6 Field Card: Your First Season

Fill in each line as the answer comes in, from draw results to this year's regulations, and keep a photo on your phone.

Use your own regulations and your own dates to fill in the blanks. Each heading names the chapter that explains its lines.

01 / MY FIRST HUNT

CHAPTER 1

Species: _____

Weapon: _____

State and unit: _____

Where: ☐ public land ☐ private, with permission

Spot and parking: _____

Season dates: _____

Draw deadline, if any: _____ Results expected: _____

02 / GETTING LEGAL

CHAPTER 2

1 Hunter education required for me: ☐ yes ☐ no (birth date, age or first license)

2 Course taken, or mentored, apprentice or deferral option used, and date:
_____

3 Hunter education certificate number:
_____ Photo on my phone: ☐

4 Base license, if my state sells one: ☐ bought · Valid through: _____

5 Tags, stamps or permits:
_____

03 / THE RULES I'LL CHECK IN THE FIELD

CHAPTER 3

Bag limit: _____ Possession limit: _____

Antler or sex rules: _____

Legal shooting hours on opening day: _____ a.m. to _____ p.m.

Blaze orange: how much, and in which seasons: _____

Legal weapon and ammunition for this season: _____

When to tag: ☐ before moving the animal ☐ other: _____ · ☐ paper tag ☐ app or e-tag

Reporting method and deadline: _____

- Special rules for my unit (disease zone, public land, Sunday hunting): _____

Agency phone number: _____

04 / READY BY OPENING DAY

CHAPTERS 1, 4 AND 9–14

☐ Boots broken in

☐ Base kit packed

☐ Rifle sighted in (Ch. 9), shotgun patterned (Ch. 10) or bow fitted and practiced at hunting weight — CH. 11

☐ Zero or sight pins rechecked in the two weeks before opening day, with the ammunition I'll hunt with

☐ Full-body harness and lifeline, if I'll hunt from a tree — CH. 13

☐ Spot walked in daylight

☐ Hunt plan left with: _____ — CH. 14

05 / WHAT TO EXPECT

CHAPTER 5

- My state's success rate, same species, weapon and kind of tag: _____ % (so _____ % go home without one)
- My longest shot this season (Ch. 12): _____ yards. No shot after legal shooting hours end.