

PBS Code of Ethics and Equipment Policy Statements

Use of the Crossbow Prohibited In Archery Seasons

While the Professional Bowhunters Society® recognizes the rights of hunters to choose other weapons in separate hunting seasons, the crossbow is not a bow and a member of the Professional Bowhunters Society® will not use a crossbow, or any device that holds a bow at full or partial draw, during archery seasons.

Adherence to Game Laws

All members of the Professional Bowhunters Society® will adhere to all written game laws and regulations of the locality where the hunt is taking place. It will be the member's responsibility to research and know these game laws prior to the hunt. Members will not knowingly hunt with any individual who violates these laws and regulations. A member of the Professional Bowhunters Society® will fully cooperate in a polite, courteous, and professional manner with law enforcement officials.

The Rules of Fair Chase

The Professional Bowhunters Society® understands and accepts the fact that bowhunting limits the opportunity of the hunter to successfully take an animal. Considering these accepted limitations, the taking of a big game animal through any practice or device that prevents, eliminates, or significantly reduces a big game animal from ordinary means of escape from the hunter will be considered a violation of the ethics of "fair chase."