs. Check for prescribed burn info and Sign-In at kiosk on East River Rd.
Deer
2021-22
Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Dec 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Dec 15 Sign-in
Small Game
Squirrel hunting only. No fox squirrels may be taken.
Squirrel Only
2021-22
Nov 1-Jan 20
2022-23
Nov 1-Jan 20
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 15-Apr 30 Sign-in
Youth Apr 9-Apr 10 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 14-Apr 29 Sign-in
Youth Apr 8-Apr 9 Sign-in
Morgan Lake WMA
Special Regulations
Archery Only Area for all species. The operation of a Personal Watercraft (defined in GA Code 52-7-8.2 and commonly known as a "jet ski") on Morgan Lake and other water bodies within Morgan Lake WMA is prohibited.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23

Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Archery Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Oaky Woods WMA
Special Regulations
No bear hunting.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 23-Dec 26 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 28-Oct 30 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Dec 2-Dec 4 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 7 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 22-Dec 25 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 27-Oct 29 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Dec 1-Dec 3 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 14 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 16-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15 Sign-in Quota 80
2022-23
Apr 15-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 8-Apr 14 Sign-in Quota 80
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Ocmulgee WMA
Special Regulations
No bear hunting.
Alligator
Alligator hunting on Ocmulgee PFA allowed Sept. 3-5, 2021, and Sept. 2-4, 2022. No hunting during daylight hours.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 9-Dec 12 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Oct 23 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 18-Nov 20 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 2-Oct 8 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 30 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 8-Dec 11 Sign-in

Firearms Buck Only Oct 27-Oct 29 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 17-Nov 19 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 1-Oct 7 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 23-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15, Apr 16-Apr 22 Sign-in Quota 100
2022-23
Apr 22-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 8-Apr 14, Apr 15-Apr 21 Sign-in Quota 100
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Ocmulgee WMA - Gum Swamp Creek
Special Regulations
No camping. Bird dog training allowed August 15-March 15.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Archery Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Oconee National Forest
Special Regulations
No dog training Mar. 20-July 31, 2021, 2022 & 2023, Sept. 12, 2021-Jan. 1, 2022 and Sept. 10, 2022-Jan. 1, 2023. Pursuit of bears with dogs is prohibited. Hogs may be taken only during daylight hours consistent with regulations above. Coyotes may be taken during deer, turkey and small game hunts; weapons are restricted to legal firearms and archery equipment for the game species specified for a particular hunt as indicated heretofore; electronic calls may be used; night hunting is prohibited. Placing, leaving, or depositing any food, bait or refuse in a manner likely to attract or concentrate any wildlife, whether for purposes of hunting or viewing animals, is prohibited. It is also prohibited to fail to properly store food or refuse to prevent access by wildlife. For public health and safety, the transportation of a loaded long gun or cocked crossbow in a motor vehicle is prohibited. NOTE: A firearm is considered "loaded" if a round of ammunition is in the chamber or magazine, a percussion cap is on the nipple, or powder is present in the frizzen pan. A "Long gun" is a firearm with an extended barrel, usually designed to be fired braced against the shoulder. It shall include all rifles, shotguns, carbines, muzzleloaders, and/or other such weapons. For public health and safety, the possession of an alcoholic beverage as defined by state law, while hunting, is prohibited.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 29, Nov 1-Nov 26, Nov 29-Dec 5, Dec 26-Dec 31, Jan 3-Jan 9
Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Oct 31, Nov 27-Nov 28, Jan 1-Jan 2
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Nov 4, Nov 7-Nov 25, Nov 28-Dec 4, Dec 26-Dec 30, Jan 2-Jan 8
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 6, Nov 26-Nov 27, Dec 31-Jan 1

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
Bag Limit 1
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15
Oconee WMA
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8, Nov 15-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Nov 14 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14, Nov 14-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Nov 13 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 11-Sep 14, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 60
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 60
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 23-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15, Apr 16-Apr 22 Sign-in Quota 30
2022-23
Apr 22-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 8-Apr 14, Apr 15-Apr 21 Sign-in Quota 30
Oconee WMA - Dan Denton Waterfowl Area
Special Regulations
No fishing or hunting (other than ducks & geese and archery deer hunting during statewide archery and primitive weapons season) on waterfowl impoundments. Waterfowl hunting on impoundments 1 & 3 open only to hunters selected in quota drawing. Waterfowl hunters are prohibited from entering impoundments before 5:00 am on the day of the hunt and shooting hours end at 12 noon except on last hunt of the season when shooting hours end at legal sunset. Herndon Pond and Impoundment 2 are closed to hunting. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the Oconee River between Wallace Dam and GA HWY 16. Handicapped quota hunters may request assistance by calling (706) 595-4222. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23

Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 21 Sign-in
Waterfowl
2021-22
Pond 1 Dec 18, Dec 25, Jan 1, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 22, Jan 29 Sign-in Quota 3
Pond 3 Dec 18, Dec 25, Jan 1, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 22, Jan 29 Sign-in Quota 2
Youth Pond 1 Nov 13, Nov 27 Sign-in Quota 3
Youth Pond 3 Nov 13 Sign-in Quota 2
Youth Pond 3 Nov 27 Sign-in Quota 2
2022-23
Pond 1 Dec 17, Dec 24, Dec 31, Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 Sign-in Quota 3
Pond 3 Dec 17, Dec 24, Dec 31, Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 Sign-in Quota 2
Youth Pond 1 Nov 12, Nov 26 Sign-in Quota 3
Youth Pond 3 Nov 12, Nov 26 Sign-in Quota 2
Oconee WMA - Rock Hawk Trails & Effigy
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Nov 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Nov 21-Feb 28
Turkey
Selected quota turkey hunters only may hunt with firearms during quota hunt dates in this area.
2021-22
Archery Apr 23-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Apr 22-May 15 Sign-in
Ohoopsee Dunes WMA - North Tract
Special Regulations
Ohoopsee Dunes WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources vehicular access is limited. No ATV's or horses. No dogs from Mar. 1 - Nov. 1.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Dec 5-Jan 9 Sign-in
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 2-Dec 4 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 28-Oct 30 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Dec 4-Jan 8 Sign-in
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 1-Dec 3 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 27-Oct 29 Bonus Deer
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 23-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15, Apr 16-Apr 22 Sign-in Quota 20
2022-23
Apr 22-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 8-Apr 14, Apr 15-Apr 21 Sign-in Quota 20
Ochoopee Dunes WMA - South Tract
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge-Cowhouse Unit
Special Regulations
Bears and alligators may not be taken. Foot travel only on ONWR portion of Cowhouse Island. No dogs allowed except pointing dogs for hunting quail. Sign-in at Dixon Memorial WMA. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for more information. Feral hogs may be taken May 16-31, no dogs allowed. No coyote hunting.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 28, Oct 3-Oct 6, Oct 10-Oct 15 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 6 Bonus Deer
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 17, Oct 23-Oct 26
Firearms Either Sex Nov 24-Nov 28 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 9 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 29-Oct 2 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 27, Oct 2-Oct 5, Oct 9-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5 Bonus Deer
Firearms Buck Only Oct 15-Oct 16, Oct 22-Oct 2
Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 27 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 6-Oct 8 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 28-Oct 1 Bonus Deer
Small Game
Quail, rabbit, squirrel only.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge-Pocket Unit
Special Regulations
Sign-in/sign-out required. Bears and alligators may not be taken. Foot travel only off paved road. No dogs allowed. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for more information. No May 16-31 coyote season, no coyote hunting.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Nov 7 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Nov 6 Sign-in
Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge-Suwannee Canal Unit
Special Regulations

Quota applications accepted Aug. 15 - Sept. 15 at <http://www.fws.gov/forms/32354.pdf>. Youth hunters are those 16 and under and supervised by an adult 21 or older. Hunter Education is required for youth hunters. Shooting hours close at noon; shotguns with slugs or muzzleloaders only; hunters will be charged a \$15.00 permit fee; check-out required; hunters are not required to tag deer prior to check out - special NWR tags provided for two harvested deer; hunt area zoned; Chesser Island zone is for wheelchair and/or youth hunters only. No dogs allowed. Feral hogs may be taken: no limit. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for more information. No May 16-31 coyote season, no coyote hunting.

Deer

2021-22

Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Oct 23 Bonus Deer Quota 30

Youth/Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Oct 23 Bonus Deer Quota 10

2022-23

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Oct 22 Bonus Deer Quota 30

Youth/Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Oct 22 Bonus Deer Quota 10

Oliver Bridge WMA

Special Regulations

No ATVs. No camping.

Deer

2021-22

Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Jan 9 Sign-in

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in

2022-23

Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Jan 8 Sign-in

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in

Turkey

2021-22

Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in

2022-23

Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in

Ossabaw Island WMA

Special Regulations

Hunters on Ossabaw Island WMA will be required to furnish their own boat transportation to & from the island. Limited docking space is available; some boats may have to stream anchor. All hunter access to the island will be over the dock facilities at Newell Creek on the south end of the island. Hunters may not enter upon Ossabaw Island until 12:00 PM EST one day prior to check-in. Hunters may check-in at 9:00 AM EST one day prior to hunt & camps must be removed by 12:00 PM EST on the day following the hunt. One person from each campsite must check in and upon leaving check out from the campsite at the check-in station. No motorized vehicles allowed & only permitted activities allowed. No pets. Campfires restricted to provided fire rings. No access permitted to Ossabaw above high tide mark. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2021-22

Archery Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 9 Bonus Deer Quota 100

Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 6, Dec 9-Dec 11 Bonus Deer Quota 100

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 21-Oct 23 Bonus Deer Quota 100

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 25-Nov 27 Bonus Deer Quota 75

2022-23

Archery Either Sex Oct 6-Oct 8 Bonus Deer Quota 100

Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5, Dec 8-Dec 10 Bonus Deer Quota 100

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 20-Oct 22 Bonus Deer Quota 100

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 24-Nov 26 Bonus Deer Quota 75

Feral hog

2021-22

Firearms Hog Only Jan 20-Jan 22, Feb 3-Feb 5 Bonus Deer Quota 100
2022-23
Firearms Either Sex Jan 19-Jan 21, Feb 2-Feb 4 Bonus Deer Quota 100
Otting WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 1 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 1 Sign-in
Dog Training
Furbearer Dog Training Area: Aug 15-Mar 19
Furbearer Dog Training
2021-22
Aug 15-Mar 19
2022-23
Aug 15-Mar 19
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Panola Mountain State Park
Special Regulations
Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the evening before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and \$5 Park Pass will be required. Hunting within 50 yards of the PATH Trail is prohibited. An archery-only portion of the park may be available to a limited number of hunters drawn for the quota, details will be provided in selection letter. All other park facilities will be closed during the hunt. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.
2021-22
Firearms Either Sex Nov 9-Nov 10 Bonus Deer Quota 54
2022-23
Firearms Either Sex Nov 8-Nov 9 Bonus Deer Quota 54
Paradise PFA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Dove
Dove hunting in designated fields only; shooting hours follow state regulations.
2021-22
Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Youth Sep 4
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 8-Jan 31
Youth Sep 3
Waterfowl

Hunting for ducks and geese in designated areas only. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
2021-22
Dec 16, Dec 30
2022-23
Dec 15, Dec 29
Paulding Forest WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's. Horse and bicycle trails and areas, except Silver Comet Trail, are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00am during archery deer and turkey hunts.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8, Oct 11-Nov 10 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Dec 9-Dec 12 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 11-Nov 14 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 10 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14, Oct 17-Nov 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Dec 8-Dec 11 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 10-Nov 13 Bonus Deer
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 16 Bonus Deer
Dog Training
Bird and Rabbit Dog Training Area: Aug 15-Mar 19 except during firearms deer hunts.
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-Apr 17, Apr 23-May 1 Sign-in Quota 40
May 2-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-Apr 16, Apr 22-Apr 30 Sign-in Quota 40
May 1-May 15 Sign-in
Paulks Pasture WMA
Special Regulations
No camping. No horseback riding during deer hunts.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated areas only. Dog-deer hunters must check in at check station prior to hunt. All dogs used in the dog-deer hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. The WMA will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunts except to hunters with a valid quota hunt permit.
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 15, Sep 20-Sep 28, Oct 4-Nov 19 Sign-in
Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Nov 26-Nov 27, Dec 3-Dec 4, Dec 17-Dec 18 Bonus Deer Quota 3
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Nov 2 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 20-Nov 24, Dec 19-Dec 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Sep 30-Oct 2 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 17-Sep 19 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 14, Sep 19-Sep 27, Oct 3-Nov 18 Sign-in

Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Nov 25-Nov 26, Dec 2-Dec 3, Dec 16-Dec 17 Bonus Deer Quota 3
Firearms Buck Only Oct 15-Nov 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 19-Nov 23, Dec 18-Dec 28 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Sep 29-Oct 1 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 16-Sep 18 Bonus Deer
Small Game
No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Penholoway Swamp WMA
Special Regulations
Idle speed only on Cogden Lake. Access to Boyle's Island is by river only, except during the early season managed firearms hunts, pending river level and road conditions.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 22, Sep 27-Oct 5, Oct 10-Nov 19, Nov 27-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 20-Nov 26 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 9 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 24-Sep 26 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 21, Sep 26-Oct 4, Oct 9-Nov 18, Nov 26-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 19-Nov 25 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 6-Oct 8 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 23-Sep 25 Bonus Deer
Small Game
Bird dog training area located in the areas of Redman and Deadend Rds. No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Perry Dove Field
Special Regulations
No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 3, Oct 10, Oct 17, Oct 24, Oct 31, Nov 7, Nov 14, Nov 21, Nov 28, Dec 5, Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 2, Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23

Archery Either Sex Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9, Oct 16, Oct 23, Oct 30, Nov 6, Nov 13, Nov 20, Nov 27, Dec 4, Dec 11, Dec 18, Dec 25, Jan 1, Jan 8 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Nov 20, Nov 27, Dec 25, Jan 1, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 22, Jan 29
2022-23
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Nov 19, Nov 26, Dec 24, Dec 31, Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28
Phinizy Swamp WMA
Special Regulations
No camping.
Deer
Archery only
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
2021-22
Sep 11, Sep 15, Sep 18, Sep 22, Sep 25, Nov 20, Nov 24, Nov 27, Dec 15, Dec 18, Dec 22, Dec 25, Dec 29, Jan 1, Jan 5, Jan 8, Jan 12, Jan 15, Jan 19, Jan 22, Jan 26, Jan 29
Youth Nov 13
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 14, Sep 17, Sep 21, Sep 24, Nov 19, Nov 23, Nov 26, Dec 14, Dec 17, Dec 21, Dec 24, Dec 28, Dec 31, Jan 4, Jan 7, Jan 11, Jan 14, Jan 18, Jan 21, Jan 25, Jan 28
Youth Nov 12
Piedmont NWR
Special Regulations
Refuge permits are required for all hunts. Applications for quota deer hunts must be received by August 25, 2021 and August 31, 2022. Quota turkey hunts applications must be received by February 23, 2022 and February 22, 2023. Permit fee required for all quota hunts. The Hitchiti Experimental Forest is open for hunting only during refuge hunting seasons with a valid Piedmont Refuge hunting permit and in accordance with refuge regulations. Baiting is prohibited. No May 16-31 coyote season. Contact the refuge office to obtain applications, permits and refuge specific hunting regulations (478-986-5441) or email piedmont@fws.gov.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 3
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 28-Oct 30 Quota 1250
Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 16 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 16 Sign-in Quota 50
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 2
Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5, Nov 10-Nov 12 Quota 1250
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 27-Oct 29 Quota 1250

Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 15 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 15 Sign-in Quota 50
Quail
2021-22
Nov 26-Nov 27, Dec 10-Dec 11, Dec 23-Dec 24, Jan 7-Jan 8, Jan 21-Jan 22
2022-23
Nov 25-Nov 26, Dec 9-Dec 10, Dec 23-Dec 24, Jan 6-Jan 7, Jan 20-Jan 21
Rabbit
2021-22
Nov 15-Jan 31
2022-23
Nov 15-Jan 31
Raccoon/Opossum
2021-22
Dec 3-Dec 4, Dec 10-Dec 11, Dec 17-Dec 18, Dec 23-Dec 24, Dec 31-Jan 1, Jan 7-Jan 8, Jan 14-Jan 15, Jan 21-Jan 22, Jan 28-Jan 29
2022-23
Dec 2-Dec 3, Dec 9-Dec 10, Dec 16-Dec 17, Dec 23-Dec 24, Dec 30-Dec 31, Jan 6-Jan 7, Jan 13-Jan 14, Jan 20-Jan 21, Jan 27-Jan 28
Small Game
Bag Limit of 1/day for Fox Squirrel
Squirrel
2021-22
Aug 15-Sep 10, Oct 4-Oct 14, Oct 17-Oct 27, Oct 31-Nov 3, Nov 7-Nov 10, Nov 14-Jan 31
2022-23
Aug 15-Sep 9, Oct 3-Oct 13, Oct 16-Oct 26, Oct 30-Nov 2, Nov 6-Nov 9, Nov 13-Jan 31
Turkey
Bag Limit 1
2021-22
Apr 12-Apr 16, Apr 26-Apr 30, May 10-May 14 Quota 300
2022-23
Apr 11-Apr 15, Apr 25-Apr 29, May 9-May 13 Quota 300
Pine Log WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's. Horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00am during archery deer and turkey hunts. No night hunting.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture. No night hunting.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 15 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 15-Dec 18 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 17-Nov 20 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 21 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Dec 14-Dec 17 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 16-Nov 19 Bonus Deer
Dog Training
Bird & Rabbit Dog Training Area: Aug 15 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts.
Dove
2021-22

Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 100
Sep 5-Sep 6, Sep 10-Sep 13, Sep 17-Sep 20, Sep 24-Sep 27, Oct 1-Oct 4, Oct 8-Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
2022-23
Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 100
Sep 4-Sep 5, Sep 9-Sep 12, Sep 16-Sep 19, Sep 23-Sep 26, Sep 30-Oct 3, Oct 7-Oct 9, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
No night hunting.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Pleasant Valley VPA
Special Regulations
No ATV's.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Youth Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 15 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 16-Oct 22, Oct 23-Oct 29, Oct 30-Nov 5, Nov 6-Nov 12 Sign-in Quota 4
2022-23
Youth Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21, Oct 22-Oct 28, Oct 29-Nov 4, Nov 5-Nov 11 Sign-in Quota 4
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Sep 10, Feb 1-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Sep 9, Feb 1-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Youth Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Youth Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Youth: Saturdays only during statewide season.
Rayonier Corridor Lands WMA
Special Regulations
WMA consists of 300ft wide section of non-contiguous property on the Wayne County side of the Altamaha River, extending from mile 61 (Doe Eddy) to 1.2 miles down river. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
Area closed to deer hunting.
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey

Area closed to turkey hunting
Red Top Mountain State Park
Special Regulations
Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the evening before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and \$5 Park Pass will be required. Cabins and campsites (hunters only) will be available for hunter use and may be reserved through the park office at (770) 975-0055. All other park facilities will be closed during the hunt. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.
2021-22
Firearms Either Sex Nov 16-Nov 17 Bonus Deer Quota 50
2022-23
Firearms Either Sex Nov 15-Nov 16 Bonus Deer Quota 50
Redlands WMA
Special Regulations
No hunting on Dyar's Pasture MARSH Pond.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Nov 4 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 11, Sep 18, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Youth Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 80
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 17, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Youth Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 80
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Redlands WMA - Watson's Spring Area
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28

