

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

Title 40: Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

Part 2: Wildlife

Part 2, Chapter 3: Wild Turkey

RULE 3.4. MANDATORY TAGGING AND HARVEST REPORTING FOR WILD TURKEYS

A. The MDWFP harvest reporting system shall be known as “Game Check” to maintain uniform terminology across states.

B. When hunting spring turkey, all hunters, regardless of license exemption status, are required to carry, on his or her person, a valid turkey harvest tag issued by the MDWFP. This requirement will be enacted during the 2025 spring turkey hunting season.

1. Before moving a turkey from the point of harvest, hunters must invalidate the turkey harvest tag by notching, punching, cutting, or otherwise physically altering the tag to denote the date of harvest in the appropriate fields.

2. Before moving a turkey from the point of harvest, hunters must physically attach the turkey harvest tag to the bird’s leg. Harvest tags must remain attached to the carcass until the bird is processed.

C. All hunters, regardless of license exemption status, must report their harvest to the MDWFP by 10:00 PM on the day of harvest. Reporting may occur via the MDWFP smartphone application, MDWFP web portal, or by telephone.

D. A violation of this rule may be a Class III violation, punishable as provided in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-101, and upon conviction, further subject to the administrative penalties provided in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-26(4).

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