



MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks

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APPLICATION FOR SHOOTING PRESERVE LICENSE

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

Street City State Zip

Driver's License #/State: _____ Social Security #: _____

I, _____ the undersigned, residing at the above address, hereby make application for a Shooting Preserve License as specified below. In connection with this application and which is made a part thereof, I certify that the answers to the following questions are correct and agree, if a Shooting Preserve License is issued to me, to comply with all the provisions of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks laws and regulations pertaining thereof:

Name of Person, Partnership, Association, or Corporation to engage in the operation of the Shooting Preserve

Phone: _____

Street City State County Zip

Give exact legal description of lands in Shooting Preserve for which license is applied (Must be in one Tract):

County: _____ Exact Acres Described Below: _____

Township: _____ Range: _____

Sections: _____

Description: _____

This Shooting Preserve is to be operated as follows (Check One Only):

Open to the public on a commercial basis

Restricted to a membership or other limited group

Species of artificially propagated game to be hunted and taken on this Shooting Preserve:

Pheasants () Quail () Black Ducks () Mallard Ducks () Chukar ()

In accordance with Section 49-11-5, I submit herewith by certified check or money order in the amount of \$_____ representing applicant's fee of \$100.00 per year for the first 300 acres of preserve area plus \$10.00 per year for each additional 100 acres or parts thereof. Additionally an agent fee of \$1.00 and a transaction fee of \$1.29 will be added to the total amount. (640 ACRES IS THE MAXIMUM ACREAGE PER SHOOTING PERMIT)

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

PRIVATE SHOOTING PRESERVES License Regulations

§49-7-5 (3) A resident license is required to hunt, fish or trap unless a person is engaged in hunting, fishing or trapping on lands in which the record title is vested in such person. (Therefore - the department takes the position that a resident is required to have a current hunting license when hunting on a private shooting preserve.)

§49-11-1 For the purpose of this Chapter.

a) "Commission" means the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. b) "Department" means the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. c) "Operator" means a person licensed to operate a shooting preserve or a commercial wildlife enclosure.

§49-11-3 Persons to whom operating licenses may be issued; area and other requirements.

The department may issue operating licenses to any person, partnership, association or corporation for the operation of shooting preserves or commercial wildlife enclosures that meet the following requirements and any applicable regulations. Each shooting preserve shall contain a minimum of one hundred (100) acres in one (1) tract of leased or owned land (including water area, if any) and shall be restricted to not more than six hundred forty (640) contiguous acres (including water area, if any) except that preserves confined to the releasing of ducks only may be authorized to operate with a minimum of fifty (50) contiguous acres (including water area). The boundaries of each shooting preserve shall be clearly defined and posted with signs erected at intervals of three hundred (300) feet or less. The preserve must be privately owned and operated.

§49-11-5 Fees for shooting preserve licenses.

The Fee for a shooting preserve license shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year for the first three hundred (300) acres of shooting preserve area, plus ten dollars (\$10.00) per year for each additional one hundred (100) acres or parts thereof.

§49-11-7 License to indicate whether preserve is open to public; records of commission.

Each license issued by the department shall designate whether or not the preserve is open to the public on a commercial basis, or is restricted to a membership or other limited group. In the latter case, the license shall specify that the area is a restricted shooting preserve. The department shall maintain accurate listings of the names and addresses of the licensees and the location of the property. These lists shall be available in their entirety to anyone requesting a copy, and shall specify whether the preserves are public or private.

§49-11-9 Chapter and License hereunder to be supplemental and additional.

This chapter is supplemental and in addition to any other laws on related subject matters. Any license required under this chapter is in addition to any other licenses which may be required for commercial raising and sale of game birds or for the raising of game birds for propagation.

§49-11-13 Hunting Season.

The season for shooting preserves shall be for a period of seven (7) months beginning October 1 and ending April 30, except as further restricted by the operator.

§49-11-15 Game which may be hunted.

Artificially propagated pheasants, chukar partridges, mallards and black ducks, and any game bird authorized by the Commission are the only game which may be hunted on shooting preserves under this chapter. Mallards and black ducks released on a shooting preserve must have a one-fourth (1/4) inch hole punched in the outer web of the right foot before the birds attain the age of six (6) weeks.

§49-11-17 Recovery of released game.

The operating licenses issued by the department shall entitle licensees, and their guests or customers, to recover the total number of each species of game released on the premises each year.

§49-11-19 Shooting preserve operators may establish shooting restrictions.

Operators may establish shooting limitations and restrictions on the age, sex, and number of each species of released game that may be taken by each person.

§49-11-21 Any native wild game found on shooting preserves may be harvested only in accordance with applicable game and hunting laws and regulations issued by the Commission or the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

§49-11-23 Certificate issued to any hunter or person leaving with harvested game.

The operator shall furnish and issue a consecutively numbered certificate to any hunter or person leaving with harvested game. The certificate shall bear the license number and name of the shooting preserve or its licensed operator. The certificate shall contain the person's name, address, date of issuance and number and species of harvested game in possession. The certificate must remain with the harvested game until the game is prepared for consumption.

§49-11-25 Records of operators; patrolling of preserve.

Each operator shall maintain a registration book listing the names and hunting license numbers of all hunters and the date on which they hunted. An accurate record must be maintained of the total number, by species, of game released and harvested each day the preserve is hunted. The operator shall submit this information in an annual report of operations each year to the department not later than June 1 following. These records shall be open to inspection by the department at any reasonable time. Any person, partnership, association or corporation licensed hereunder consents to the patrolling of the shooting preserve areas by the department, without warrant, to determine if any of the game laws or regulations are being violated.

§49-11-27 Penalties for violations.

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provisions of this chapter is guilty of a Class II violation, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided in Section 49-7-143. A multiple violator of this chapter shall be assessed the maximum allowable fine, and may, at the discretion of the Commission, have his shooting preserve operator's license suspended by operation of law for a period of one (1) year.

NOTE: A Non-Resident is required to have a license to hunt on a shooting preserve - he may purchase a Non-Resident Shooting Preserve License or a Non-Resident Small Game Hunting License to hunt artificially propagated game birds. Harvesting of Wild Game requires applicable non-resident hunting license.