2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Reed Bingham State Park
Alligator
Alligator hunting by special permit only; open only to drawn quota hunters for alligator zone #5 who apply and are selected for the park hunt. Interested hunters must call 229-868-7474 no later than close of business on July 31 to apply. Selected hunters will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass is required. Only night hunting is permitted (30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise). Hunting is allowed Sunday nights through Thursday nights only, during state season. Special permit restriction apply. Special permit hunters may legally harvest one alligator 48" or greater in length. Only one vessel is permitted per special permit. Fishing/boating and other non-permitted lake activities are prohibited by regulation after sunset and before sunrise.
Rich Mountain WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Buck Only Sep 11-Nov 22, Nov 29-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 23-Nov 28 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Buck Only Sep 10-Nov 21, Nov 28-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 22-Nov 27 Bonus Deer
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Rich Mountain WMA - Cartecay
Special Regulations
No ATV's. Horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed before 10:00am during deer, bear and turkey seasons.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 1 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in

Richard B. Russell State Park
Special Regulations
Hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 on the evening before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the park office at 706-213-2045. All other park facilities will be closed to the general public during the hunt. No ATVs. Wheelchair hunters must apply by letter by Oct. 15 to: Wheelchair Hunt RBR State Park, 2650 Russell State Park Dr., Elberton, GA 30635. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.
2021-22
Firearms Either Sex Dec 7-Dec 8 Bonus Deer Quota 60
Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Dec 7-Dec 8 Bonus Deer Quota 20
2022-23
Firearms Either Sex Dec 6-Dec 7 Bonus Deer Quota 60
Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Dec 6-Dec 7 Bonus Deer Quota 20
Richmond Hill WMA
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 17 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Jan 9 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Oct 23 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Jan 8 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
River Bend WMA
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 30, Oct 4-Oct 15 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 2-Dec 4 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 11-Nov 13 Bonus Deer
Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Oct 2-Oct 3 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Oct 24 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 29, Oct 3-Oct 21 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 1-Dec 3 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 10-Nov 12 Bonus Deer
Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Oct 1-Oct 2 Sign-in

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 28-Oct 30 Sign-in
Dove
Saturdays only during 1st season.
2021-22
Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 9, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 30
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 8, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 30
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 23-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15, Apr 16-Apr 22 Sign-in Quota 15
2022-23
Apr 22-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 8-Apr 14, Apr 15-Apr 21 Sign-in Quota 15
Waterfowl
Waterfowl may be hunted on impoundment and its surrounding roads/dikes until noon only on Wed., Sat. and Sun. during statewide season.
River Creek, The Rolf and Alexandra Kauka WMA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 18-Sep 26, Oct 9-Oct 17 Sign-in
Firearms Antlerless Only Jan 2-Jan 4 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 1-Dec 4 Bonus Deer Quota 35
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 3-Nov 6 Sign-in Quota 35
Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 20-Dec 22 Sign-in Quota 35
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 17-Sep 25, Oct 8-Oct 16 Sign-in
Firearms Antlerless Only Jan 1-Jan 3 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 1-Dec 3 Bonus Deer Quota 35
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 2-Nov 5 Sign-in Quota 35
Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 19-Dec 21 Sign-in Quota 35
Dove
Dove hunting by quota only.
2021-22
Youth Sep 4, Sep 11 Sign-in Quota 15
2022-23
Youth Sep 3, Sep 10 Sign-in Quota 15
Quail
Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party. Bag limit is 3 per person.
2021-22
Nov 13-Nov 16, Nov 20, Nov 27, Dec 18, Jan 1, Jan 21, Jan 22 Sign-in Quota 3
Nov 17, Nov 24, Dec 8, Dec 29, Jan 4, Jan 5 Sign-in
Youth Jan 28, Jan 29 Sign-in Quota 3
2022-23
Nov 12, Nov 19, Nov 26, Dec 17, Dec 31 Sign-in Quota 3
Nov 16, Nov 23, Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 28 Sign-in
Small Game

No fox or bobcat hunting. No fox squirrel hunting.
2021-22
Jan 23-Feb 8
2022-23
Jan 22-Feb 7
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 23-Apr 25 Sign-in Quota 5
Youth Apr 9-Apr 11, Apr 16-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 5
2022-23
Apr 22-Apr 24 Sign-in Quota 5
Youth Apr 8-Apr 10, Apr 15-Apr 17 Sign-in Quota 5
Waterfowl
2021-22
Youth Dec 11, Jan 7, Jan 8, Jan 14, Jan 15 Sign-in Quota 3
2022-23
Youth Dec 10 Sign-in Quota 3
Rocky Mountain Recreation PFA
Special Regulations
Daily use fee (per vehicle) required for all users. Waterfowl hunters only may use firearms. No ATV's. All activities prohibited on upper and lower reservoirs. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Archery Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Antioch Lake: Jan 1-31, except No Sunday Hunting.
Heath Lake: State Season
Rogers State Prison Farm Dove Fields
Special Regulations
Hunters must check in at the Rogers State Prison front office (1978 GA Hwy 147, Reidsville, GA) and sign in at the sign-in kiosks located at the entrances to each field prior to hunting. WMA license is NOT required. A map of the fields will be located in the kiosks (and on our website) with designated parking areas delineated on the maps. State hunting regulations will apply to the dove fields for the first segment of the dove season. No ATVs or UTVs will be allowed on the fields. No hunting within 100 yards of residences or 50 yards of county roads. Hunters must use open gates to access fields; DO NOT climb fences. Please leave no litter behind, which includes spent shotgun shells. Extra caution should be taken to ensure no live shells are left on the field. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18 Sign-in
2022-23

Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17 Sign-in
Rogers WMA
Special Regulations
No camping.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 17 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Jan 9 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Oct 23 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Jan 8 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Rum Creek WMA
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 3, Nov 20-Dec 3 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 11-Nov 13 Bonus Deer Quota 200
Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Oct 23 Bonus Deer Quota 200
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 4-Oct 10 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 2, Nov 19-Dec 2 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 10-Nov 12 Bonus Deer Quota 200
Firearms Either Sex Oct 27-Oct 29 Bonus Deer Quota 200
Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 9 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 18, Sep 25, Oct 2, Oct 9, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 4, Sep 11 Sign-in Quota 75
2022-23
Sep 17, Sep 24, Oct 1, Oct 8, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Sep 3, Sep 10 Sign-in Quota 75
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 16-Apr 22, Apr 30-May 6 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth Apr 9-Apr 15, Apr 23-Apr 29 Sign-in Quota 25

Youth May 7-May 13 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 15-Apr 21, Apr 29-May 5 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth Apr 8-Apr 14, Apr 22-Apr 28 Sign-in Quota 25
Youth May 6-May 12 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Rum Creek is broken up into 3 areas for waterfowl hunting (shooting hours 30 minutes before sunrise until noon): East of Ebenezer Rd. (includes Lake Juliette) open for all hunters. Youth Waterfowl Days (youth only) and Wed.-Sun. during statewide season. Boat motors in excess of 25hp prohibited on Lake Juliette. Youth Area: Between Juliette Rd and Ebenezer Rd; only youth may hunt. Youth Waterfowl Days and Wednesday through Sunday only during statewide season. The MARSH Project: Area (everything west of Juliette Rd.) is only open for 2 youth quota hunts each season (only youths may hunt).
2021-22
Youth Dec 18, Jan 15 Sign-in Quota 3
2022-23
Youth Dec 17, Jan 14 Sign-in Quota 3
Rum Creek WMA - Berry Creek
Special Regulations
Archery only area. Camping prohibited. Firearms prohibited except as provided in O.C.G.A. 16-11-126 .
Coyote
May 16-31, archery only.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
Falconry permitted during small game season.
2021-22
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Archery Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Archery Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Sandhills WMA - East
Special Regulations
No camping. Bird dog training allowed Aug. 15-March 15 only.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
Hunting of fox squirrels is prohibited.
2021-22

Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Sandhills WMA - West
Special Regulations
Camping in designated areas only. Bird dog training allowed Aug. 15-March 15 only.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Nov 5, Nov 8-Nov 26, Nov 29-Dec 24, Dec 27-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 6-Nov 7, Nov 27-Nov 28, Dec 25-Dec 26 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 11-Oct 15 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 10 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Nov 4, Nov 7-Nov 25, Nov 28-Dec 23, Dec 26-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 6, Nov 26-Nov 27, Dec 24-Dec 25 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 21 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 16 Sign-in
Small Game
Hunting of fox squirrels is prohibited.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Sansavilla WMA
Special Regulations
This area includes the Wire Road Tract
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated areas only. All dogs must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. All vehicles used in the dog-deer hunt must display DNR issues permit on vehicle dash. Hunting area will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunt except to hunters with a valid quota permit.

2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 22, Sep 27-Oct 5, Oct 10-Oct 22, Oct 30-Nov 26 Sign-in
Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Dec 27-Dec 28 Sign-in Quota 1
Firearms Buck Only Oct 23-Oct 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 27-Dec 26, Dec 29-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 9 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 24-Sep 26 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 21, Sep 26-Oct 4, Oct 9-Oct 21, Oct 29-Nov 25 Sign-in
Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Dec 26-Dec 27 Sign-in Quota 1
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Oct 28 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 26-Dec 25, Dec 28-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 6-Oct 8 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 23-Sep 25 Bonus Deer
Small Game
No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Sapelo Island WMA
Special Regulations
Reservations for transportation on state boat for Check-In hunts must be made through the Sapelo Island Visitors Center (912) 437-3224. No reservations will be accepted until you receive your selection notice. Visitor Center Hours: Tues.-Fri. 7:30 AM-5:30 PM, Sat. 8:00 AM-5:30 PM; closed Sunday & Monday. Stream anchorage may be required for hunters using their own boats. Hunter access is only allowed at Moses Hammock Dock at head of Duplin River. No motorized vehicles allowed on island. Hunters may check in starting at 9:00 AM EST one day prior to hunt. Camps must be removed by 12 noon on the day following each hunt. Departures and returns from deer hunting must be made from Moses Hammock campsite. Hunters are required to stay outside the boundaries of the safety zones. Hunting is restricted to the north end of Greater Sapelo Island and Little Sapelo Island unless otherwise indicated. Ferry Restrictions: There is limited space on the ferry, so please limit the amount and size of your gear; propane fuel only; guns must be unloaded and cased for transport on ferry; no folding chairs or tables, ladder stands, bicycles, or excessively large boxes; climbing stands are OK; coolers are limited to one 48 qt. per guest or one 96 qt. per two guests. For information on local charter options or transportation to the Moses Hammock hunt camp, please contact the Sapelo Island Visitors Center (912)437-3224. If you do not take the ferry to the island you may not return to the mainland via the ferry.
Coyote
Mar. 1-May 31. Feral hogs may also be taken. Feral hogs may be taken with dogs May 16-31 only. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
Maps of open hunting areas available at the Sapelo WMA sign-in kiosks, Brunswick DNR office, and georgiawildlife.com
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 3, Nov 22-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 6, Nov 18-Nov 20 Bonus Deer Quota 125
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 21-Oct 23 Bonus Deer Quota 125
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 10 Bonus Deer

2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 2, Nov 21-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5, Nov 17-Nov 19 Bonus Deer Quota 125
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 20-Oct 22 Bonus Deer Quota 125
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 9 Bonus Deer
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Savannah NWR
Special Regulations
No alligator hunting. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.savannahcoastalpermits.com . Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah for seasons, dates and more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Scotland Road VPA
Special Regulations
No furbearer hunting.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Sheffield WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 1 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 1 Sign-in
Furbearer Dog Training
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-Apr 17, Apr 23-May 1 Sign-in Quota 10
May 2-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-Apr 16, Apr 22-Apr 30 Sign-in Quota 10

May 1-May 15 Sign-in
Silver Lake WMA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 18 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 13-Nov 26, Dec 25-Jan 9 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 16-Dec 18 Bonus Deer Quota 160
Firearms Either Sex Oct 28-Oct 30 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 17 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 12-Nov 25, Dec 24-Jan 8 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Dec 15-Dec 17 Bonus Deer Quota 160
Firearms Either Sex Oct 27-Oct 29 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 23 Sign-in
Quail
Quail hunting by quota only. Maximum 3 persons per party. Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.
2021-22
Nov 29, Dec 20 Sign-in
Nov 6, Dec 4, Dec 11, Jan 15, Jan 22, Jan 29 Sign-in Quota 3
Youth Nov 6, Dec 4, Dec 11, Jan 15, Jan 22, Jan 29 Sign-in Quota 1
2022-23
Nov 28, Dec 19 Sign-in
Nov 5, Dec 3, Dec 10, Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 Sign-in Quota 3
Youth Dec 10, Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28 Sign-in Quota 1
Youth Nov 5, Dec 3 Sign-in Quota 1
Small Game
No fox or bobcat hunting. No fox squirrel hunting.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-Apr 13, Apr 28 Sign-in Quota 35
May 5-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Apr 21-Apr 25 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-Apr 12, Apr 27-May 1 Sign-in Quota 35
May 4-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Apr 20-Apr 24 Sign-in
Soap Creek WMA
Special Regulations
No camping.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 30-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23

Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Nov 4 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Sparks Cut Off VPA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9, Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8, Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Spirit Creek Forest WMA
Special Regulations
Spirit Creek Forest is a multi-use forest; other users may be present during open hunting seasons. Gates may be opened/closed at the discretion of Georgia Forestry Commission. Please see WMA maps for safety zones. No camping. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
Archery only
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
Shotgun and archery only. No furbearer dog hunting.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
Archery only
2021-22
Archery Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23

Archery Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Spirewell Bluff WMA - East
Special Regulations
The East Tract includes property east of the Flint River. No hunting in park day-use area. No camping.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
Shotguns and archery only. No furbearer hunting. No night hunting. Waterfowl hours end at 12 noon.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Spirewell Bluff WMA - West
Special Regulations
Furbearer dog training allowed Aug. 15-March 15. The West Tract includes property west of the Flint River. Camping in designated areas only.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 6-Nov 7, Nov 27-Nov 28, Dec 25-Dec 26 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck Only Oct 16-Nov 5, Nov 8-Nov 26, Nov 29-Dec 24, Dec 27-Jan 9 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 9-Oct 10 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck Only Oct 11-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 5-Nov 6, Nov 26-Nov 27, Dec 24-Dec 25 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck Only Oct 22-Nov 5, Nov 7-Nov 25, Nov 28-Dec 23, Dec 26-Jan 8 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 15-Oct 16 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck Only Oct 17-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Standing Boy Creek Recreation Area	
Special Regulations	
No camping. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.	
Deer	
2021-22	
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in	
2022-23	
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in	
Small Game	
2021-22	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
2022-23	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
Turkey	
2021-22	
Archery Apr 23-Apr 29 Sign-in Quota 10	
Youth Apr 9-Apr 15, Apr 16-Apr 22 Sign-in Quota 10	
2022-23	
Archery Apr 22-Apr 28 Sign-in Quota 10	
Youth Apr 8-Apr 14, Apr 15-Apr 21 Sign-in Quota 10	
Waterfowl	
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.	
Swallow Creek WMA	
Coyote	
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.	
Deer/Bear	
2021-22	
Archery Buck Only Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Nov 18-Nov 21, Dec 9-Dec 12 Bonus Deer	
2022-23	
Archery Buck Only Sep 10-Oct 7 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in	
Firearms Buck Only Nov 17-Nov 20, Dec 8-Dec 11 Bonus Deer	
Small Game	
2021-22	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
2022-23	
Aug 15-Feb 28	
Turkey	
2021-22	
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in	
2022-23	
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in	
Tallapoosa River VPA	
Special Regulations	
No ATV's. All deer harvested during the quota hunts must be checked-out at J.L. Lester VPA. Firearms restrictions apply to certain portions of the WMA (consult VPA map for specific limitations).	
Deer/Bear	
2021-22	
Archery Either Sex Nov 29-Jan 1 Sign-in	

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 2-Oct 3, Nov 27-Nov 28, Jan 8-Jan 9 Bonus Deer Quota 60
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Nov 28-Jan 1 Sign-in
Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 8-Oct 9, Nov 26-Nov 27, Jan 7-Jan 8 Bonus Deer Quota 60
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Oct 1, Oct 4-Nov 26, Nov 29-Jan 7, Jan 10-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Oct 7, Oct 10-Nov 25, Nov 28-Jan 6, Jan 9-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Youth Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Youth Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Waterfowl
Youth: Statewide season during small game dates.
Tallulah Gorge WMA
Special Regulations
Mandatory Daily Sign-In. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 23-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 16-Oct 22 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Jan 1 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
No furbearer hunting at night on the north side of the gorge.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Townsend WMA - Buck Island Tract
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 16-Oct 17 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Jan 9 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Oct 23 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Jan 8 Sign-in

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 21 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Townsend WMA - North, South, and Pine Island Tracts
Special Regulations
Archery Only Area is archery equipment for all species. Dog deer hunters must check-in at Check station. Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated areas only. All dogs must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. All vehicles used in the dog-deer hunt must display DNR issues permit on vehicle dash. Hunting area will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunt except to hunters with a valid quota permit.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 5 Sign-in
Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Dec 1-Dec 2, Dec 15-Dec 16, Dec 29-Dec 30 Bonus Deer Quota 3
Firearms Buck Only Oct 23-Oct 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 20-Nov 26, Dec 25-Dec 26 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 9, Nov 4-Nov 6 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 4 Sign-in
Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 14-Dec 15, Dec 28-Dec 29 Bonus Deer Quota 3
Firearms Buck Only Oct 22-Oct 28 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 19-Nov 25, Dec 24-Dec 25 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 6-Oct 8, Nov 3-Nov 5 Bonus Deer
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15
Treat Mountain VPA
Special Regulations
No ATV's. All deer harvested during the quota hunts must be checked-out at J.L. Lester WMA
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 30, Oct 4-Nov 25, Nov 29-Jan 6 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 1-Oct 3, Nov 26-Nov 28, Jan 7-Jan 9 Bonus Deer Quota 200
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 6, Oct 10-Nov 24, Nov 28-Jan 5 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 9, Nov 25-Nov 27, Jan 6-Jan 8 Bonus Deer Quota 200
Small Game

2021-22
Aug 15-Sep 30, Oct 4-Nov 25, Nov 29-Jan 6, Jan 10-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Oct 6, Oct 10-Nov 24, Nov 28-Jan 5, Jan 9-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-Apr 17, Apr 23-May 1 Sign-in Quota 10
May 2-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-Apr 16, Apr 22-Apr 30 Sign-in Quota 10
May 1-May 15 Sign-in
Tuckahoe WMA
Special Regulations
Camping in designated sites only.
Coyote
May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Sep 16, Sep 20-Sep 29, Oct 3-Nov 3 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 27 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 6 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 30-Oct 2 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 17-Sep 19 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Sep 15, Sep 19-Sep 28, Oct 2-Nov 2 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 22-Nov 26 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 29-Oct 1 Bonus Deer
Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 16-Sep 18 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Tugaloo State Park
Special Regulations
Hunters must attend pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the evening before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the park office at (706) 356-4362. All other Park facilities will be closed to the general public during the hunt. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
No limit on antlerless deer, no more than 2 antlered bucks.
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Nov 30-Dec 1 Bonus Deer Quota 36
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Nov 29-Nov 30 Bonus Deer Quota 36
Walton WMA
Special Regulations
No unleashed dogs except for bird dog training and dove hunting purposes. Only shotguns are allowed for small game hunting.
Coyote
May 16-31. Archery and shotgun only.
Deer

2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Youth Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 80
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Youth Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 80
Small Game
2021-22
Oct 1-Feb 28
2022-23
Oct 1-Feb 28
Warren Farm Tract VPA
Special Regulations
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Warwoman WMA
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Buck Only Sep 11-Sep 24 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 11-Nov 14, Dec 2-Dec 5 Bonus Deer
2022-23
Archery Buck Only Sep 10-Sep 23 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Nov 10-Nov 13, Dec 1-Dec 4 Bonus Deer
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Wassaw NWR

