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Summary of Changes 2020-2021

CORRECTION: Only holders of a Class Y/YY permit may use a crossbow to hunt a deer of either sex in Logan, McDowell, Mingo and Wyoming counties. See top right paragraph on page 26.

1. A special Youth/Class Q/Class XS bear season will be open October 17 and 18 on public and private lands in counties open to a firearms deer hunting season. The use of dogs is prohibited during this season (see page 7 for exception). See page 36.
2. Season dates and open counties for antlerless deer, fall wild turkey, and black bear hunting seasons have changed, including Sunday closing days for Buck Firearms, Antlerless and Fall Wild Turkey seasons. See appropriate sections for details.
3. The youth squirrel season has been extended to include Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020. See page 32.
4. In addition to shotguns and crossbows, the use of bows with arrows equipped with a point having at least two sharp-cutting edges measuring in excess of 3/4 inch wide are now legal during the Youth Spring Gobbler Season. See page 43.
5. The Spring Gobbler Season will be extended an additional 8 days and will close on Sunday, May 23, 2021. See page 43.
6. The limitation on the number of apprentice hunting and trapping licenses a person may purchase has been removed.
7. It is illegal to bait or feed any wildlife on public lands at any time.
8. Leashed dogs may now be used to track and locate mortally wounded deer or bear. See page 7.
9. A West Virginia resident child under 12 years of age and that has been legally adopted is eligible for an infant lifetime license provided that the license is purchased within two years of the adoption order or decree.
10. Bolts and arrows at least 16 inches long, including the insert and the nock, are legal for use with a crossbow.



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