



SWI: Stalking to contact pest animals by groups/teams procedure

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1. No person may take part in an activity without possession of all required items on the "Activity Checklist", i.e. blaze orange headwear, shirt or vest, 5 Watt UHF radio, GPS, water, PPE*, etc.
2. Control of the operation will be the responsibility of the Team Leader.
3. The person designated to coordinate and guide the hunters into their location will be situated in a safe position, which will give the best view of proceedings.
4. Where possible, the area for the planned contact should be chosen to allow the longest period of time for visual contact.
5. The coordinator and Team Leader must have radio contact with all persons at all times.
6. All participants will take-up position with regard to lateral dispersion – minimum of 3 metres to prevent unnecessary muzzle blast and positioned so no person is forward or back from the firing line.
7. Once in position, no person may move from it until a cease-fire is called by the Team Leader at the completion of the operation, or the coordinator approves the move.
8. Once settled in position with agreed fields of fire and a safe background to engage the quarry, the Team Leader will give the command to load. Only chamber a round when in a clear, steady position and you are about to engage the quarry. Under no circumstance may a person move with a loaded firearm.
9. Once everyone is in place, the coordinator, having the best vantage point will give the order to fire.
10. No matter what the situation - You must not fire at any target greater than 45 degrees to the line of travel or agreed line of fire.
11. No matter what the situation - You must not turn and fire behind the line.
12. When completed, the Team Leader will call "All-clear" – All members must clear their firearm and have it inspected as being clear and made safe by another team member, before moving forward.
13. The condition of felled animals will be recorded wherever possible and an ear tip removed as proof of C&WM cull activity. Biological data will be recorded as and if required for all target species.
14. While meat and skins may be taken by participants (if approved) all offal must be removed from walking trails and from view of the general public. Water courses are not to be contaminated and the environment left in a natural state.
15. All steps shall be taken to abide by any codes of practice for the destruction of the target species.
16. Only accredited C&WM members who hold a POU 7 – Wildlife Management/Category 7 (contract shooter) endorsement on their firearms licence may use firearms on Branch activities.

*PPE: Personal Protective Equipment