Special Regulations
No alligator hunting. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.savannahcoastalpermits.com . Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/wassaw for seasons, dates and more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.
West Point WMA
Special Regulations
No gasoline engines allowed on waterfowl ponds. No fishing in managed waterfowl impoundments. No fishing from bridges.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Oct 6, Oct 18-Nov 12 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 7-Oct 9, Dec 2-Dec 4 Bonus Deer
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 11-Dec 12 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 15-Oct 17 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 9-Oct 13, Oct 17-Nov 11 Sign-in
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Oct 5 Sign-in
Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 6-Oct 8, Dec 1-Dec 3 Bonus Deer
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 10-Dec 11 Sign-in
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 14-Oct 16 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4, Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25-Sep 30, Oct 2-Oct 6, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
2022-23
Sep 3, Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24-Sep 30, Oct 1-Oct 5, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
Furbearer dog training is allowed Aug 15-Mar 19, except during deer hunts.
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 16-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15 Sign-in Quota 80
2022-23
Apr 16-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15 Sign-in Quota 80
Waterfowl
Daniels Pond & Pond 1 open for Youth Waterfowl Days and Saturdays only during statewide waterfowl season.
West Point WMA - Dixie Creek
Special Regulations
No camping.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Small Game

Bird Dog Training: Aug 15-Mar 15
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 16-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Apr 9-Apr 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 15-May 15 Sign-in
Youth Apr 8-Apr 14 Sign-in
West Point WMA - Glovers Creek
Special Regulations
No gasoline motors on waterfowl impoundment. No fishing on Glovers Creek Area.
Deer
Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.
2021-22
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 11-Jan 9 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 10-Jan 8 Sign-in
Waterfowl
2021-22
Jan 1, Jan 8, Jan 15, Jan 22, Jan 29
Nov 20, Nov 27, Dec 4, Dec 11, Dec 18, Dec 25 Quota 7
Youth Nov 13
2022-23
Jan 7, Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28
Nov 19, Nov 26, Dec 10, Dec 17, Dec 24, Dec 31 Quota 7
Youth Nov 12
Wilson Shoals WMA
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 29 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Oct 30-Nov 14 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Dec 18-Dec 26 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 28 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Last Day Oct 29-Nov 13 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Dec 17-Dec 25 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 11, Sep 18, Sep 25, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31
Youth Sep 4 Sign-in Quota 15
2022-23
Sep 10, Sep 17, Sep 24, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19 -Jan 31
Youth Sep 3 Sign-in Quota 15
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey

2021-22
Apr 16-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 9-Apr 15 Bonus Deer Quota 15
2022-23
Apr 15-May 15 Sign-in
Apr 8-Apr 14 Bonus Deer Quota 15
Yuchi WMA
Deer
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Oct 8 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 24-Nov 25, Nov 29-Dec 5, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 16 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Oct 23, Nov 26-Nov 28 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 9-Oct 13 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Oct 14 Sign-in
Firearms Buck Only Oct 30-Nov 24, Nov 28-Dec 4, Dec 26-Jan 1 Sign-in
Firearms Either Sex Oct 20-Oct 22 Bonus Deer
Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Oct 29, Nov 25-Nov 27 Sign-in
Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 15-Oct 19 Sign-in
Dove
2021-22
Sep 4-Oct 10, Nov 20-Nov 28, Dec 19-Jan 31 Sign-in
2022-23
Sep 3-Oct 9, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 19-Jan 31 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in
Zahnd WMA
Special Regulations
No ATV's.
Deer/Bear
2021-22
Archery Either Sex Sep 11-Jan 1 Sign-in
2022-23
Archery Either Sex Sep 10-Jan 1 Sign-in
Small Game
2021-22
Aug 15-Feb 28
2022-23
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2021-22
Apr 9-May 15 Sign-in
2022-23
Apr 8-May 15 Sign-in

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AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. §§ [27-1-4](#), [27-1-12](#).

HISTORY: Rules 391-4-2-.101 to 391-4-2-.178 relating to hunting on Wildlife Management Areas have been repealed and Original Rule 391-4-2-.70 entitled "State Wildlife Management Areas" adopted. F. July 15, 1988; eff. Aug. 4, 1988.

Amended: ER. 391-4-2-0.15-.70 adopted. F. Aug. 29, 1988; eff. Aug. 24, 1988, the date of adoption.

Amended: F. July 17, 1989; eff. Aug. 6, 1989.

Amended: F. July 24, 1990; eff. Aug. 13, 1990.

Amended: F. July 17, 1991; eff. Aug. 6, 1991.

Amended: F. June 5, 1992; eff. June 25, 1992.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Wildlife Management Areas and Other State Managed Lands" adopted. F. June 3, 1993; eff. June 23, 1993.

Amended: F. June 2, 1994; eff. June 22, 1994.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Wildlife Management Areas and Other State Lands" adopted. F. May 25, 1995; eff. June 14, 1995.

Amended: F. May 30, 1996; eff. June 19, 1996.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 2, 1997; eff. June 22, 1997.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 21, 1998; eff. June 10, 1998.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 30, 1999; eff. May 20, 1999.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 29, 2001; eff. June 18, 2001.

Amended: F. Oct. 1, 2001; eff. Oct. 21, 2001.

Amended: F. June 4, 2002; eff. June 24, 2002.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 30, 2003; eff. June 19, 2003.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 16, 2005; eff. July 6, 2005.

Amended: F. May 26, 2006; eff. June 15, 2006.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 24, 2007; eff. June 13, 2007.

Amended: F. May 29, 2008; eff. June 18, 2008.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 27, 2009; eff. June 16, 2009.

Amended: F. Sept. 8, 2009; eff. Sept. 28, 2009.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 1, 2011; eff. June 21, 2011.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 13, 2013; eff. July 3, 2013.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 30, 2014; eff. June 19, 2014.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2015; eff. June 15, 2015.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Dec. 17, 2015; eff. Jan. 6, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 26, 2016; eff. June 15, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 6, 2016; eff. Sep. 26, 2016.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Mar. 17, 2017; eff. Apr. 6, 2017.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 1, 2017; eff. June 21, 2017.

Amended: F. May 29, 2018; eff. June 18, 2018.

Amended: F. Sep. 4, 2018; eff. Sep. 24, 2018.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. Jan. 28, 2019; eff. Feb. 17, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule entitled "Wildlife Management Areas, Other State Lands, and Federal Areas" adopted. F. June 4, 2019; eff. June 24, 2019.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 27, 2020; eff. June 16, 2020.

Repealed: New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 26, 2020; eff. July 16, 2020.

Amended: F. June 7, 2021; eff. June 27, 2021.

Note: Correction of non-substantive typographical error in **Ocmulgee WMA - Alligator**, first sentence, "Alligator hunting on Ocmulgee PFA allowed 9/6-8/2019 & 9/4-6/2020." corrected to "Alligator hunting on Ocmulgee PFA allowed Sept. 3-5, 2021, and Sept. 2-4, 2022.", as requested by the Agency. Effective Sep. 30, 2021.

Department 464. GEORGIA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL

Chapter 464-3. OFFICER CERTIFICATION

464-3-.11 [Repealed]

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 464-3-.11

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [35-8-7\(23\)](#).

HISTORY: Original rule entitled "Officer Recertification" adopted. F. Jun. 15, 2011; eff. Jul. 5, 2011.

Amended: F. Jan. 11, 2021; eff. Jan. 31, 2021.

Repealed: F. Sep. 17, 2021; eff. Oct. 7, 2021.

Department 464. GEORGIA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL

Chapter 464-5. TRAINING

464-5-.20 Emergency Suspension for Failure to Maintain Training

(1) Beginning January 1, 2013, POST shall review the status of each officer's training record in accordance with O.C.G.A. [35-8-21](#). A review will be made of the officer's previous calendar year training. Any peace officer who does not fulfill the training requirements of this Code section shall lose his power of arrest and POST shall issue a suspension of their certification as provided in O.C.G.A. [35-8-7.1\(b\)\(1\)](#).

(2) Upon review of the record and a determination that the officer is out of compliance with O.C.G.A. [35-8-21](#), the executive director of the council shall order the emergency suspension of such officer's certification. The order of emergency suspension shall be made in writing and shall specify the basis for the executive director's determination. The emergency suspension order of the executive director shall continue in effect until such time as proof of compliance with O.C.G.A. [35-8-21](#). At that time, the order is withdrawn by the executive director.

(3) The affected officer shall be notified via U.S. Mail of the Council's action and of the affected party's right to request a hearing as provided in Section 464-8 as amended of P.O.S.T. Council Rules.

(4) The employing agency of the affected officer shall also be notified of Council's action by forwarding a copy of the notice to the employing agency via U.S. Mail.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 464-5-.20

AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [35-8-7\(23\)](#).

HISTORY: Original Rule entitled "Emergency Suspension for Failure to Maintain Training" adopted. F. Jun. 19, 2012; eff. Jul. 9, 2012.

Amended: F. Sep. 17, 2021; eff. Oct. 7, 2021.

Department 505. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Chapter 505-3. EDUCATOR PREPARATION RULES

505-3-.06 Pedagogy-Only Program

(1) **Purpose.** This rule specifies the pedagogical standards required for approval of initial educator preparation programs offered at the post-baccalaureate level that prepare individuals to teach in Middle Grades (4-8), Secondary (6-12), and all P-12 fields except Reading Education and Special Education, for which they have demonstrated content expertise. This rule supplements requirements in Rule [505-3-.01](#), REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS; therefore, unless otherwise stated herein, all requirements specified for initial teacher preparation programs in Rule [505-3-.01](#) apply to pedagogy-only programs.

(2) Requirements.

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, syllabi, and key assessments addressing the Model Core Teaching Standards, listed below, published in 2011 by the Council for Chief State School Officer's Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC).

1. Learner Development: The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.

2. Learning Differences: The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.

3. Learning Environments: The teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

4. Content Knowledge: The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

5. Application of Content: The teacher understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.

6. Assessment: The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's decision making.

7. Planning for Instruction: The teacher plans instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.

8. Instructional Strategies: The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

9. Professional Learning and Ethical Practice: The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.

10. Leadership and Collaboration: The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.

(b) Program Admission Requirements

1. In addition to meeting all program admission requirements specified in Rule [505-3-.01](#), candidates must meet prior to enrollment the following requirements:

(i) Candidates must hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree from a GaPSC-accepted, accredited institution of higher education; and

(ii) Candidates must provide evidence of expertise in the content of the field of certification sought. This can be accomplished through one of three options:

(I) A major in the field of certification sought earned in conjunction with a bachelor's or higher degree from a GaPSC-accepted, accredited institution of higher education, or

(II) A passing score on the Georgia state-approved content assessment in the field of certification sought, or

(III) Evidence of successful completion of a specified number of semester hours of content area coursework earned in conjunction with a bachelor's or higher degree or through additional coursework from a GaPSC-accepted, accredited institution of higher education. The number of semester hours of content area coursework required for secondary (6-12) and P-12 fields (excluding Special Education) is twenty-one (21) semester hours; and for Middle Grades (4-8) fields, fifteen (15) semester hours of coursework is required in one of the content areas of Language Arts, Math, Reading, Science, or Social studies.

(c) Program Completion Requirements

1. Prior to completion, candidates must meet all program completion requirements specified in Educator Preparation Rule [505-3-.01](#), with one exception; candidates seeking Middle Grades certification through the pedagogy-only program are required to be prepared in and attempt the state-approved content assessment in only one field.

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AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

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505-3-.27 Mathematics Education Program

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach Mathematics in grades 6-12 and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#), REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) Requirements.

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer an educator preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published in 2020 by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM):

1. Knowing and Understanding Mathematics. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of major mathematics concepts, procedures, knowledge, and applications within and among mathematical domains of Number; Algebra and Functions; Calculus; Statistics and Probability; Geometry, Trigonometry, and Measurement.

(i) Essential Concepts in Number. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of major mathematics concepts, procedures, knowledge, and applications of number including flexibly applying procedures, using real and rational numbers in contexts, developing solution strategies, and evaluating the correctness of conclusions. Major mathematical concepts in Number include number theory; ratio, rate, and proportion; and structure, relationships, operations, and representations.

(ii) Essential Concepts in Algebra and Functions. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of major mathematics concepts, procedures, knowledge, and applications of algebra and functions including how mathematics can be used systematically to represent patterns and relationships including proportional reasoning, to analyze change, and to model everyday events and problems of life and society. Essential Concepts in Algebra and Functions include algebra that connects mathematical structure to symbolic, graphical, and tabular descriptions; connecting algebra to functions; and developing families of functions as a fundamental concept of mathematics. Additional Concepts should include algebra from a more theoretical approach, including relationships between structures (e.g. groups, rings, and fields) as well as formal structures for number systems and numerical and symbolic calculations.

(iii) Essential Concepts in Calculus. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of major mathematics concepts, procedures, knowledge, and applications of calculus, including the mathematical study of the calculation of instantaneous rates of change and the summation of infinitely many small factors to determine some whole. Essential Concepts in Calculus include limits, continuity, the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, and the meaning and techniques of differentiation and integration.

(iv) Essential Concepts in Statistics and Probability. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of statistical thinking and the major concepts, procedures, knowledge, and applications of statistics and probability including how statistical problem solving and decision making depend on understanding, explaining, and quantifying the variability in a set of data to make decisions. They understand the role of randomization and chance in determining the probability of events. Essential Concepts in Statistics and Probability include quantitative literacy, visualizing and summarizing data, statistical inference, probability, and applied problems.

(v) Essential Concepts in Geometry, Trigonometry, and Measurement. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of major mathematics concepts, procedures, knowledge, and applications of geometry, including using visual representations for numerical functions and relations, data and statistics, and networks, to provide a lens for solving problems in the physical world. Essential Concepts in Geometry, Trigonometry, and Measurement include transformations, geometric arguments, reasoning and proof, applied problems, and non-Euclidean geometries.

2. Knowing and Using Mathematical Processes. Candidates demonstrate, within or across mathematical domains, their knowledge of and ability to apply the mathematical processes of problem solving; reason and communicate mathematically; and engage in mathematical modeling. Candidates apply technology appropriately within these mathematical processes.

(i) Problem Solving. Candidates demonstrate a range of mathematical problem-solving strategies to make sense of and solve non-routine problems (both contextual and non-contextual) across mathematical domains.

(ii) Reasoning and Communicating. Candidates organize their mathematical reasoning and use the language of mathematics to express their mathematical reasoning precisely, both orally and in writing, to multiple audiences.

(iii) Mathematical Modeling and Use of Mathematical Models. Candidates understand the difference between the mathematical modeling process and models in mathematics. Candidates engage in the mathematical modeling process and demonstrate their ability to model mathematics.

3. Knowing Students and Planning for Mathematical Learning. Candidates use knowledge of students and mathematics to plan rigorous and engaging mathematics instruction supporting students' access and learning. The mathematics instruction developed provides equitable, culturally responsive opportunities for all students to learn and apply mathematics concepts, skills, and practices.

(i) Student Diversity. Candidates identify and use students' individual and group differences when planning rigorous and engaging mathematics instruction that supports students' meaningful participation and learning.

(ii) Students' Mathematical Strengths. Candidates identify and use students' mathematical strengths to plan rigorous and engaging mathematics instruction that supports students' meaningful participation and learning.

(iii) Positive Mathematical Identities. Candidates understand that teachers' interactions impact individual students by influencing and reinforcing students' mathematical identities, positive or negative, and plan experiences and instruction to develop and foster positive mathematical identities.

4. Teaching Meaningful Mathematics. Candidates implement effective and equitable teaching practices to support rigorous mathematical learning for a full range of students. Candidates establish rigorous mathematics learning goals, engage students in high cognitive demand learning, use mathematics-specific tools and representations, elicit and use student responses, develop conceptual understanding and procedural fluency, and pose purposeful questions to facilitate student discourse.

(i) Establish Rigorous Mathematics Learning Goals. Candidates establish rigorous mathematics learning goals for students based on mathematics standards and practices.

(ii) Engage Students in High Cognitive Demand Learning. Candidates select or develop and implement high cognitive demand tasks to engage students in mathematical learning experiences that promote reasoning and sense making.

(iii) Incorporate Mathematics-Specific Tools. Candidates select mathematics-specific tools, including technology, to support students' learning, understanding, and application of mathematics and to integrate tools into instruction.

(iv) Use Mathematical Representations. Candidates select and use mathematical representations to engage students in examining understandings of mathematics concepts and the connections to other representations.

(v) Elicit and Use Student Responses. Candidates use multiple student responses, potential challenges, and misconceptions, and they highlight students' thinking as a central aspect of mathematics teaching and learning.

(vi) Develop Conceptual Understanding and Procedural Fluency. Candidates use conceptual understanding to build procedural fluency for students through instruction that includes explicit connections between concepts and procedures.

(vii) Facilitate Discourse. Candidates pose purposeful questions to facilitate discourse among students that ensures each student learns rigorous mathematics and builds a shared understanding of mathematical ideas.

5. Assessing Impact on Student Learning. Candidates assess and use evidence of students' learning of rigorous mathematics to improve instruction and subsequent student learning. Candidates analyze learning gains from formal and informal assessments for individual students, the class as a whole, and subgroups of students disaggregated by demographic categories, and they use this information to inform planning and teaching.

(i) Assessing for Learning. Candidates select, modify, or create both informal and formal assessments to elicit information on students' progress toward rigorous mathematics learning goals.

(ii) Analyze Assessment Data. Candidates collect information on students' progress and use data from informal and formal assessments to analyze progress of individual students, the class as a whole, and subgroups of students disaggregated by demographic categories toward rigorous mathematics learning goals.

(iii) Modify Instruction. Candidates use the evidence of student learning of individual students, the class as a whole, and subgroups of students disaggregated by demographic categories to analyze the effectiveness of their instruction with respect to these groups. Candidates propose adjustments to instruction to improve student learning for each and every student based on the analysis.

6. Social and Professional Context of Mathematics Teaching and Learning. Candidates are reflective mathematics educators who collaborate with colleagues and other stakeholders to grow professionally, to support student learning, and to create more equitable mathematics learning environments.

(i) Promote Equitable Learning Environments. Candidates seek to create more equitable learning environments by identifying beliefs about teaching and learning mathematics, and associated classroom practices that produce equitable or inequitable mathematical learning for students.

(ii) Promote Positive Mathematical Identities. Candidates reflect on their impact on students' mathematical identities and develop professional learning goals that promote students' positive mathematical identities.

(iii) Engage Families and Community. Candidates communicate with families to share and discuss strategies for ensuring the mathematical success of their children.

(iv) Collaborate with Colleagues. Candidates collaborate with colleagues to grow professionally and support student learning of mathematics.

7. Secondary Field Experiences and Clinical Practice. Secondary mathematics candidates engage in a planned sequence of field experiences and clinical practice in diverse settings under the supervision of experienced and highly qualified mathematics teachers. They develop a broad experiential base of knowledge, skills, effective approaches to mathematics teaching and learning, and professional behaviors across both middle and high school settings that involve a diverse range and varied groupings of students. Candidates experience a full-time student teaching/internship in secondary mathematics supervised by an EPP supervisor, with secondary mathematics teaching experience or an equivalent knowledge base.

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Repealed: New Rule entitled "Marketing Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

Repealed: New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

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505-3-.92 K-5 Mathematics Endorsement Program

(1) Purpose.

(a) This rule describes requirements and field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare mathematics specialists for teaching students in grades K-5 and supplements requirements in Rule [505-3-.01](#), REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNITS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) This endorsement is designed to strengthen and enhance educator competency levels. Individuals teaching mathematics in grades K-5 who hold a valid, level 4 or higher Induction, Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional teaching certificate and this endorsement will be eligible to earn salary incentives when funded by the General Assembly. The endorsement applies to educators teaching within grades K-5 but it does not modify the grade levels of the base certificate. For example, educators with the Middle Grades Mathematics (4-8) certificate and this K-5 endorsement are only in-field to teach mathematics in grades 4-8. They will be eligible for salary incentives only if they are assigned to teach mathematics in grades 4 or 5.

