Social (Retention) & Reactivation Hunt Requirements and Expectations

Social/Retention hunts are intended for people who have already taken their first steps into hunting and need opportunities to continue practicing, gain experience, and connect with other hunters. These events can be less structured than Learn to Hunt events while adhering to the requirements below:

- Participants must be 18 or older.
- Participants must be licensed hunters and meet all local hunting requirements (orange, bag limits, etc.)
- All participants and volunteers must sign waivers before participating.
- Volunteers will be covered under our insurance as long as they are listed in the Volunteer Liability Coverage Form submitted prior to the event.
- A designated event lead must oversee safety and ensure participants understand expectations before hunting begins.
- All participants and volunteers must follow *Safe Shooting Practices*:
    - No shooting at low birds or birds behind the line, ever.
    - Shoot only within safe zones of fire.
    - Mentors actively enforce safe zones of fire.
    - Never allow “ducking” to make a shot possible.
    - The hunter flushes the bird; no one goes in front of the gun.

Safety expectations should be reviewed with everyone before the hunt begins. Mentors/event leaders are responsible for addressing unsafe behavior immediately and stopping the hunt when necessary. A successful event should provide participants with:

- An opportunity to gain real hunting experience.
- Appropriate support and mentorship for their skill level.
- Opportunities to connect with experienced hunters and other participants.
- A clear pathway to future hunting opportunities and continued involvement with PF & QF.

Retention hunts can be flexible in format, but **safety is a top priority**. Chapters do not need to replicate a formal Learn to Hunt event; but provide a safe, supported opportunity for new hunters to advance their skills, confidence and connection with other hunters.