

Camp Pendleton iSportsmans FAQs

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- What is iSportsman? iSportsman is a software program that the Game Wardens use to manage outdoor recreation on base. The address is <https://pendleton.isportsman.net>
- What does iSportsman do? It's a website that provides rules, handouts, maps, issues permits, runs any lotteries, allows you to check-in and out of areas, shows area availability, and collects your harvest reports. There will be no more line standing, driving around, or filling out pieces of paper. It's all online!
- When do we start using it? September 5th is the official start of iSportsman.
- Why do I have to buy a permit from the PX still? The iSportsman contract was awarded over the summer, so many people already purchased their permit from the PX. We will still use the PX permits for fee collection, and replace it with fee collection through iSportsman next hunting season. Any permit you "buy" on iSportsman will be free this year as you already paid the PX.
- Can I continue to check in/out with the Game Warden office? No, the purpose of iSportsman is to avoid paying a couple of Game Wardens to stay at the office all day. Their job is in the field. Also, COVID-19 makes online check-in and out preferable to in-person visits.
- How do I contact a live person to discuss issues with iSportsman? Most questions can be answered by reading the User Guide, the General Hunting Rules, or the Deer Hunting Rules. All of these are posted on the Policies and Regulations tab on the iSportsman website. If you still need assistance, call the duty warden at 760-725-3360. If they are driving, the phone will go to voicemail. Leave a message and they will call you back.
- How do I get setup? Detailed instructions are on the Permit Information tab on the iSportsman page.
- What about the safety brief? The brief is now provided online, no more in-person briefs for firearm deer hunters.
- What about lotteries? Deer and waterfowl hunters can enter a lottery to make an area reservation a day in advance. This ensures the proper amount of people are hunting these two impacted activities. Sometimes, everyone will win if have a lot of areas, sometimes just some will win if we have limited areas. Without winning or entering the lottery, hunters can check in after 0600 into available areas on the day of their hunt.
- I shot a deer, now what? Report your harvest on iSportsman. Call the Duty Game Warden at 760-725-3360, when you are headed out of the field so they can meet you at the deer check station at the Game Warden office.
- Can I enter the lottery as a group? Yes. The group leader will create a group and receive a group name when they enter the lottery. Share the name with you group so they can sign up under that name. You will win or lose together.
- What are these tiers? Hunters can reserve an area the day before their hunt (optional). Their reservation time starts based on their military status. Check the General Hunting Rules for tiers and times.
- If I am not a tier 1, will I ever get to hunt? Yes. Hunters can only reserve one area at a time, so it's not possible for a tier 1 hunter to reserve an area on Saturday and Sunday. For deer and waterfowl hunting (the most impacted activities) the weekly lottery limits the number of hunters to fit the number of areas available.