(c) Individuals with the following certificates will be eligible for pay incentives if they are assigned to teach mathematics in the grade levels defined below:

1. Elementary Education (P-5) certificate holders will be eligible to earn pay incentives if they are assigned to teach mathematics to children in grades K-5.

2. Middle Grades Mathematics (4-8) certificate holders will be eligible to earn pay incentives if they are assigned to teach mathematics to children in grades 4-5.

3. Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education (P-5) certificate holders will be eligible to earn pay incentives if they are assigned to teach mathematics to children in grades K-5.

4. Educators holding the following certificates and a core academic content concentration in mathematics will be eligible to earn pay incentives if they are assigned to teach mathematics to children in grades K-5:

(i) Special Education General Curriculum (P-12)

(ii) Special Education Adapted Curriculum (P-12)

(iii) Special Education Behavior Disorders (P-12)

(iv) Special Education Learning Disabilities (P-12)

(v) Special Education Deaf Education (P-12)

(vi) Special Education Physical and Health Disabilities (P-12)

(vii) Special Education Visual Impairment (P-12)

(viii) Gifted Education (P-12)

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement program have strengthened and enhanced competency levels in mathematics content and instruction for teaching students in grades Kindergarten through five, based on the grade levels of their base certificate.

(3) Requirements.

(a) To be eligible to enroll in this endorsement program, the educator must have:

1. A valid, level 4 or higher Induction, Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional teaching certificate, in one of the following fields:

(i) Elementary Education (P-5);

(ii) Middle Grades Mathematics (4-8);

(iii) Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education (P-5); or

(iv) Any of the following certificates combined with a core academic content concentration in mathematics:

(I) Special Education General Curriculum (P-12);

(II) Special Education Adapted Curriculum (P-12);

(III) Special Education Behavior Disorders (P-12);

(IV) Special Education Learning Disabilities (P-12);

(V) Special Education Deaf Education (P-12);

(VI) Special Education Physical and Health Disabilities (P-12);

(VII) Special Education Visual Impairment (P-12); or

(VIII) Gifted Certificate (P-12); and

2. A minimum of one year of teaching experience.

(b) The program may be offered only by a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider.

(c) The program shall be offered as a post-baccalaureate endorsement and may not be embedded in an initial preparation program.

(d) The program shall require candidates to complete an authentic residency. An authentic residency is defined as a supervised and coordinated series of real applications of knowledge and skills occurring in actual classroom settings that allow candidates to further develop and demonstrate the knowledge and skills acquired in coursework. Residency experiences shall require demonstration of the content knowledge and pedagogical skills delineated in program content standards. Authentic residency experiences shall occur in candidates' assigned classrooms, as well as in settings other than candidates' assigned classrooms to ensure experiences with diverse students and with students in the grade levels of the candidate's base certificate. The authentic residency must include a portfolio component.

(e) Prior to the creation of this rule a certificate known as the Early Childhood Mathematics Endorsement was available. Those holding the Early Childhood Mathematics Endorsement issued prior to June 30, 2010 may keep the endorsement; however, it will not result in eligibility for salary incentives. The K-5 Mathematics Endorsement program shall include a process by which educators holding the Early Childhood Mathematics Endorsement may add the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement and thereby become eligible to earn salary incentives without repeating the full endorsement program. The process shall include but not be limited to the submission of a portfolio which will be assessed by the program provider. Based on the assessment of the portfolio, the program provider may prescribe coursework or performance-based assessments as necessary to ensure that all standards and requirements herein are met before notifying the GaPSC the candidate has met all requirements for the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement. The portfolio option for converting to the K-5 endorsement will sunset on July 1, 2022.

(f) The portfolio shall include but not be limited to: evidence of observations by supervisors, student work samples including analysis of student work, self-reflection and evidence of competence in the six standards specified below.

(g) The preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi shall require a minimum of three courses of which two courses shall be focused on the advancement of content knowledge and one course shall be focused on content-specific pedagogy and proven strategies that address the following standards adapted from the standards published in 2020 by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), as well as portions of the 2014 NCTM document titled, *Principles to actions*.

1. Knowing and Understanding Meaningful Mathematics: Candidates demonstrate conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, application, and progression within and among the major concepts of mathematics appropriate for grades K-5:

(i) Number and Operations

(I) Preenumeration concepts and numeracy progression;

(II) Development, use, and multiple representation of numbers and number systems;

(III) Numbers (whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percents) and their relationships;

(IV) Place value, in the study of base ten and other number systems, and flexible use with operations;

(V) Model the use of the four basic operations in multiple contexts with the understanding of common additive/multiplicative problem situations/types;

(VI) Four basic operations with positive and negative rational numbers;

(VII) Use a variety of mental computation techniques or computational strategies;

(VIII) Apply estimation strategies to quantities, measurements, and computation to determine the reasonableness of results;

(ii) Algebraic Thinking

(I) Describe, extend, and generate patterns; model various kinds of growth, both numerical and geometric;

(II) Symbols - such as representing unknowns or relationships (e.g. equals sign);

(III) Generalization;

(IV) Relationships - describe and represent mathematical relationships;

(V) Algebraic concepts that focus on properties of the number system and their connection to the order of operations;

(VI) Model, explain, and develop a variety of (invented and standard) computational algorithms;

(VII) Write, interpret, and evaluate numerical expressions within real-life problems;

(VIII) Logical conjectures and conclusions using quantifiers such as "all", "some", and "none";

(iii) Statistical Reasoning

(I) The nature and use of data;

- (II) Categorical and numerical data;
- (III) Statistical investigative questions;
- (IV) Data collection, organization, and representation;
- (V) Elementary data analysis;
- (VI) Drawing conclusions and making inference;
- (iv) Geometry and Measurement
 - (I) Measurement as a concept, an attribute of a shape (what does it mean to have a measure, and what are you measuring);
 - (II) Measurement of time;
 - (III) Measurement of one-, two- and three-dimensional objects using nonstandard, customary and metric units;
 - (IV) Conversion of measurement units;
 - (V) 1D, 2D and 3D shapes and their properties;
 - (VI) Spatial visualization;
 - (VII) Location;
 - (VIII) Use geometric concepts and relationships to describe and model mathematical ideas and real world constructs.

2. Knowing and Using Mathematical Processes: Candidates demonstrate, within or across mathematical domains, their knowledge of and ability to apply the mathematical processes of:

- (i) Problem Solving. Candidates demonstrate a range of mathematical problem-solving strategies to make sense of and solve cognitively-demanding tasks, both contextual and non-contextual.
- (ii) Reasoning and Communicating. Candidates organize their mathematical thinking and use the language of mathematics to express ideas precisely in verbal and written formats.
- (iii) Modeling. Candidates apply their mathematical knowledge to analyze and model contextual problems. They use models such as manipulatives, tables, diagrams, and graphs, equations, and technological tools to represent the mathematical relationships in contextual problems.

3. Knowing Students and Planning for Mathematical Learning: Candidates use knowledge of students and mathematics to plan rigorous and engaging mathematics instruction supporting all students' access and learning. The mathematics instruction that is developed provides equitable, culturally responsive opportunities for all students to go deep with mathematics, leverage multiple mathematical competencies, affirm mathematical identities, challenge spaces of marginality, and draw on multiple resources of knowledge.

- (i) Student Diversity. Candidates design lessons in which all students have access to engage in meaningful mathematics, drawing upon cultural, linguistic, and academic diversity. Candidates draw on student and community assets during lesson preparation that draw on student thinking and experiences.
- (ii) Student Mathematical Strengths. Candidates recognize the mathematical strengths in each and every student. Candidates plan instruction to draw upon the variety of mathematical strengths present in the classroom.

(iii) Student Thinking about Mathematical Content. Candidates anticipate students' mathematical thinking. Candidates plan for instruction that attends to this thinking and is grounded in mathematical learning progressions.

(iv) Student Mathematical Identities. Candidates design learning experiences and plan instruction that develop and foster positive mathematical identities, grounded in the understanding that teachers' interactions impact individual students by influencing and reinforcing students' mathematical identities, positive or negative. They build lessons in which students are able to see themselves. Candidates purposefully group students to promote positive mathematical learning and identities, with the awareness of the negative impacts of homogeneous and static grouping practices.

4. Teaching Meaningful Mathematics: Candidates plan and implement effective and equitable teaching practices to support rigorous mathematical learning for each and every student drawing upon their knowledge of students.

(i) Establish mathematics goals to focus learning. Candidates establish clear goals for the mathematics that students are learning, situates goals within learning progressions, and uses the goals to guide instructional decisions.

(ii) Implement tasks that promote reasoning and problem solving. Candidates engage students in solving and discussing tasks that promote mathematical reasoning and problem solving and allow multiple entry points and varied solution strategies.

(iii) Use and connect mathematical representations. Candidates engage students in making connections among mathematical representations to deepen understanding of mathematics concepts and procedures and as tools for problem solving.

(iv) Facilitate meaningful mathematical discourse. Candidates facilitate discourse among students to build shared understanding of mathematical ideas by analyzing and comparing student approaches and arguments.

(v) Pose purposeful questions. Candidates use purposeful questions to assess and advance students' reasoning and sense making about important mathematical ideas and relationships.

(vi) Build procedural fluency from conceptual understanding. Candidates build fluency with procedures on a foundation of conceptual understanding so that students, over time, become skillful in using procedures flexibly as they solve contextual and mathematical problems.

(vii) Support productive struggle in learning mathematics. Candidates consistently provide students, individually and collectively, with opportunities and support to engage in productive struggle as they grapple with mathematical ideas and relationships.

(viii) Elicit and use evidence of student thinking. Candidates use evidence of student thinking to assess progress toward mathematical understanding and to adjust instruction continually in ways that support and extend learning.

5. Assessing Impact on Student Learning: Candidates use appropriate assessment methods to collect and analyze evidence of students' mathematics learning, modify instruction, monitor teaching effectiveness, and evaluate program effectiveness.

(i) Assessing for Learning. Candidates select, modify, and create a variety of formative methods to elicit information on students' progress toward mathematical learning goals.

(ii) Modify Instruction. Candidates use formal and informal formative assessment data regarding learning of individual students, the class as a whole, and subgroups in order to analyze the effectiveness of their instruction. Candidates propose adjustments and modify instruction.

(iii) Analyze Assessment Data. Candidates collect and use summative assessment data regarding learning of individual students, the class as a whole, and subgroups in order to determine mastery of learning goals.

6. Personal, Social, and Professional Context of Mathematics Education: Candidates are reflective mathematics educators who collaborate with colleagues and other stakeholders to grow professionally, and foster and advocate for equitable mathematics learning environments.

(i) Demonstrate a Positive Mathematical Identity. Candidates reflect on and pursue continuous growth of a positive mathematical identity.

(ii) Collaborate with Families and Community. Candidates collaborate with families and other stakeholders to share and discuss strategies for ensuring children's mathematical success.

(iii) Participate in Professional Organizations and Communities. Candidates are involved in and draw upon the resources of professional communities in mathematics education.

(iv) Consider Social Context of Mathematics Teaching and Learning. Because social, historical, and institutional contexts of mathematics affect teaching and learning, candidates will know about and integrate these ideas in their instruction.

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Department 511. RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Chapter 511-9. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Subject 511-9-2. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

511-9-2-.01 Purpose

(1) These rules establish standards for Ground Ambulance services, Air Ambulance Services, Medical First Responder Services, Neonatal Transport Services, designation of Specialty Care Centers and base station facilities, statewide and regional advisory councils, training and licensing requirements for Medics, EMS Instructor licensing, EMS Instructor/Coordinator licensing, and course approval requirements for Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, and Paramedic training programs, and others as may be related to O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-11.

(2) The Director or Medical Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma has the authority to waive any rule, procedure, or policy in the event of a public health emergency, disaster, or state of emergency in order to provide timely critical care and transportation to the injured or ill. Such waiver shall be in writing and filed with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health.

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511-9-2-.02 Definitions

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation of these standards:

(a) "Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Certification" means successful completion of a course recognized by the Department which utilizes nationally recognized advanced cardiac care standards.

(b) "Advanced Emergency Medical Technician" or "AEMT" means a person who has been licensed by the Department after having successfully attained certification by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT).

(c) "Advanced Life Support (ALS)" means the assessment, and if necessary, treatment or transportation by ambulance, utilizing medically necessary supplies and equipment provided by at least one individual licensed above the level of Emergency Medical Technician.

(d) "Advanced Tactical Practitioner (ATP)" means a certification issued by the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Medic Certification Program.

(e) "Air Ambulance" means a rotary-wing aircraft registered by the Department that is specially constructed and equipped and is intended to be used for air medical emergency transportation of patients.

(f) "Air Ambulance Service" means an agency or company operating under a valid license from the Department that uses Air Ambulances to provide Ambulance Service.

- (g) "Ambulance Service" means the provision of emergency care and transportation for a wounded, injured, sick, invalid, or incapacitated human being to or from a place where medical care is furnished; or an entity licensed to provide such services.
- (h) "Approved" means acceptable to the Department based on its determination as to conformance with existing standards.
- (i) "Authorized Agent" means a person with the legal authority to sign on behalf of the legal owner of a business entity.
- (j) "Base of Operations" means the primary location at which administration of the EMS Agency or EMS Initial Education Program occurs and where records are maintained. All licensed EMS Agencies and designated EMS Initial Education Programs must designate one Base of Operations location within the State of Georgia.
- (k) "Basic Life Support (BLS)" means treatment or transportation by Ground Ambulance vehicle or treatment with medically necessary supplies and services involving non-invasive life support measures.
- (l) "Board" means the Board of Public Health.
- (m) "Cardiac Technician" means a person who has been licensed by the Department after having successfully completed an approved Cardiac Technician certification exam, or licensed by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, now known as the Georgia Composite Medical Board, prior to January 1, 2002. This is a historical reference only, as no new Cardiac Technician licenses will be issued.
- (n) "Charge" means a formal claim of criminal wrongdoing brought by a law enforcement official or prosecutor against an individual, whether by arrest warrant, information, accusation, or indictment.
- (o) "CLIA" means the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 ([42 USC 263a](#)) and regulations (42 CFR 493) which specifies the federal standards applicable to all U.S. facilities or sites that test human specimens for health assessment or to diagnose, prevent, or treat disease.
- (p) "Clinical Preceptor" means a licensed Emergency Medical Technician - Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate, Cardiac Technician, Paramedic, IV team member, licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, physician's assistant, allied health professional or physician who meets the requirements for preceptors as established by the Department.
- (q) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health.
- (r) "Communication Protocols" means guidelines that specify which emergency interventions require direct voice order from medical control in the rendering of prehospital emergency medical care to a patient and may include other guidelines relative to communication between Medics and medical control.
- (s) "CPR Certification" means successful completion of a healthcare provider course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation which is recognized by the Department.
- (t) "Department" means the Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma.
- (u) "Designated 911 Zone Provider" means an EMS Agency providing Ground Ambulance service and operating under a valid Ground Ambulance license issued by the Department, which is granted a specific geographical territory or Emergency Response Zone to provide emergency transport services following a Public Call in compliance with the Regional Ambulance Zoning Plan for the respective EMS Region.
- (v) "Emergency" means a request for a non-planned response or an urgent need for the protection of life, health, or safety, as perceived by a prudent layperson.

(w) "Emergency Medical Services" or "Emergency Medical Services System" or "EMS" or "EMS System" means the integrated system of medical response established and designed to respond, assess, treat, and facilitate the disposition of victims of acute injury or illness and those in need of medically safe transportation. EMS also includes medical response provided in hazardous environments, rescue situations, disasters and mass casualties, mass gathering events, as well as interfacility transfer of patients and participation in community health activities.

(x) "Emergency Medical Services Agency" or "EMS Agency" means an Air Ambulance Service, Ground Ambulance Service, Medical First Responder Service, or Neonatal Transport Service licensed by the Department.

(y) "Emergency Medical Service Advisory Council" or "EMSAC" means an advisory council that provides advice to the Department in matters essential to its operations with respect to Emergency Medical Services.

(z) "Emergency Medical Services Medical Director" or "EMS Medical Director" or "Medical Director" means a physician licensed to practice in this state who provides medical direction to an EMS Agency licensed by the Department or an EMS Initial Education Program designated by the Department.

(aa) "Emergency Medical Services Medical Directors Advisory Council" or "EMSMDAC" means an advisory council that provides advice to the Department on issues essential to medical direction of the EMS system.

(bb) "Emergency Medical Services Personnel" or "EMS Personnel" means any Emergency Medical Technician - Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Cardiac Technician, or Paramedic licensed by the Department.

(cc) "Emergency Medical Service Region" or "EMS Region" means a geographic area identified by the Department for the purpose of administratively sub-dividing the Emergency Medical Services system in this state. Each EMS Region shall be comprised of counties from one or more health districts established by the Department.

(dd) "Emergency Medical Technician" or "EMT" means a person who has been licensed by the Department after being certified by National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

(ee) "Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate" or "EMT-I" means a person who has been licensed by the Department after being certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as an Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate (EMT-I) prior to March 31, 2013, or licensed by the former Georgia Department of Human Resources as an EMT prior to January 1, 2002. This is a historical reference only, as no new Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate licenses will be issued.

(ff) "Emergency Medical Technician - Responder" or "EMT-R" means a person who has been licensed by the Department after being certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR).

(gg) "Emergency Response Zone" or "ERZ" means a geographical territory identified by the Department within each EMS Region for the purposes of providing emergency medical transport services by designated Ground Ambulance Services following a Public Call.

(hh) "EMS Initial Education Program" means an instructional program of Department-approved EMS initial education courses at the EMR, EMT, AEMT, and/or Paramedic levels.

(ii) "EMS Initial Education Program Sponsor" or "Sponsor" means a Georgia licensed EMS Agency or Fire Department; accredited hospital, clinic, or medical center; accredited educational institution, or other Department approved entity that has accepted responsibility for the operation of an EMS Initial Education Program.

(jj) "EMS Instructor" means an individual who is qualified to teach EMS continuing education courses, community education programs, and who is licensed to coordinate or serve as the lead instructor of National Continued Competency Requirement (NCCR) courses as specified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical

Technicians (NREMT), and who is further licensed to coordinate or serve as the lead instructor of an EMR initial education course approved by the Department.

(kk) "EMS Instructor/Coordinator (AEMT)" or "EMS I/C (A)" means an individual who meets all requirements for licensure as an EMS Instructor and who is further qualified and licensed to coordinate or serve as the lead instructor of an initial EMR, EMT, or AEMT course approved by the Department.

(ll) "EMS Instructor/Coordinator (EMT)" or "EMS I/C (E)" means an individual who meets all requirements for licensure as an EMS Instructor and who is further qualified and licensed to coordinate or serve as the lead instructor of an initial EMR or EMT course approved by the Department.

(mm) "EMS Instructor/Coordinator (Paramedic)" or "EMS I/C (P)" means an individual who meets all requirements for licensure as an EMS Instructor and who is further qualified and licensed to coordinate or serve as the lead instructor of an initial EMR, EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic course approved by the Department.

(nn) "EMS Instructor with Paramedic Endorsement" or "EMS Instructor (Paramedic)" means an individual who was previously licensed by the Department as a Level III EMS Instructor; who does not hold an associate degree or higher, but who otherwise meets all requirements for licensure as an EMS Instructor/Coordinator (Paramedic); and who is qualified and licensed to coordinate or serve as the lead instructor of an initial EMR, EMT, or AEMT course approved by the Department and to serve as an instructor in an initial Paramedic course approved by the Department. This is a historical reference only, as no new EMS Instructor with Paramedic Endorsement licenses will be issued.

(oo) "Good Standing" as used in this rule refers to a license that is not lapsed, is unrestricted, not on probation or suspension, is not currently under investigation, has no pending actions against it, and has had no adverse action taken against it that is still in effect.

