

Whitetail Challenge 2008

Harvest Rules and Guidelines

The Whitetail Challenge, Northbranch Wildlife Management and Northbranch Wildlife Foundation are participants in the practices of the Quality Deer Management Association.

Quality Deer Management (QDM) is management philosophy/practice that unites landowners, hunters and managers in a common goal of producing biologically and socially balanced deer herds within existing environmental, social, and legal constraints. This approach typically involves the protection of young bucks (yearling and some 2.5 year olds) combined with an adequate harvest of female deer to maintain a healthy population in balance with existing habitat conditions and landowner desires. This level of deer management involves the production of quality deer (bucks, does, and fawns), quality habitat, quality hunting experiences, and, most importantly, quality hunters.

In conjunction with the QDM management practices in place, the Whitetail Challenge 2008 is being held as an **Antlerless (doe only) Hunt**. Hunters are responsible for acquiring an Antlerless Hunting License for the 2008 limited pre-season. Those hunters that hunt successfully within the parameters of an Antlerless hunting license, will be eligible to apply for a license to hunt in the following 2008 Hunting Season of their choice.

Your Whitetail Challenge 2008 Guide bears the responsibility of reporting any illegal or unethical harvesting of animals to Northbranch officials as well as to the State of Iowa Department of Natural Resources.