(pp) "Ground Ambulance" means a motor vehicle registered by the Department that is specially constructed and equipped and is intended to be used for emergency transportation of patients.

(qq) "Ground Ambulance Service" means an agency or company operating under a valid license from the Department that uses Ground Ambulances to provide Ambulance Service.

(rr) "Health District" means a geographical district designated by the Department of Public Health pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [31-3-15](#).

(ss) "Invalid Car" means a non-emergency transport vehicle used only to transport persons who are convalescent or otherwise non-ambulatory, and do not require medical care during transport.

(tt) "License (Agency)" means a license issued to a Medical First Responder Service or to a Ground Ambulance Service, Air Ambulance Service or Neonatal Transport Service which signifies that the agency's facilities, vehicles, personnel, and operations comply with Title 31, Chapter 11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the regulations promulgated thereunder, and the policies of the Department.

(uu) "License (Medic or Instructor)" means a license issued to a person which signifies that the person has met the requirements for the respective level of individual licensure specified in Title 31, Chapter 11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the regulations promulgated thereunder, and the policies of the Department.

(vv) "Licensee" means all persons licensed by the Department pursuant to Chapter 31-11 and/or these rules, all owners and officers of entities licensed pursuant to Chapter 31-11, and all applicants for a license pursuant to Chapter 31-11 and/or these rules.

(ww) "License Officer" means the Commissioner of Public Health or his/her designee.

(xx) "License Renewal Cycle" means a period of time established by the Department for renewal of licenses.

(yy) "Medic" means an individual who is currently licensed by the Department as an Emergency Medical Technician - Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Cardiac Technician, or Paramedic.

(zz) "Medical Control" means the clinical guidance from a physician to EMS Personnel regarding the prehospital management of a patient.

(aaa) "Medical Direction" means the administrative process of providing medical guidance or supervision including but not limited to system design, education, critique, and quality improvement by a physician to EMS Personnel, EMS Initial Education Programs, and EMS Agencies.

(bbb) "Medical First Responder Service" means an agency or company duly licensed by the Department that provides on-site care until the arrival of the Department's Designated 911 Zone Provider.

(ccc) "Medical First Responder Vehicle" means a motor vehicle registered by the Department for the purpose of providing response to emergencies.

(ddd) "Medical Protocol" means prehospital treatment guidelines, approved by the local EMS Medical Director, used to manage an emergency medical condition in the field by outlining the permissible and appropriate medical treatment that may be rendered by EMS Personnel to a patient experiencing a medical emergency or injury.

(eee) "Neonatal Transport Personnel" means licensed or certified health care professionals specially trained in the care of neonates.

(fff) "Neonatal Transport Service" means an agency or company operating under a valid license from the Department that provides facility-to-facility transport for Neonates, infants, children or adolescents.

(ggg) "Neonatal Transport Vehicle" or "Neonatal Ambulance" means a motor vehicle registered by the Department that is equipped for the purpose of transporting Neonates to a place where medical care is furnished.

(hhh) "Neonate" means an infant 0 - 184 days of age, as defined by the Georgia Regional Perinatal Care Program.

(iii) "Nurse" means an individual who is currently licensed in the State of Georgia as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse.

(jjj) "Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma" means the regulatory subdivision of the Georgia Department of Public Health that is directly responsible for administration of the statewide EMS system.

(kkk) "Paramedic" means a person who has been licensed by the Department after having been certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) as a Paramedic, certified by the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) as an Advanced Tactical Practitioner (ATP), or licensed as a Paramedic by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners, now known as the Georgia Composite Medical Board, prior to January 1, 2002.

(lll) "Patient Care Report" or "Prehospital Care Report" or "PCR" means the required written or electronic data set that is submitted to the Department or to an acute care facility by an EMS Agency regarding each request for an EMS response. The required data set shall include all data elements specified by the Department.

(mmm) "Provisional License (Agency)" means a license issued to an EMS Agency on a conditional basis to allow a newly established EMS Agency to demonstrate that its facilities and operations comply with state statutes and these rules and regulations.

(nnn) "Provisional License (Medic)" is defined as a license at the EMT, AEMT or Paramedic level that is issued by the Department to a person who is provisionally certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) at the respective level of application. Provisional licenses are non-renewable except in times of a prolonged public health emergency or as deemed necessary by the Department.

(ooo) "Public Safety Answering Point" or "PSAP" means an answering location for 911 calls originating in a given area.

(ppp) "Public Call" means a request for a Ground Ambulance Service from a member of the public to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) when dialing "911" or the PSAP's ten-digit phone number, or a request for an ambulance by any law enforcement agency, fire department, rescue squad, or any other public safety agency.

(qqq) "Reasonable Distance" means the allowable distance for patient transport established by the local EMS Medical Director based on the ambulance service's geographical area of responsibility, the ambulance service's ability to maintain emergency capabilities, and hospital resources.

(rrr) "Regional Ambulance Zoning Plan" means the Department approved method of distributing emergency calls among designated Ground Ambulance Services in designated geographical territories or Emergency Response Zones within each EMS Region in the State.

(sss) "Regional Emergency Medical Services Medical Director" or "Regional EMS Medical Director" means a person, having approval of the Regional EMS Council and Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma, who is a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state, familiar with the design and operation of prehospital emergency care, experienced in the prehospital emergency care of acutely ill or injured patients, and experienced in the administrative processes affecting regional and state prehospital Emergency Medical Services systems.

(ttt) "Regional Trauma Advisory Committee" or "RTAC" means a trauma-specific multidisciplinary, multi-agency advisory group that is a committee of the Regional EMS Advisory Council for a given EMS Region.

(uuu) "Reserve Ambulance" means a registered ambulance that temporarily does not meet the standards for ambulance equipment and supplies in these rules and policies of the Department.

(vvv) "Scope of Practice" means the description, as specified by the Department, of what a Licensee legally can, and cannot, do, based on the Licensee's level of licensure. It is a legal description of the distinction between licensed health care personnel and the lay public, and between different licensed health care professionals.

(www) "Specialty Care Center" means a licensed hospital dedicated to a specific sub-specialty care including, but not limited to, trauma, stroke, pediatric, burn and cardiac care.

(xxx) "Specialty Care Transport" means transportation in a registered Ground Ambulance, Air Ambulance or Neonatal Ambulance during which certain special skills above and beyond those taught in state approved initial Paramedic education are utilized. Provided, however, that this definition is not intended to authorize a Medic to operate beyond his or her Scope of Practice.

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511-9-2-.06 Licensure of Air Ambulance Services

(1) Applicability

(a) No person shall operate, advertise, or hold themselves out to be an Air Ambulance Service in the state of Georgia without being in compliance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-11 and these rules and regulations and without being duly licensed by the Department. However, this Rule shall not apply to the following:

1. An air ambulance or air ambulance service operated by an agency of the United States government;
2. A vehicle rendering assistance temporarily in the case of a declared major catastrophe, disaster, or public health emergency which is beyond the capabilities of available Georgia licensed Air Ambulance Services;
3. An air ambulance operated from a location outside of Georgia and transporting patients picked up beyond the limits of Georgia to locations within Georgia;
4. An air ambulance service licensed to operate in another state and transporting patients picked up at a medical facility within the limits of Georgia to locations outside the limits of Georgia, unless such air ambulance is pre-positioned within the limits of Georgia prior to receiving the request for transport;
5. An air ambulance licensed in a state adjacent to Georgia that is responding to a request from a Georgia licensed EMS Agency;
6. An air ambulance or air ambulance service owned and operated by a governmental entity whose primary role is not to transport patients by air ambulance, and who is not receiving payment for such services;
7. An air ambulance or air ambulance service owned and operated by a bona fide non-profit charitable institution and that is not for hire.

(2) Application for a license or provisional license shall be made to the license officer in the manner and on the forms approved by the Department, to include at a minimum the name, address, email address, and employer identification number of the owner(s).

(3) Renewal of License. Renewal of any license issued under the provisions of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-11 shall require conformance with all the requirements of these rules and regulations as upon original licensing.

(4) Air Ambulance Services must have appropriate and current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval to operate an Air Ambulance Service or Helicopter Air Ambulance Operation, as defined in 14 CFR § 135.

(5) Standards for Air Ambulances

(a) General:

1. Air Ambulances must have appropriate and current FAA approval (pursuant to 14 CFR § 135 and other applicable federal regulations) to operate as an Air Ambulance;
2. Air Ambulances must be maintained on suitable premises that meet the county health code and the Department's specifications. The Department is authorized to establish policy to define minimal standards for suitable premises and base of operations.
3. The Air Ambulance must be properly equipped, maintained, and operated in accordance with other rules and regulations contained herein and be maintained and operated so as to contribute to the general well-being of patients. The aircraft must have an appropriate system for ensuring an adequate temperature environment suitable for patient transport.
4. All Air Ambulances must be equipped with approved safety belts and restraints for all seats.

5. Prior to use, Air Ambulances must be inspected and approved by the Department and so registered by affixing a Department decal at a location specified by the Department.
6. Prior to disposal by sale or otherwise, an Air Ambulance removed from service must be reported to the Department.
7. The Department shall utilize the airframe's "N" number issued by the FAA to identify each registered Air Ambulance.
8. Whenever an Air Ambulance Service utilizes an unregistered air ambulance as a backup air ambulance, the Air Ambulance Service must contact the Department within forty-eight hours of placing said air ambulance in service to provide the following information:
 - (i) Make and model of aircraft,
 - (ii) Number,
 - (iii) Color and any descriptive markings, and
 - (iv) Expected length of service.
- (b) Insurance:
 1. The Air Ambulance Service must have bodily injury, property damage, and professional liability insurance coverage that meets or exceeds [14 C.F.R. §205.5](#).
 2. No Air Ambulance shall be registered nor shall any registration be renewed unless the Air Ambulance has current insurance coverage as required by this section. A certificate of insurance or satisfactory evidence of self-insurance shall be submitted to the license officer for approval prior to the issuance or renewal of each Air Ambulance license or registration. Satisfactory evidence that such insurance is at all times in force and effect shall be furnished to the license officer, in such form as he may specify, by all licensees required to provide proof of such insurance under this section. Any lapse in insurance coverage will be grounds for immediate revocation of the Air Ambulance Service license.
 3. Air Ambulance Services must maintain files as required by the FAA.
 4. The Air Ambulance shall list the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma as an additional certificate holder for the vehicle insurance with the insurance company.
- (c) Service License Fee:
 1. Every Air Ambulance Service, whether privately operated or operated by any political subdivision of the state or any municipality, as a condition of maintaining a valid license shall pay an annual license fee, to include an agency license fee and a per-ambulance license fee, in an amount to be determined by the Board of Public Health. The amount of said license fee may be periodically revised by said Board, and shall be due upon the initial issuance of the license and each year thereafter on the anniversary date of the initial license issuance.
- (d) Communication:
 1. Each registered Air Ambulance shall be equipped with a two-way communication system that provides air ambulance-to-hospital communications.
 2. Each registered Air Ambulance shall have two-way communication with the location receiving requests for emergency service.
- (e) Infectious Disease Exposure Control:

1. Each Air Ambulance Service shall have a written exposure control plan approved by their Medical Director.
2. Air Ambulance Services and Emergency Medical Services Personnel shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations in regard to infectious disease control procedures.

(f) Equipment and Supplies:

1. All equipment and supplies must be maintained in working order and shall be stored in an orderly manner so as to protect the patient.
2. No supplies may be used after their expiration date.
3. In order to substitute any item for the required items, written approval must be obtained from the Department. The Department shall have authority to grant exceptions and substitutions and shall maintain and distribute an up-to-date policy listing of all approved exceptions and substitutions.
4. The Department shall establish through policy the minimum equipment and supplies required on each Air Ambulance; however, other equipment and supplies may be added as desired.

(6) General Provisions for Air Ambulance Services

(a) Each Air Ambulance while in service shall be staffed by two Georgia licensed healthcare providers:

1. When responding to an emergency scene at least one of the personnel shall be a registered nurse, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician and the second person must be a Paramedic, both of whom must be licensed in Georgia;
2. When responding for an interfacility transfer, at least one of the personnel shall be a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, or physician and the second person must be at least a Paramedic or other non-EMS licensed healthcare provider as approved by either the transferring or receiving physician, both of whom must be licensed in Georgia;
3. Personnel shall have successfully completed training specific to the air ambulance environment;
4. Personnel shall neither be assigned, nor assume the cockpit duties of the flight crew members concurrent with patient care duties and responsibilities;
5. Personnel shall have documentation of successful completion of training specific to patient care in the air ambulance transport environment in general and licensee's operation, in specific, as required by the Department; and
6. If a Paramedic possesses an additional Georgia healthcare provider license, then the Paramedic may perform to the higher level of training for which he or she is qualified under that license when directed to do so by a physician, either directly or by approved protocols.

(b) If an air ambulance transport is requested for an inter-hospital transfer, then such transfer shall be conducted by licensed Air Ambulance Services utilizing registered Air Ambulances.

(c) Air Ambulance Services shall be provided on a twenty-four hour a day, seven day a week basis unless weather or mechanical conditions prevent safe operations.

(d) Personnel shall be available at all times to receive emergency telephone calls and provide two-way communications.

(e) Medical Direction for Air Ambulance Services

1. The Air Ambulance Service Medical Director shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Georgia and subject to approval by the Department. The Air Ambulance Service Medical Director must agree in writing to provide medical direction to that particular Air Ambulance Service.
2. The Air Ambulance Service Medical Director shall serve as medical authority for the Air Ambulance Service, serving as a liaison between the Air Ambulance Service and the medical community, medical facilities and governmental entities.
3. It will be the responsibility of the Air Ambulance Service Medical Director, to provide for medical direction, specifically to ensure there is a plan to provide medical oversight of patient care delivered by air medical personnel during transport, to include on-line medical control or off-line medical control (through written guidelines or policies) and also to participate in training for the air ambulance personnel, in conformance with acceptable air ambulance emergency medical practices and procedures.
4. Duties of the Air Ambulance Service Medical Director shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (i) The approval of policies and procedures affecting patient care;
 - (ii) The development and approval of medical guidelines or protocols;
 - (iii) The formulation and evaluation of training objectives;
 - (iv) Continuous quality improvement of patient care.
5. All Air Ambulance personnel shall comply with appropriate policies, protocols, requirements, and standards of the Air Ambulance Service Medical Director, provided such policies and protocols are not in conflict with these Rules and Regulations, the Department-specified Scope of Practice, or other state statutes.
 - (f) Control of patient care at the scene of an emergency shall be the responsibility of the individual in attendance most appropriately trained and knowledgeable in providing prehospital emergency stabilization care and transportation. When a Medic arrives at the scene of a medical emergency, the Medic may act as an agent of a physician when a physician-patient relationship has been established.
 1. For purposes of this section, a physician-patient relationship has been established when:
 - (i) A Medic utilizes medical control, either through direct on-line medical control or off-line medical control, by the use of medical protocols established by the local Medical Director; or
 - (ii) A physician is on the scene and demonstrates a willingness to assume responsibility for patient management or purports to be the patient's personal physician and the Medic takes reasonable steps to immediately verify the medical credentials of the physician.
 2. Once a physician-patient relationship has been established, the Medic must follow the medical direction of that physician. In the event of a conflict between the medical direction given and the medical protocols established by the local Medical Director, the Medic should immediately contact their local Medical Director.
 - (g) Air Ambulance Services and applicants for Air Ambulance Services shall not misrepresent or falsify any information, applications, forms or data filed with or submitted to the Department.
 - (h) Air Ambulance Services shall not employ, continue in employment, or use as Medics any individuals who are not properly licensed under the applicable provisions of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-11 and these rules and regulations.
- (7) CLIA Certification
 - (a) All Air Ambulance Services must maintain current CLIA certification as a laboratory that is permitted to perform waived tests, as defined in [42 CFR §493.2](#).

1. Documentation regarding this certification must be submitted to the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department.

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511-9-2-.07 Licensure of Ground Ambulance Services

(1) Applicability.

(a) No person shall operate, advertise, or hold themselves out to be a Ground Ambulance Service in the state of Georgia without being in compliance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-11 and these rules and regulations and without being duly licensed by the Department. However, this Rule shall not apply to the following:

1. An ambulance or ambulance service operated by an agency of the United States government;
2. A vehicle rendering assistance temporarily in the case of a major catastrophe, disaster, or public health emergency which is beyond the capabilities of available Georgia licensed ambulance services;
3. An ambulance operated from a location outside of Georgia and transporting patients picked up beyond the limits of Georgia to locations within Georgia;
4. An invalid car or the operator thereof.
5. An ambulance service licensed to operate in another state and transporting patients picked up at a medical facility within the limits of Georgia to locations outside the limits of Georgia unless such ambulance is pre-positioned within the limits of Georgia prior to receiving the request for transport.

(b) No provision of these rules shall be construed as prohibiting or preventing a municipality from fixing, charging, assessing or collecting any license fee or registration fee on any business or profession or anyone engaged in any related profession governed by the provisions of these rules, or from establishing additional regulations regarding Ground Ambulance Services as long as there is no conflict with these rules.

(2) Application for a license or provisional license shall be made in the manner and on the forms approved by the Department, to include at a minimum the name, address, email address, and employer identification number of the owner(s).

(3) Renewal of License. Renewal of any license issued under the provisions of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-11 shall require conformance with all the requirements of these rules and regulations as upon original licensing.

(4) Standards for Ground Ambulances.

(a) General.

1. Ground Ambulances must be maintained on suitable premises that meet the Department's specifications. The Department is authorized to establish policy to define minimal standards for suitable premises and Base of Operations. Ground Ambulances, including raised roof van or modular type, must meet design and safety standards as approved by the Department. The interior of the patient compartment shall provide a minimum volume of 30 cubic feet of enclosed and shelf storage space that shall be conveniently located for medical supplies, devices, and installed systems as applicable for the service intended. The Ground Ambulance must be properly equipped, maintained, and operated in accordance with other rules and regulations contained herein and be maintained and operated so as to contribute to the general well-being of patients. Heat and air conditioning must be available and operational in both the patient compartment and driver compartment.

2. All Ground Ambulances must be equipped with approved safety belts for all seats.

3. Prior to their use, Ground Ambulances must be inspected and approved by the Department and so registered by affixing a Department decal at a location specified by the Department.

4. Each Ground Ambulance Service may place up to one-third (rounded to nearest whole number) of its registered Ground Ambulances in reserve status. When a Reserve Ambulance is placed in service (ready to respond to an emergency call) it must meet the provisions of these rules and policies of the Department.

5. Prior to disposal by sale or otherwise, a Ground Ambulance removed from service must be reported to the Department.

6. All registered Ground Ambulances shall have on both sides of the vehicle an identification number designated by the Department. The name of the Ground Ambulance Service and the vehicle identification number shall be visible on each side of the Ground Ambulance in at least 3-inch lettering for proper identification.

(b) Insurance:

1. Each registered Ground Ambulance shall have at least \$1,000,000 combined single limit (CSL) insurance coverage.

2. No Ground Ambulance shall be registered nor shall any registration be renewed unless the Ground Ambulance has insurance coverage in force as required by this section. A certificate of insurance or satisfactory evidence of self-insurance shall be submitted to the license officer for approval prior to the issuance or renewal of each Ground Ambulance license. Satisfactory evidence that such insurance is at all times in force and effect shall be furnished to the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department, by all licensees required to provide proof of such insurance under this section. Any lapse in insurance coverage will be grounds for immediate revocation of the Ground Ambulance Service license.

3. Ground Ambulance Services must maintain a file, as defined in departmental policy, of all maintenance records on each vehicle registered by the Department.

4. The Ground Ambulance Service shall list the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma as an additional certificate holder for the vehicle insurance with the insurance company.

(c) Service License Fee:

1. Every Ground Ambulance Service, whether privately operated or operated by any political subdivision of the state or any municipality, as a condition of maintaining a valid license shall pay an annual license fee, to include an agency license fee and a per-ambulance license fee, in an amount to be determined by the Board of Public Health. The amount of said license fee may be periodically revised by said Board, and shall be due upon the initial issuance of the license and each year thereafter on the anniversary date of the initial license issuance.

(d) Communication:

1. Each registered Ground Ambulance shall be equipped with a two-way communication system that provides ambulance-to-hospital communications.

2. All Ground Ambulance Services shall have two-way communication between each Ground Ambulance and the location receiving requests for emergency service.

(e) Infectious Disease Exposure Control:

1. Each Ground Ambulance Service shall have a written infectious disease exposure control plan approved by the local Medical Director.

2. Ground Ambulance Services and Emergency Medical Services Personnel shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations in regard to infectious disease control procedures.

(f) Equipment and Supplies:

1. All equipment and supplies must be maintained in working order and shall be stored in an orderly manner so as to protect the patient and be readily accessible when needed.

2. No supplies may be used after their expiration date.

3. In order to substitute any item for the required items, written approval must be obtained from the Department. The Department shall have authority to grant exceptions and substitutions and shall maintain and distribute an up-to-date policy listing of all approved exceptions and substitutions.

4. The Department shall establish through policy the minimum equipment and supplies required on each Ground Ambulance; however, other equipment and supplies may be added as desired.

(5) General Provisions for Ground Ambulance Services.

(a) No person shall make use of the word "ambulance" to describe any ground transportation or facility or service associated therewith which such person provides, or to otherwise hold oneself out to be an ambulance service unless such person has a valid license issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or is exempt from licensing under this chapter.

(b) Each Ground Ambulance while transporting a patient shall be manned by not less than two Medics, one of whom must be in the patient compartment. If Advanced Life Support is being rendered, personnel qualified to administer the appropriate level of Advanced Life Support must be in the patient compartment and responsible for patient care.

1. A Ground Ambulance may not be staffed by more than one (1) Emergency Medical Technician - Responder.

2. Emergency Medical Technician - Responders may not staff Ground Ambulances that routinely respond to Public Calls, unless:

(i) The Emergency Medical Technician - Responder is also licensed as a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or physician; OR

(ii) The Ground Ambulance Service provides all of the following on an annual basis to the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department:

(a) An attestation that the staffing at the EMS Agency is currently insufficient to properly staff Ground Ambulances responding to Public Calls;

(b) An attestation that the public welfare may be negatively affected if the Ground Ambulance Service is unable to use the Emergency Medical Technician - Responder license level to staff Ground Ambulances that respond to Public Calls; and

(c) An attestation from the Ground Ambulance Medical Director that they fully support the use of Emergency Medical Technician - Responders on Ground Ambulances that respond to Public Calls for the Ground Ambulance Service.

3. Emergency Medical Technician - Responders who do not hold an additional Georgia license as a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or physician may not serve as the primary patient caregiver during patient transport on a Ground Ambulance.

(c) If a Medic possesses an additional Georgia healthcare provider license, then the Medic may perform to the higher level of training for which he or she is qualified under that license when directed to do so by a physician, either directly or by approved protocols.

(d) Interhospital transfers shall be conducted by licensed ambulance services in registered ambulances when the patient requires, or is likely to require, medical attention during transport. The transferring or receiving physician may request the highest level of Emergency Medical Services Personnel available or additional qualified medical personnel access to the patient during the interhospital transfer. If requested, the ambulance service must allow the highest level medical personnel available to attend to the patient during the interhospital transfer.

(e) Ground Ambulance Services shall be provided on a twenty-four hour, seven day a week basis.

(f) Personnel shall be available at all times to receive emergency telephone calls and provide two-way communications.

(g) Sufficient licensed personnel shall be immediately available to respond with at least one Ground Ambulance. When the first Ground Ambulance is on a call, Ground Ambulance Services shall respond to each additional emergency call within their designated geographic territory as requested provided that Medics and a Ground Ambulance are available. If Medics and a Ground Ambulance are not available, the Ground Ambulance Service shall request mutual aid assistance. If mutual aid assistance is not available the Ground Ambulance Service shall respond with its next available Ground Ambulance.

(h) Medical Direction for Ground Ambulance Services.

1. To enhance the provision of emergency medical care, each Ground Ambulance Service shall have a Medical Director. The local Medical Director shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Georgia and subject to approval by the Department. The local Medical Director must agree in writing to provide medical direction to that particular Ground Ambulance Service.

2. The local Medical Director shall serve as medical authority for the Ground Ambulance Service, serving as a liaison between the Ground Ambulance Service and the medical community, medical facilities and governmental entities.

3. It will be the responsibility of the local Medical Director to provide for medical direction and training for the ambulance service personnel in conformance with acceptable emergency medical practices and procedures.

4. Duties of the local Medical Director shall include but not be limited to the following:

(i) The approval of policies and procedures affecting patient care;

(ii) The formulation of medical protocols and communication protocols;

(iii) The formulation and evaluation of training objectives;

(iv) Performance evaluation;

(v) Continuous quality improvement of patient care; and

(vi) Development and implementation of policies and procedures for requesting air ambulance transport.

5. All Emergency Medical Services Personnel shall comply with appropriate policies, protocols, requirements, and standards of the local Medical Director for that Ground Ambulance Service, provided that such policies and protocols are not in conflict with these Rules and Regulations, the Department-specified Scope of Practice, or other state statutes.

(i) Control of patient care at the scene of an emergency shall be the responsibility of the individual in attendance most appropriately trained and knowledgeable in providing prehospital emergency care and transportation. When a Medic arrives at the scene of a medical emergency, the Medic may act as an agent of a physician when a physician-patient relationship has been established.

1. For purposes of this section, a physician-patient relationship has been established when:

(i) A Medic utilizes medical control, either through direct on-line medical control or off-line medical control, by the use of medical protocols established by the local Medical Director; or

(ii) A physician is on the scene and demonstrates a willingness to assume responsibility for patient management or purports to be the patient's personal physician and the Medic takes reasonable steps to immediately verify the medical credentials of the physician.

2. Once a physician-patient relationship has been established, the Medic must follow the medical direction of that physician. In the event of a conflict between the medical direction given and the medical protocols established by the local Medical Director, the Medic should immediately contact their local Medical Director.

(j) All licensed Ground Ambulance Services must adhere to all Regional Ambulance Zoning Plans approved by the Department. Any Ground Ambulance that arrives at the scene of an emergency without having been designated as responsible by the Regional Ambulance Zoning Plan, shall provide the emergency medical care necessary to sustain and stabilize the patient until the arrival of the designated Ground Ambulance Service. A non-designated EMS Agency shall not transport a patient from the scene of a medical emergency except under the following conditions:

1. The designated Ground Ambulance is canceled by the appropriate dispatching authority with express approval of the designated Ground Ambulance Service; or

2. Medical control determines that the patient's condition is life-threatening or otherwise subject to rapid and significant deterioration and there is clear indication that, in view of the estimated time of arrival of the designated Ground Ambulance, the patient's condition warrants immediate transport. In the event the Medic is unable to contact medical control, the Medic will make this decision. The transporting Ground Ambulance Service shall file a copy of the Patient Care Report to the Department in compliance with these rules, to include an explanation of the circumstances and the need for the non-designated Ground Ambulance Service to transport the patient.

(k) Hospital Destination of Prehospital Patients.

1. When a patient requires initial transportation to a hospital, the patient shall be transported by the ambulance service to the hospital of his or her choice provided:

(i) The hospital chosen is capable of meeting the patient's immediate needs;

(ii) The hospital chosen is within a reasonable distance as determined by the Medic's assessment in collaboration with medical control so as to not further jeopardize the patient's health or compromise the ability of the EMS system to function in a normal manner;

(iii) The hospital chosen is within a usual and customary patient transport or referral area as determined by the local Medical Director; and

(iv) The patient does not, in the judgment of the Medical Director or an attending physician, lack sufficient understanding or capacity to make a responsible decision regarding the choice of hospital.

2. If the patient's choice of hospital is not appropriate or if the patient does not, cannot, or will not express a choice, the patient's destination will be determined by pre-established guidelines. If for any reason the pre-established guidelines are unclear or not applicable to the specific case, then medical control shall be consulted for a definitive decision.

3. If the patient continues to insist on being transported to the hospital he or she has chosen, and it is within a reasonable distance as determined by the local Medical Director, then the patient shall be transported to that hospital after notifying local medical control of the patient's decision. The choice of hospital for the patient may be selected pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [31-9-2](#).

4. If the patient does not, cannot, or will not express a choice of hospitals, the Ground Ambulance Service shall transport the patient to the nearest hospital believed capable of meeting the patient's immediate medical needs without regard to other factors, e.g., patient's ability to pay, hospital charges, county or city limits, etc.

(l) Ground Ambulance Services and applicants for Ground Ambulance Services shall not misrepresent or falsify any information, applications, forms or data filed with or submitted to the Department or completed as a result of any ambulance response.

(m) Ground Ambulance Services shall not employ, continue in employment, or use as Medics any individuals who are not properly licensed under the applicable provisions of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-11 and these rules and regulations.

(6) CLIA Certification

(a) All Ground Ambulance Services must maintain current CLIA certification as a laboratory that is permitted to perform waived tests, as defined in [42 CFR §493.2](#).

1. Documentation regarding this certification must be submitted to the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department.

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511-9-2-.08 Licensure of Neonatal Transport Services

(1) Applicability.

(a) Any Ground Ambulance Service may utilize a registered and approved Ground Ambulance for the transport of Neonates.

(b) Any Air Ambulance Service may utilize a registered and approved Air Ambulance for the transport of Neonates.

(c) No person shall operate, advertise, or hold themselves out to be a licensed Neonatal Transport Service, or advertise as such without meeting the following requirements and without being duly licensed by the Department. However, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to any neonatal transport vehicle operated by an agency of the United States government.

(2) Application for a license or provisional license shall be made to the license officer in the manner and on the forms prescribed by the Department, to include at a minimum the name, address, email address, and employer identification number of the owner(s).

(3) License Fee.

(a) As a condition of maintaining a valid license, every Neonatal Transport Service, whether privately operated or operated by any political subdivision of the state or any municipality, shall pay an annual license fee, to include an agency license fee and a per-ambulance license fee, in an amount to be determined by the Board of Public Health. The license fee may be periodically revised by the Board, and shall be due upon the initial issuance of the license and each year thereafter on the anniversary date of the initial license issuance.

1. This fee shall not be applicable in cases where the provider is also licensed as a Ground Ambulance Service, uses the vehicles for dual-purposes, and pays the fee under the Ground Ambulance Service license.

(4) Renewal of License. Renewal of any license issued under the provisions of these rules shall require conformance with all the requirements of these rules as upon original licensing.

(5) Standards for Neonatal Transport Vehicles.

(a) General.

1. A registered Neonatal Transport Vehicle is a special type of vehicle and must be maintained on suitable premises that meet the county health code and the Department's specifications. The Department is authorized to establish policy to define minimum standards for suitable premises and Base of Operations.

2. The registered Neonatal Transport Vehicle must be properly equipped, maintained, and operated in accordance with these rules and regulations so as to contribute to the general well-being of patients. Heat and air conditioning must be available and operational in both the patient compartment and driver compartment.

3. The Neonatal Transport Vehicle must have sufficient floor space to accommodate two neonatal transport isolettes and a crew of three in the patient compartment.

4. Each Neonatal Transport Vehicle must be equipped with an electrical generator of at least 3.0 kilowatt output and an electrical inverter or motor generator of at least 1000 watts capacity.

5. There must be at least one compressed air outlet and one oxygen outlet available to each isolette.

6. There must be at least one duplex electrical outlet available to each isolette.

7. There must be at least one electrical wall-mounted suction outlet in the vehicle.

8. All registered Neonatal Transport Vehicles must be equipped with approved safety belts for all seats.

9. Registered Neonatal Transport Vehicles must be inspected and approved by the Department and so designated by affixing a Department decal at a location specified by the Department.

10. Prior to disposal by sale or otherwise, a registered Neonatal Transport Vehicle removed from service must be reported to the Department.

11. All registered Neonatal Transport Vehicles shall have on both sides of the vehicle an identification number designated by the Department. The name of the service and the number shall be visible on each side of the vehicle in at least 3-inch lettering for proper identification. In addition each vehicle shall have the words "neonatal" or "neonatal transport" prominently displayed on each side of the vehicle.

(b) Insurance.

1. Every registered Neonatal Transport Vehicle shall have at least \$1,000,000 combined single limit (CSL) insurance coverage.

2. No Neonatal Transport Vehicle shall be registered nor shall any registration be renewed unless the vehicle has insurance coverage in force as required by this section. A certificate of insurance or satisfactory evidence of self-insurance shall be submitted to the license officer for approval prior to the issuance or renewal of each Neonatal Transport Service license. Satisfactory evidence that such insurance is at all times in force and effect shall be furnished to the license office, in such form as the license officer may specify, by all licensees required to provide proof of such insurance under this section. Any lapse in insurance coverage will be grounds for immediate revocation of the neonatal transport service license.

3. Neonatal Transport Services must maintain a file, as defined in departmental policy, of all maintenance records on each vehicle registered by the Department.

4. The Neonatal Transport Service must list the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma as an additional certificate holder for the vehicle insurance with the insurance company.

(c) Communication.

1. Each registered Neonatal Transport Vehicle shall be equipped with a two-way communication system that provides ambulance-to-hospital communications.

(d) Infectious Disease Exposure Control.

1. Each Neonatal Transport Service shall have a written infectious disease exposure control plan approved by the local medical director.

2. Neonatal Transport Services and Emergency Medical Services Personnel shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations in regard to infectious disease control procedures.

(e) Equipment and Supplies.

1. All equipment and supplies must be maintained in working order and shall be stored in an orderly manner so as to protect the patient and shall be readily accessible when needed.

2. Supplies may not be used after their expiration date.

3. In order to substitute any item from the required items, written approval must be obtained from the Department. The Department shall have authority to grant exceptions and substitutions and shall maintain and distribute an up-to-date policy listing of all approved exceptions and substitutions.

4. Vehicles approved to operate as both a Neonatal Transport Vehicle and a Ground Ambulance must be inspected as both.

5. The Department shall establish through policy the minimum equipment and supplies required for each neonatal transport unit while being used to transport Neonates; however, other equipment may be added as desired.

(f) Supplies and Medications.

1. The types and quantities of supplies and medications to be carried in the vehicle while being used to transport neonates shall be determined by the Medical Director of the Neonatal Transport Service in conformance with current medical standards of care in the treatment and transportation of neonates.

2. A listing of the supplies and medications shall be updated at least annually and signed by the Medical Director and a copy thereof is to be in the vehicle at all times. This list shall be used for any inspection purposes by the Department.

(g) Personnel.

1. Neonatal Transport Personnel shall function under protocols developed by the Medical Director.

2. Neonatal Transport Personnel with appropriate skills to treat and transport a neonate must be in the patient compartment during transport. Documentation attesting to their qualifications shall be signed by the local Medical Director and on file at the base location.

3. The driver of the vehicle shall be a Georgia licensed Medic.

4. A minimum of two patient care personnel shall be in the patient compartment and shall consist of any combination of the following during initial transport to the tertiary care center as determined by the local Medical Director:

(i) Paramedic;

(ii) Registered Nurse;

(iii) Respiratory Care Technician;

(iv) Physician's Assistant; or

(v) Physician.

Only one of the above shall be required in the patient compartment during transport back to the initial referring facility.

(6) General Provisions.

(a) The local Medical Director shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Georgia, be a member of the staff of the neonatal intensive care facility from which the service originates or with which the service is contracted, and provide medical direction for the Neonatal Transport Service.

(b) Neonatal Transport Services shall be provided on a twenty-four hour, seven day a week basis.

(c) Neonatal Transport Services and applicants for Neonatal Transport Services shall not misrepresent or falsify any information, applications, forms or data filed with or submitted to the Department or completed as a result of any ambulance response.

(7) CLIA Certification

(a) All Neonatal Transport Services must maintain current CLIA certification as a laboratory that is permitted to perform waived tests, as defined in [42 CFR §493.2](#).

1. Documentation regarding this certification must be submitted to the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department.

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511-9-2-.09 Licensure of Medical First Responder Services

(1) Applicability.

(a) No person shall operate, advertise, or hold themselves out to be a Medical First Responder Service, or advertise as such in the state of Georgia without first meeting the following requirements and being duly licensed by the Department.

(b) However, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

1. Any first responder unit operated by an agency of the United States government.
2. Any rescue organization licensed by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, including its individual members.
3. Any person or designated first responder unit directly requested to the scene of an emergency by an appropriate public safety agency or ambulance service for the purpose of rendering on-site care, rescue or extrication, until the arrival of a duly licensed Ground Ambulance Service, Air Ambulance Service, or duly licensed Medical First Responder Service. This includes agencies routinely requested to the scene in this manner that cannot or choose not to meet the requirements of these rules.
4. Any supervisory vehicle of a licensed ambulance service.
5. A person rendering assistance temporarily in the case of a major catastrophe, disaster, or public health emergency which is beyond the capability of licensed Medical First Responder Services or licensed Ground Ambulance Services.

(2) Application for a License. Application for a license or provisional license shall be made to the license officer in the manner and on the forms approved by the Department to include at a minimum the name, address, email address, and employer identification number of the owner(s).

(3) Renewal of License. Renewal of any license issued under the provisions of the rules shall require conformance with all the requirements of these rules as upon original licensing.

(4) Standards for Medical First Responder Vehicles.

(a) General.

1. Registered Medical First Responder Vehicles must be maintained on suitable premises that meet the county health code and the Department's specifications. The Department is authorized to establish policy to define minimum standards for suitable premises and base of operations. The registered Medical First Responder Vehicle must be properly equipped, maintained, and operated in accordance with other Rules and Regulations contained herein.

2. All registered Medical First Responder Vehicles must be equipped with approved safety belts for all seats.

3. Registered Medical First Responder Vehicles must be inspected and approved by the Department and so designated by affixing a Department decal at a location specified by the Department.

4. Prior to disposal by sale or otherwise, a registered Medical First Responder Vehicle removed from service must be reported to the Department.

(b) Insurance.

1. Every registered Medical First Responder Vehicle shall have at least \$1,000,000 combined single limit (CSL) insurance coverage.

2. No Medical First Responder Vehicle shall be registered nor shall any registration be renewed unless the vehicle has insurance coverage in force as required by this section. A certificate of insurance or satisfactory evidence of self-insurance shall be submitted to the license officer for approval prior to the issuance or renewal of each Medical First Responder Service license. Satisfactory evidence that such insurance is at all times in force and effect shall be furnished to the Department, in a manner and on forms specified by the Department, by all licensees required to provide proof of such insurance under this section. Any lapse in insurance coverage will lead to immediate revocation of the Medical First Responder Service license.

3. Medical First Responder Services must maintain a file, as defined in departmental policy, of all maintenance records on each vehicle registered by the Department.

4. The Medical First Responder Service must list the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma as an additional certificate holder for the vehicle insurance with the insurance company.

(c) Communication.

1. All Medical First Responder Services shall have two-way communication between the vehicle and the location receiving requests for emergency service.

(d) Infectious Disease Exposure Control.

1. Each Medical First Responder Service shall have a written infectious disease exposure control plan approved by the local Medical Director.

2. Medical First Responder Services and Emergency Medical Services Personnel shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations in regard to infectious disease control procedures.

(e) Equipment and Supplies.

1. All equipment and supplies must be maintained in working order and shall be stored in an orderly manner and shall be readily accessible when needed.

2. Supplies may not be used after their expiration date.

3. In order to substitute any item from the required items written approval must be obtained from the Department. The Department shall have authority to grant exceptions and substitutions and shall maintain and distribute an up-to-date policy listing of all approved exceptions and substitutions.

4. The Department shall through policy establish the minimum equipment and supplies required on Medical First Responder Vehicles; however, other equipment and supplies may be added as desired.

(5) General Provisions: Medical First Responder Services.

(a) Each registered Medical First Responder Vehicle when on an emergency call shall be manned by at least one Medic. If Advanced Life Support is being rendered, there must be at least one Emergency Medical Technician -

Intermediate, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Cardiac Technician or Paramedic responsible for patient care.

(b) Medical First Responder Services shall be provided on a twenty-four hour, seven day a week basis.

(c) Personnel shall be available at all times to receive emergency telephone calls and provide two-way communications.

(d) Sufficient licensed personnel shall be immediately available to respond with at least one registered Medical First Responder Vehicle. When the first registered Medical First Responder Vehicle is on a call, Medical First Responder Services shall respond to each additional emergency call within their designated geographic territory as requested providing a Medic and a registered Medical First Responder Vehicle are available. If a Medic and a registered Medical First Responder Vehicle are not available, the Medical First Responder Service shall request mutual aid assistance. If mutual aid assistance is not available the Medical First Responder Service shall respond with its next available registered Medical First Responder Vehicle.

(e) The driver of a registered Medical First Responder Vehicle, when responding to an emergency call, is authorized to operate the vehicle as an emergency vehicle pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § [40-6-6](#).

(f) Medical Direction for Medical First Responder Services.

1. To enhance the provision of emergency medical care, each Medical First Responder Service shall be required to have a Medical Director. The Medical Director shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state and subject to approval by the Department. The local Medical Director must agree in writing to provide medical direction to that particular Medical First Responder Service.

2. The local Medical Director shall serve as the medical authority for the Medical First Responder Service, serving as a liaison between the service and the medical community, medical facilities and governmental entities.

3. It will be the responsibility of the local Medical Director to provide medical direction and training for the Medical First Responder Service personnel in conformance with acceptable emergency medical practices and procedures.

4. Duties of the local Medical Director shall include but not be limited to the following:

(i) The approval of policies and procedures affecting patient care;

(ii) The formulation of medical protocols and communication protocols;

(iii) The formulation and evaluation of training objectives;

(iv) Performance evaluation;

(v) Continuous quality improvement of patient care; and

(vi) Development and implementation of policies and procedures for requesting air ambulance transport.

5. The Medical Director of a Medical First Responder Service must coordinate the medical protocols and procedures of the service with the Medical Director of the designated Ground Ambulance Service in the Regional Ambulance Zoning Plan.

6. All Emergency Medical Services Personnel shall comply with appropriate policies, protocols, requirements, and standards of local Medical Director for that service, provided that such policies and protocols are not in conflict with these Rules and Regulations, the Department-specified Scope of Practice, or other state statutes.

(g) Control of patient care at the scene of an emergency shall be the responsibility of the individual in attendance most appropriately trained and knowledgeable in providing prehospital emergency care and transportation. When a

Medic arrives at the scene of a medical emergency, the Medic may act as an agent of a physician when a physician-patient relationship has been established.

1. For purposes of this section, a physician-patient relationship has been established when:

(i) A Medic utilizes medical control, either through direct on-line medical control or off-line medical control, by the use of medical protocols established by the local Medical Director; or

(ii) A physician is on the scene and demonstrates a willingness to assume responsibility for patient management or purports to be the patient's personal physician and the Medic takes reasonable steps to immediately verify the medical credentials of the physician.

2. Once a physician-patient relationship has been established, the Medic must follow the medical direction of that physician. In the event of a conflict between the medical direction given and the medical protocols established by the local Medical Director, the Medic should immediately contact their local Medical Director.

(h) Medical First Responder Services and applicants for Medical First Responder Services shall not misrepresent or falsify any information, applications, forms or data filed with or submitted to the Department.

(i) Medical First Responder Services shall not employ, continue in employment, or use as Medics, individuals who are not properly licensed under the applicable provisions of O.C.G.A. Chapter 31-11 and these Rules and Regulations.

(j) Medical First Responder Services are required to notify the dispatch center designated by the Regional Ambulance Zoning Plan as responsible for distributing Ground Ambulance calls prior to departure on any direct calls received.

(6) CLIA Certification

(a) All Medical First Responder Services must maintain current CLIA certification as a laboratory that is permitted to perform waived tests, as defined in [42 CFR §493.2](#).

1. Documentation regarding this certification must be submitted to the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department.

2. Medical First Responder Services who do not hold additional licensure as a Ground Ambulance Service, Air Ambulance Service, or Neonatal Transport Service, shall be exempt from the requirement to maintain a current CLIA certificate, provided that:

(i) The Medical First Responder Service submits an attestation that no Medic or other person employed by or acting on behalf of the Medical First Responder Service will be permitted to examine materials derived from the human body for the purpose of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of any disease or impairment of, or the assessment of the health of, human beings.

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511-9-2-.11 Inspections of EMS Agencies

(1) The Department and its duly authorized agents shall be permitted to enter upon and inspect licensed EMS Agencies, including registered vehicles, other agency owned vehicles that resemble a first responder vehicle or ambulance, facilities, records applicable to licensure, including but not limited to call logs, vehicle maintenance records, patient care reports, communication tapes, and personnel licensing records in a reasonable manner in regards to the operation of Emergency Medical Services. The Department is authorized to set policy for such inspections and records. EMS Agencies shall permit scheduled and unscheduled inspections by the Department and its duly authorized agents.

(2) When the Department conducts an inspection, the findings shall be recorded on an inspection report form provided for this purpose. The authorized representative of the EMS Agency shall sign a form acknowledging the inspection. Signing this form does not indicate agreement with the findings thereon. A copy or electronic version of the inspection form shall be furnished to the EMS Agency within ten business days.

(a) EMS Agencies or those applying to be an EMS Agency whose Ground Ambulance(s), Air Ambulance(s) or Neonatal Transport Vehicle(s) is/are unable to fully pass the Department-specified inspection and is/are unable to become compliant before the assigned Department personnel depart(s) the inspection site, shall have the inspection(s) recorded as (a) failed inspection(s) and shall be subject to a re-inspection fee for each re-inspection of that/those ambulance(s)/vehicle(s). A subsequent inspection for that/those Ground Ambulance(s), Air Ambulance(s), or Neonatal Transport Vehicle(s) will not be performed until the re-inspection fee is received by the Department. Re-inspection fees will be as follows:

1. For the first re-inspection of a Ground Ambulance, Air Ambulance, or Neonatal Transport Vehicle, the re-inspection fee will be equal to ten percent (10%) of the Department-specified annual Ground Ambulance/Air Ambulance/Neonatal Transport Vehicle license fee.

2. For the second and subsequent re-inspection(s) of a Ground Ambulance, Air Ambulance, or Neonatal Transport Vehicle, the re-inspection fee will be equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the Department-specified annual Ground Ambulance/Air Ambulance/Neonatal Transport Vehicle license fee.

(3) Inspections of pharmaceuticals will be handled in accordance with policies established by the Department and state and federal laws and regulations where applicable.

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511-9-2-.12 Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Personnel

(1) No person shall practice or hold themselves out as an Emergency Medical Technician - Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediate, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Cardiac Technician, or Paramedic without being licensed by the Department.

(2) Prior to licensure, all applicants must be certified by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) at the level for which they are applying, or must be certified by the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) as an Advanced Tactical Practitioner (ATP).

(3) All applicants for licensure must provide information to the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department, to include at a minimum the name, home address, mailing address, email address, phone number, date of birth and social security number of the applicant.

(4) Applicants shall not misrepresent or falsify any information on forms, applications, or documents filed with or submitted to the Department for the purpose of licensure or any other purpose specified in these rules.

(5) The Department may refuse to issue a license to an applicant who has been subject to disciplinary action imposed by another state or lawful licensing or certifying authority.

(6) All applicants for licensure must submit to a fingerprint based criminal history records check from the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

(a) Fingerprints shall be in such form and of such quality as prescribed by the Department, the GCIC and under standards adopted by the FBI.

(b) Fees may be charged as necessary to cover the costs of the records search.

(7) Fees.

(a) All applications for initial licensure must be accompanied by a fee payable to the Department in an amount and form determined by the Department.

(b) Fees are not refundable after being submitted.

(8) Licensing of Individuals with Criminal History.

(a) The Department shall deny any license application submitted by an applicant who has been convicted of a felony, a crime of violence, or a crime of moral turpitude; and, may deny any license application submitted by an applicant who has been convicted of driving under the influence or possession of a controlled substance.

(b) The Department may deny any license application submitted by an applicant with unresolved criminal charges, whether initiated by arrest warrant, information, accusation, or indictment. This subsection shall not apply to minor traffic offenses.

(c) At its discretion, the Department may reconsider an application subject to subsections (a) or (b) above on the ground that;

1. The conviction has been set aside, pardoned, expunged, or overturned on appeal;

2. The criminal charges were finally resolved in the applicant's favor through acquittal, dismissal, or nolle prosequi; or

3. The applicant has demonstrated significant efforts toward rehabilitation, such that the applicant can be trusted with the care of sick or injured patients, their property, and the equipment and supplies that may be entrusted to him or her.

(9) Any currently licensed Medic may voluntarily surrender their Medic license by notifying the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department. Once processed by the Department, surrenders are not reversible, and the individual would need to complete the current Department-specified application process and meet all licensing requirements to obtain a new Medic license.

(10) Upon request, the Department shall be authorized to place a Medic license in retired status after which the individual will be permitted to continue to use the former licensure level title and number with "(Ret.)" after it. An individual in retired status will not be licensed to perform the duties of a Medic as defined in these rules.

Applications for license retirement shall be submitted in a manner and on forms specified by the Department and must be submitted by the Medic themselves. Once processed by the Department, retirements are not reversible, and the individual would need to complete the current Department-specified application process and meet all licensing requirements to obtain a new Medic license. Eligibility requirements for retirement of a Medic license are as follows:

(a) The individual must be currently licensed as a Georgia Medic, and the Medic license must be in Good Standing at the time of application; and

(b) The individual must have a minimum of 15 years of continuous uninterrupted licensure as a Georgia Medic, inclusive of the date of application.

(11) Upon request from the next of kin to place a Medic license in deceased status and obtain a certificate of active service for an individual who dies while currently licensed in Good Standing as a Georgia Medic, the Department shall be authorized to place the respective Medic license in deceased status and provide a certificate of service to the next of kin. The request shall be accompanied by a certified death certificate or other documents recognized by the Department.

(12) Downgrades of Medic Licenses. Currently licensed Medics in Good Standing who hold a non-provisional license at the EMT level or higher may voluntarily request the Department to downgrade their Medic license. The request shall be made to the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department and shall indicate the requested new level of license. Once processed by the Department, downgrades are not reversible, and the Medic would need to complete the current Department-specified application process and meet all licensing requirements to obtain a higher level of Medic license.

(a) Permitted downgrades are as follows:

1. Currently licensed Paramedics and Cardiac Technicians in Good Standing will be permitted to request a downgrade to the AEMT, EMT, or EMT-R levels.

2. Currently licensed AEMTs and EMT-Is in Good Standing will be permitted to request a downgrade to the EMT or EMT-R levels.

3. Currently licensed EMTs in Good Standing will be permitted to request a downgrade to the EMT-R level.

(b) Applications for downgrade must be accompanied by the following:

1. A fingerprint based criminal history records check from the Georgia Crime Information Center (GCIC) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), as described in paragraph (6) of this rule, and subject to paragraph (8) of this rule; and

2. An application fee, as described in paragraph (7) of this rule.

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511-9-2-.13 Licensure Renewal for Emergency Medical Services Personnel

(1) Licensed Emergency Medical Services Personnel, on a schedule and in the manner established by the Department, shall submit an application and a non-refundable license renewal fee pursuant to these rules.

(a) The continuing education requirement for Emergency Medical Technicians, Emergency Medical Technician - Intermediates, Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians, Cardiac Technicians, and Paramedics shall be met by completing Department-approved or Department-recognized continuing education of not less than forty contact hours for each twenty-four month period of the license renewal cycle, with subject matter that includes cardiac care, pediatric care and trauma care. All continuing education must be consistent with the appropriate level EMS course curriculum or above. Training to maintain CPR certification shall be in addition to the continuing education requirement. For Cardiac Technicians and Paramedics, training to maintain ACLS or equivalent shall be in addition to the forty required biennial hours of continuing education.

(b) The continuing education requirement for Emergency Medical Technician - Responders shall be met by completing Department-approved or Department-recognized continuing education of not less than sixteen (16) hours for each twenty-four month period of the license renewal cycle, with subject matter that includes training to maintain CPR certification and all modules and hour requirements specified in the current EMR National Continued Competency Program (NCCP) specified by the National Registry of EMTs (NREMT). All continuing education must be consistent with the appropriate level EMS course curriculum or above.

(c) Continuing education that meets the requirements of this section must be approved in writing or electronic correspondence by the Department or must be recognized by the Department. All approved continuing education must be assigned an approval number by the Department and that number must be included on the course certificate of completion. All continuing education must comply with the continuing education policies of the Department.

(d) Licensed Emergency Medical Services personnel shall document all continuing education in a manner and on forms specified by the Department.

(2) Emergency Medical Technician - Responders shall be required to maintain current EMR certification through the National Registry of EMTs throughout the renewal period. Prior to renewal of an Emergency Medical Technician - Responder license, the licensee's certification through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians shall be renewed.

(3) The Department is authorized to perform random audits of license renewal documentation during each license renewal cycle.

(4) Late renewal is permitted during the six-month period immediately following the expiration date for the last license renewal cycle. Licenses that are not renewed prior to the expiration date are considered to be lapsed, and must be renewed in order for previously licensed individuals to perform the duties and services of a licensee. During this six-month period, a penalty fee for late renewal applies. The penalty fee shall be double the established fee for the level of licensure. After that six-month period, the license will have permanently lapsed and the individual must apply for licensure as a new applicant in accordance with Regulation [511-9-2-.12](#).

(5) The Department has the authority to mandate a specific license renewal cycle and continuing education modules.

(6) The Department shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirements in cases of hardship, disability, illness, military deployment or under such other circumstances as the Department deems appropriate.

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511-9-2-.14 Mandatory Reporting Requirements for EMS Agencies and Medics

(1) All EMS Agencies shall comply with all federal, state and local data reporting requirements, including all data reporting requirements in these Rules.

(2) Data Management Policy

(a) Each EMS Agency that is not contracting out all its requested responses to another EMS Agency is required to have and maintain a Data Management Policy that conforms to the requirements specified by the Department.

1. Each individual that serves as a crew member on any vehicle registered by the EMS Agency shall comply with the EMS Agency's Data Management Policy, provided that the EMS Agency's Data Management Policy is not in conflict with these rules or the policies of the Department.

2. The Data Management Policy must be submitted in a timeframe and manner specified by the Department and on forms specified by the Department.

(3) EMS Responses

(a) EMS Agencies shall maintain a dispatch record on all calls received. The dispatch record shall be made available to the Department within twenty-four (24) hours of a request from the Department, and the record shall be maintained for a minimum of three years and shall contain at a minimum, when applicable, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Date call received;
2. Time call received;
3. Source of call;
4. Call back telephone number;
5. Location of patient;
6. Apparent problems;
7. Unit (unit number, GA EMS Vehicle ID number);
8. Crew dispatched;
9. Time of dispatch;
10. Time arrived at scene;
11. Time left scene;
12. Time arrived at transferring facility;
13. Time left transferring facility;
14. Time arrived at patient's destination or receiving facility; and

15. Destination of patient.

(b) Electronic Patient Care Reports (ePCRs)

1. ePCRs shall be completed for each response made by any vehicle, crew, or Medic for each EMS Agency, as follows:

(i) For responses with no patient present, the ePCR shall be entered into the EMS Agency's ePCR software system by one of the crew members present on the responding vehicle before the end of the current work shift for the responding crew member(s).

(ii) For responses with one or more patients present, an ePCR for each patient present shall be entered into the EMS Agency's ePCR software system by the primary patient caregiver (of the responding crew for the respective EMS Agency and the respective patient) before the end of the current work shift for the primary patient caregiver for that respective EMS Agency and specific patient.

(a) If the primary patient caregiver is unable to enter or complete the ePCR prior to the end of the current scheduled work shift for the primary patient caregiver due to acute injury, illness, or death, the EMS Agency shall assign the ePCR entry and completion to another employee of the respective EMS Agency. ePCRs completed pursuant to this paragraph shall be entered into the EMS Agency's ePCR software system and completed within 24 hours of call completion.

(iii) The individual entering and completing an ePCR is responsible for ensuring that each ePCR is factual and accurate and compliant with the Department's data requirements related to data version, transmission, format, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration, validity and accessibility.

2. EMS Agencies shall electronically submit all ePCRs to the Department within 24 hours of call completion, and each submission shall comply with the Department's data submission requirements related to data version, transmission, format, accuracy, completeness, uniformity, integration, validity and accessibility.

3. In the event of a failure of the EMS Agency's ePCR software or the hardware used to access the software, the responding Medics must complete a paper PCR that is accurate and factual and is substantially similar to the EMS Agency's ePCR and the response information must be entered into the EMS Agency's ePCR software by the responding Medics and submitted to the Department within 24 hours of the resolution of the software or hardware failure.

(i) In the event the EMS Agency's software and/or hardware failure extends for longer than 7 calendar days, the EMS Agency shall immediately use the Department's ePCR software for direct entry of ePCRs by the Medics and continue using it until the EMS Agency's software and/or hardware failure is completely resolved.

4. In the event an EMS Agency's ePCR vendor is unable to submit the EMS Agency's ePCRs to the Department in compliance with this rule, whether as a result of a software failure, hardware failure, validation rule(s) failure, or mis-configuration of the ePCR software, the EMS Agency must submit a ePCR to the receiving facility in printed or electronic form, and the response information must be submitted to the Department within 24 hours of the resolution of the software or hardware failure.

(i) In the event the EMS Agency's ePCR vendor is unable to transmit ePCRs to the Department for longer than 7 calendar days, the EMS Agency shall immediately use the Department's ePCR software for direct entry of ePCRs by the Medics and continue using it until the EMS Agency's ePCR vendor is able to transmit ePCRs for the EMS Agency in compliance with this rule.

5. All ePCR software or hardware failures must be reported to the Department within 12 hours of the failure and must be documented by the EMS Agency in a log that shall be made available for inspection by the Department immediately upon request.

6. The Department shall be authorized to inspect the ePCR software system of the EMS Agency to ensure compliance with this rule.

(c) EMS Agency crew members of the vehicle that transports a patient to an acute care facility, hospital, or any other facility that requests a Patient Care Report (PCR), shall deliver a PCR to the receiving facility prior to departing the facility. If the EMS Agency is unable to deliver a complete PCR to the facility electronically or in printed format prior to the departure of the transporting crew from the facility, then the primary patient caregiver of the transporting vehicle shall complete and deliver to the facility a written or printed abbreviated PCR that includes at a minimum, when applicable, the following data elements related to the current incident:

1. patient first name, last name, gender, and date of birth;
2. name of the EMS Agency and names of the crew members that transported the patient;
3. date and time when the call was received;
4. date and time when the transporting EMS Agency crew arrived on scene, left the scene and arrived at the destination;
5. date and time when the patient was injured, last known to be well, and had a return of spontaneous circulation;
6. date and time of first medical contact;
7. name of any first responder agency that cared for or made contact with the patient;
8. patient history, chief complaint, exam findings, and any treatments provided;
9. transporting EMS Agency incident number; and
10. any other information available to the EMS Agency that is necessary for the continued care of the patient at the receiving facility.

(4) Personnel Roster

(a) EMS Agencies shall submit rosters to the Department of all drivers and all licensed Medics, Nurses, physician assistants, physicians, and all other licensed healthcare workers employed by, volunteering for, or contracted by the EMS Agency. Rosters shall be submitted on forms specified by the Department with a minimum set of data elements specified by the Department, in compliance with the following:

1. EMS Agencies shall submit additions to their roster of any driver (excluding helicopter pilots), Medic, Nurse, physician assistant, physician, and all other licensed healthcare personnel prior to that person being permitted to staff an Air Ambulance, Ground Ambulance, Neonatal Transport Vehicle or Medical First Responder Vehicle; and
2. EMS Agencies shall submit deletions or modifications to their roster within 96 hours of the employment status change.

(5) Each EMS Agency shall notify the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department within twenty-four hours of:

(a) The receipt of a report or other information suggesting that a Medic, EMS Instructor, or EMS Instructor/Coordinator has:

1. Provided services while under the influence of drugs or alcohol;
2. Been arrested or indicted for, charged with, or convicted of any felony, crime of violence, or crime of moral turpitude;

3. Violated the laws of Georgia, another state or territory, or the United States. This shall not include violations which involve minor traffic offenses; or

4. Violated any Department rule or regulation, Scope of Practice, or any of the Department's policies governing EMS in Georgia.

(b) The violation of any Department approved Regional Ambulance Zoning Plan by any EMS Agency or Medic; and

(c) The theft of any Air Ambulance, Ground Ambulance, Neonatal Transport Vehicle, or Medical First Responder Vehicle registered to the EMS Agency.

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511-9-2-.15 General Provisions for Emergency Medical Services Personnel, EMS Instructors, and EMS Instructor/Coordinators

(1) Emergency Medical Services Personnel shall at all times while on duty wear visible identification, to include name, company name and license level and may include the State EMS patch or embroidered facsimile, along with license level rocker. Patches of other licensing agencies are not an acceptable substitute.

(2) Emergency Medical Services Personnel shall at all times while on duty have a government issued photo identification on their person.

(3) Emergency Medical Services Personnel, EMS Instructors and EMS Instructor/Coordinators shall notify the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department within ten (10) days of any change in their name, email address, home address, mailing address, or phone number.

(4) All persons operating any vehicle registered to an EMS Agency shall possess a valid and unrestricted driver's license which permits the person to drive and operate the respective vehicle in compliance with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

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511-9-2-.17 Standards for Emergency Medical Service Instructors and Instructor/Coordinators

(1) Licensure of EMS Instructors and EMS Instructor/Coordinators.

(a) No individual shall hold himself or herself out as an EMS Instructor unless the individual holds an active EMS Instructor license issued by the Department.

(b) No individual shall hold himself or herself out as an EMS Instructor/Coordinator at any level unless the individual holds an active EMS Instructor/Coordinator license issued by the Department.

(c) An application for licensure as an EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator shall be submitted on the form specified by the Department and shall include adequate demographic information and documentation that the applicant meets all licensure requirements set forth in this rule.

(d) Once issued, a license shall be valid for a period of two years or until the biennial renewal date established by the Department.

(e) The Department may deny an application for licensure as an EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator, or revoke or otherwise sanction a license, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, upon any of the grounds set forth in Rule [511-9-2-.18](#).

(2) Eligibility for Licensure as an EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator.

(a) EMS Instructor. All applicants for initial licensure as an EMS Instructor must meet the following requirements:

1. Current CPR Certification that is maintained throughout the Instructor license period.
2. Successful completion of a Department-recognized instructional techniques course, Department-recognized EMS instructional preparation curriculum, or Department-recognized equivalent not more than three (3) years prior to the application.
3. Current Georgia healthcare license that is maintained throughout the instructor license period in a field specified by the Department, together with documentation of a minimum length of continuous licensure in Georgia or another state or territory at an approved healthcare license level.

(b) EMS Instructor/Coordinator. All applicants for initial licensure as an EMS Instructor/Coordinator must meet the following requirements:

1. Minimum Requirements for all Instructor/Coordinator Levels.

(i) Current CPR Certification that is maintained throughout the Instructor/Coordinator license period.

(ii) Successful completion of a Department-recognized EMS instructional preparation curriculum or Department-recognized equivalent not more than three (3) years prior to the application.

(iii) Current Georgia healthcare license that is maintained throughout the instructor/coordinator license period in a field specified by the Department that is at or above the Instructor/Coordinator level, together with documentation of a minimum length of continuous licensure and active clinical practice in Georgia or another state or territory at that healthcare license level.

(iv) Documentation of competency in national EMS clinical standards as evidenced by:

(I) For an applicant who is licensed by the Department, current certification from the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) which is maintained throughout the Instructor/Coordinator license period, as follows:

I. An applicant licensed by the Department as an EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic shall hold NREMT certification at the applicant's Medic license level;

II. An applicant licensed by the Department as an EMT-I shall hold NREMT certification at the EMT level; and

III. An applicant licensed by the Department as a Cardiac Technician shall hold NREMT certification at the AEMT level; or

(II) For an applicant who is licensed by a Georgia licensing authority other than the Department, successful completion of the NREMT assessment exam at or above the Instructor/Coordinator level within a time frame specified by the Department.

(v) Documentation of at least forty (40) hours of active teaching/internship in a Department-approved EMS Initial Education Program that meets or exceeds objectives specified by the Department.

2. Additional Requirements for EMS Instructor/Coordinator (Paramedic).

(i) Current ACLS Certification that is maintained throughout the Instructor/Coordinator license period.

(ii) An Associate Degree or higher from an academic institution that is accredited by an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. The degree may be in any major.

(3) License Renewal for EMS Instructors and EMS Instructor/Coordinators.

(a) Licensed EMS Instructors and EMS Instructor/Coordinators may renew their licenses biennially by submitting a renewal application on or before the expiration date. A renewal application shall be submitted on the form specified by the Department and shall include adequate documentation of the licensee's compliance with the continuing education and active teaching requirements set forth below. The Department may, in its discretion, specify mandatory continuing education topics during the renewal cycle.

1. EMS Instructors must submit adequate documentation of the following for each renewal cycle:

(i) Completion of twelve (12) hours of Department-approved instructor continuing education during the renewal cycle in instructional topics, six (6) of which must be approved only for instructors. Continuing education courses/hours applied towards the continuing education requirements for renewal of a Georgia healthcare provider license may not be applied towards the continuing education requirements for renewal of an EMS Instructor license.

(ii) Completion of twenty (20) hours of active teaching during the renewal cycle in Department-approved continuing education courses or EMS Initial Education Courses offered by designated EMS Initial Education Programs.

2. EMS Instructors with Paramedic Endorsement must submit adequate documentation of the following for each renewal cycle:

(i) Completion of twenty-four (24) hours of Department-approved instructor continuing education during the renewal cycle in instructional topics, twelve (12) of which must be approved only for instructors. Continuing education courses/hours applied towards the continuing education requirements for renewal of a Georgia healthcare provider license may not be applied towards the continuing education requirements for renewal of an EMS Instructor with Paramedic Endorsement license.

(ii) Completion of forty (40) hours of active teaching during the renewal cycle in EMS Initial Education Courses offered by designated EMS Initial Education Programs, twenty (20) of which must be taught at the Paramedic level.

3. EMS Instructor/Coordinators must submit adequate documentation of the following for each renewal cycle:

(i) Completion of twenty-four (24) hours of Department-approved instructor continuing education during the renewal cycle in instructional topics, twelve (12) of which must be approved only for instructors. Continuing education courses/hours applied towards the continuing education requirements for renewal of a Georgia healthcare provider license may not be applied towards the continuing education requirements for renewal of an EMS Instructor/Coordinator license.

(ii) Completion of forty (40) hours of active teaching during the renewal cycle in EMS Initial Education Courses offered by designated EMS Initial Education Programs, twenty (20) of which must be taught at or above the Instructor/Coordinator level.

(b) An EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator license that is not renewed prior to the expiration date shall be placed in lapsed status. A lapsed license may be renewed during a six-month late renewal period immediately following the expiration date, provided that all requirements for license renewal are met.

(c) An EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator license that is not renewed prior to the end of the late renewal period shall be expired and not eligible for renewal. To regain licensure, the individual must submit a new application to the Department and meet all current eligibility requirements for licensure as an EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator.

(4) License Fees for EMS Instructors and EMS Instructor/Coordinators.

(a) All applications for initial licensure as an EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator or for renewal of an EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator license submitted on or after July 1, 2021, shall be accompanied by a fee payable to the Department in an amount and form determined by the Department.

(b) All applications for late renewal of an EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator license submitted on or after January 1, 2023, shall be accompanied by the applicable renewal fee, plus a late renewal penalty fee in an amount equal to the renewal fee, payable to the Department in a form determined by the Department.

(5) Clinical Preceptors.

(a) Clinical preceptors may precept Paramedic, AEMT, EMT, and EMR students at or below the preceptor's provider license level.

(b) Clinical preceptors must be approved by the Program Director of the EMS Initial Education Program and the Program's EMS Medical Director after successfully completing a clinical preceptor training course approved by the Department.

(c) The course coordinator must maintain student clinical records involving clinical preceptors for a time period specified in the Department's published record retention schedule for EMS Initial Education Programs.

(6) Any currently licensed EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator may voluntarily surrender their EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator license by notifying the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department. Once processed by the Department, surrenders are not reversible, and the individual would need to complete the current Department-specified application process and meet all licensing requirements to obtain a new EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator license.

(7) Upon request, the Department shall be authorized to place an EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator license in retired status after which the individual will be permitted to continue to use the former licensure level title and number with "(Ret.)" after it. An individual in retired status will not be licensed to perform the duties of an EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator as defined in these rules. Applications for license retirement shall be submitted in a manner and on forms specified by the Department and must be submitted by the Licensee themselves. Once processed by the Department, retirements are not reversible, and the individual would need to complete the

current Department-specified application process and meet all licensing requirements to obtain a new EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator license. Eligibility requirements for retirement of an EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator license are as follows:

(a) The individual must be currently licensed as a Georgia EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator, and the respective license must be in Good Standing at the time of application; and

(b) The individual must have a minimum of 15 years of continuous uninterrupted licensure as a Georgia EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator, inclusive of the date of application.

(8) Upon request from the next of kin to place an EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator license in deceased status and obtain a certificate of active service for an individual who dies while currently licensed in Good Standing as a Georgia EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator, the Department shall be authorized to place the respective license in deceased status and provide a certificate of active service to the next of kin. The request shall be accompanied by a certified death certificate or other documents recognized by the Department.

(9) Downgrades of Instructor and Instructor/Coordinator Licenses. Currently licensed EMS Instructors with Paramedic Endorsement and EMS Instructor/Coordinators in Good Standing may voluntarily request the Department to downgrade their Instructor or Instructor/Coordinator license. The request shall be made to the Department in a manner and on forms specified by the Department and shall indicate the requested new level of license. Once processed by the Department, downgrades are not reversible, and the individual would need to complete the current Department-specified application process to obtain a higher level of Instructor or Instructor/Coordinator license.

(a) Permitted downgrades are as follows:

1. Currently licensed EMS Instructors with Paramedic Endorsement and EMS Instructor/Coordinators (Paramedic) in Good Standing will be permitted to request a downgrade to the EMS Instructor, EMS Instructor/Coordinator (AEMT), or EMS Instructor/Coordinator (EMT) levels.

2. Currently licensed EMS Instructor/Coordinators (AEMT) in Good Standing will be permitted to request a downgrade to the EMS Instructor, or EMS Instructor/Coordinator (EMT) levels.

3. Currently licensed EMS Instructor/Coordinators (EMT) in Good Standing will be permitted to request a downgrade to the EMS Instructor level.

(b) Applications for downgrade must be accompanied by the following:

1. An application fee, as described in paragraph (4) of this rule.

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511-9-2-.18 Standards of Conduct for Licensees

In order to protect the public and ensure the integrity of the emergency medical response system, all persons licensed by the Department pursuant to Chapter 31-11, all owners and officers of entities licensed pursuant to Chapter 31-11, and all applicants for a license pursuant to Chapter 31-11 (hereinafter licensees) shall at all times meet the following standards of conduct:

- (1) A licensee shall comply at all times with the provisions of Chapter 31-11 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department.
- (2) A licensee shall not obtain a license by fraud, forgery, deception, misrepresentation, or omission of a material fact.
- (3) A licensee shall not present a check to the Department for which there are insufficient funds in the account.
- (4) A licensee shall not tamper with, alter, or change any license issued by the Department.
- (5) A licensee shall fully cooperate with the Department and its agents during the course of any investigation or inspection, and provide true information upon request.
- (6) A licensee shall take no action in any other jurisdiction that would result in a fine, suspension, or revocation of any license similar to that issued to the licensee pursuant to Chapter 31-11.
- (7) A licensee shall not advertise its services in a false or misleading manner.
- (8) A licensee shall not provide any type or level of service that is not authorized by its license or by law.
- (9) A licensee shall not provide services while its license is suspended, or revoked, inactive, or has lapsed for failure to renew, whether personally or through employees, agents, or volunteers.
- (10) A licensee shall correct as soon as practicable all violations and deficiencies found during a Department inspection.
- (11) A licensee's equipment shall be clean and in proper operating condition at all times.
- (12) A licensee shall not falsify any record, patient care report, other report or record, or any other document which the licensee is required to maintain under state or federal law or Department regulations or policies.
- (13) A licensee shall not employ fraud or misrepresentation to obtain a fee or any reimbursement in the course of Emergency Medical Services or other services under its licensure.
- (14) A licensee shall report to the Department within ten days the bringing of any criminal charges against the licensee, whether by arrest warrant, information, accusation, or indictment. This subsection shall not apply to minor traffic offenses.
- (15) A licensee shall, upon request by the Department, submit copies or permit inspection of any document, which the licensee is required to maintain under state or federal law or Department regulations.
- (16) A licensee shall not provide services while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, nor permit any employee or co-worker to do so.
- (17) A licensee shall use no less than the requisite number of licensed individuals applicable to its license.
- (18) A licensee shall act with due regard for the safety of patients and the public in the operation of an emergency vehicle, and shall not use vehicle warning devices unnecessarily or in a manner that endangers the safety of the patient or the public.
- (19) A licensee shall not aid or abet the unlicensed practice of emergency medical care.

- (20) A licensee shall not accept anything of value in return for a patient referral.
- (21) A licensee shall abide by all Regional Ambulance Zoning Plans.
- (22) A licensee shall take no action that would jeopardize the health or safety of a patient, including without limitation the abandonment or mistreatment of a patient.
- (23) A licensee shall pay all administrative fines in full within thirty days.
- (24) A licensee shall display proper identification at all times while on duty, including the Georgia level of licensure.
- (25) A licensee shall maintain the confidentiality of all patient records and information and shall not disclose any confidential information or knowledge concerning a patient except where required or allowed by law.
- (26) A licensee shall take no action that may result in a criminal conviction on a felony charge, a crime of moral turpitude, or the crime of driving under the influence or possession of a controlled substance.
- (27) An EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator licensee shall maintain student records as required by the Department, and shall meet all license renewal requirements.
- (28) An EMS Instructor/Coordinator licensee serving as the Program Director of a designated EMS Initial Education Program shall ensure that all state, national, and applicable accreditation requirements are met for each student before validating that the student has completed the course and/or is clear to test the National Registry exam for the respective level of initial education.
- (29) A licensee shall not discriminate on the basis of national origin, race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, or physical or mental ability in providing services.
- (30) A licensee shall not violate any lawful order of the Department.
- (31) A licensee shall not violate any statute, rule or regulation, state or federal, which pertains to Emergency Medical Services.
- (32) A licensee shall not violate the security of any exam or exam material for purposes of obtaining or maintaining an EMS license by any means including but not limited to removing any exam materials from an examination area, the unauthorized possession of exam materials, the unauthorized reproduction of exam materials, impersonating an examinee, or having another person take an exam on behalf of a licensee.
- (33) An EMS Instructor or EMS Instructor/Coordinator serving as the Program Director, Course Coordinator, Lead Instructor, Clinical Coordinator, or other instructional staff in a EMS Initial Education course shall ensure that all data related to any student, instructor or preceptor that is submitted to or required by the Department is accurate and factual and complies with all state, national, and applicable accreditation requirements.
- (34) A licensee shall not issue a certificate of credit/completion for EMS continuing education hours to any person without the person meeting the EMS continuing education completion requirements as specified by the Department for the respective EMS continuing education course.
- (35) A licensee shall take no action that would jeopardize the health, safety, or wellbeing of a student, including without limitation the abandonment or mistreatment of a student.
- (36) A licensee shall at no time violate, exceed, or disregard the Department specified Scope of Practice for their respective license level(s).

(37) A licensee shall not make false or misleading statements in any oral, written, or electronic report regarding the provision of emergency medical care to any patient.

(38) A licensee shall not destroy or cause to be destroyed any patient care report.

(39) A licensee shall not fail to respond to a call while on duty and shall not leave their duty assignment without the proper approval.

(40) A licensee shall not delegate EMS functions to a person who lacks the education, training, experience, knowledge, or licensure to provide appropriate level of care for the patient.

(41) A licensee shall not falsify, misrepresent, or alter clinical, field and/or internship documents for EMS students.

(42) A licensee shall not behave in a disruptive manner toward other EMS personnel, law enforcement, firefighters, hospital personnel, other medical personnel, patients, family members or others, that interferes with patient care or could be reasonably expected to adversely impact the quality of care rendered to a patient.

(43) A licensee shall not fail to protect and/or advocate for patients/clients/students and/or the public from unnecessary risk of harm from another EMS personnel.

(44) A licensee shall not misappropriate medications, supplies, equipment, personal items, or money belonging to the patient, employer or any other person or entity.

(45) A licensee shall not misrepresent any level of certification or licensure.

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511-9-2-.19 Disciplinary Actions Against Licensees

(1) The Department shall revoke the license of any individual or entity licensed under Chapter 31-11 for failure to comply with Chapter 31-11, the regulations of the Department, or approved Regional Ambulance Zoning Plans. The term "license" as used in this regulation includes certificates issued to EMS personnel or instructors pursuant to Article 3 of Chapter 31-11.

(2) The Department may, in its discretion, impose a lesser sanction where the circumstances of the violation do not merit revocation of the license, including probation on specified terms or suspension.

(3) In addition to revocation, suspension, or probation of a license, the Department in its discretion may impose a fine not to exceed a total of \$25,000 for each violation or up to \$1,000 per day for each violation of Chapter 31-11, the rules and regulations of the Department, or approved Regional Ambulance Zoning Plans.

(4) Procedure.

(a) The Department shall give written notice of any disciplinary action taken pursuant to this regulation by certified mail or statutory overnight delivery to the licensee's last known address, unless the licensee provides a different address to which notices may be sent. The notice shall set forth the individual facts or conduct, which warrant the disciplinary action.

(b) The Department shall provide an administrative hearing on the disciplinary action if the licensee makes a written request for a hearing. Such written request must be actually delivered to and received by the Director of the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma not later than twenty days after the licensee receives the notice of disciplinary action.

(c) The licensee shall have at least twenty days' prior notice of the time and place of the hearing.

(5) Effective date of disciplinary action.

(a) All disciplinary actions by the Department are effective twenty days after the licensee's receipt of the notice, unless the licensee makes a timely request for a hearing. In that event, the action shall become effective upon the agency's final decision.

(b) Upon a written finding set forth in the notice of disciplinary action that the public safety, health, and welfare imperatively require emergency action, the suspension of the license shall be effective immediately upon issuance of the notice, and a hearing promptly scheduled to consider final revocation of the license.

(6) Upon request by the licensee for exculpatory, favorable, or arguably favorable information relative to pending allegations involving disciplinary action, the Department shall either furnish such information, indicate that no such information exists, or provide such information to the hearing officer for in camera inspection pursuant to O.C.G.A. § [50-13-18\(d\)\(2\)](#).

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