

## **NCBA – BCRS Application Information:**

**NOTE:** BCRS applications will be supplied upon request ONLY... to current NCBA members, and new NCBA members should request to have a BCRS application mailed to them when they apply for NCBA membership. Contact the current NCBA-BCRS Chairman to have an application sent to you.

Following are the requirements for applying for NCBA-BCRS Membership. Do NOT submit an incomplete application. It will NOT be processed until all documentation has been supplied to the BCRS Chairman.

- 1- NCBA membership is required. Supply a copy of your current/active NCBA ID/Membership card along with the BCRS application. (NCBA annual dues are \$30)
- 2- A copy of the applicants valid N.C. hunting license must be supplied with the application.
- 3- Everyone must complete the basic hunter safety class and supply copy of ID Card with the application.
- 4- Everyone must complete the IBEP (Bowhunter Ed Class) and supply copy of ID Card with the application.
- 5- All applicants must complete the BCRS Application.. and have it notarized.
- 6- Include the "BCRS Affirmation Statement" along with the application.
- 7- Contact a BCRS Member or Certifier to shoot the APT target and include it with the application.  
Click on this link to contact a Certifier: [http://www.ncbowhunter.com/docs/bcrs\\_certifiers.pdf](http://www.ncbowhunter.com/docs/bcrs_certifiers.pdf)
- 8- Include a check for \$20 to cover the annual dues/fee for joining the NCBA-BCRS program. Make the check out to: **NCBA-BCRS**

BCRS membership must be renewed annually by shooting the APT target and mailing it along with a check for \$20 for the renewal. BCRS membership expiration date will be on your ID card. There is no extension or grace period for BCRS membership. It expires the date on the card.

*NCBA-BCRS members must provide a “certified” criminal history background check when applying for membership as defined on the application form. But, be advised that many landowners also conduct their own independent background checks, and they may deny hunting privileges for anyone without cause at any time.*

### **IMPORTANT information ALL BCRS members should know and be aware of:**

Many BCRS agreements are with private gated communities. People live in these communities for a number of reasons. The most common reason is that they like the privacy and security offered by living behind locked gates in a protected environment. We find that residents of these communities tend to be very cautious about allowing anyone from the “outside world” into their community without taking certain precautions. One of these is that they often want to run a “criminal history” background check on each person on the BCRS hunter list that will be entering and accessing their property. This requires that we supply them with identifying information on all persons who have applied to participate in their deer management program.

Every individual NCBA-BCRS member should be aware that their criminal history records are public information, and as such, anyone can legally access this information. In order to run a valid background check, some personal identifiers are required to assure that the right person is identified in an inquiry. NCBA wants to make all BCRS members aware that **IF** we receive a request from a potential or current BCRS client/landowner for this information, we will supply it to them unless a member objects. This information will be limited to your full given name as it appears on your driver’s license, date of birth and drivers license number. We will specify and require that this information be kept confidential and not be passed onto anyone. In the future, all BCRS members will be notified if we receive such a request, and they will be given the choice and opportunity to remove their name from the hunter list for that specific hunting agreement.

We don't know exactly what type, or number of offenses various private landowners, gated communities, etc., may be looking for in deciding whether or not to allow an individual to enter their property. What may be acceptable to some may not be acceptable to others. We also need to recognize and realize that **anyone** can be denied access to any properties covered by a BCRS agreement, without cause, by the landowner **or** by the BCRS Chairman.

NCBA will not discriminate against anyone based upon their past criminal history. However, if we learn that a member has been charged and/or convicted of a felony or "high crime"; a serious or aggravated assault; physical abuse of a female or minor; a sex offense; or possession, use, sale and distribution of illegal substances, further action may be taken by the NCBA-BCRS committee concerning the status of that persons BCRS membership. "Charges" on someone's record alone may not have any effect at all on the status of BCRS membership, especially if the person was found not guilty of the charges, or if there are other mitigating circumstances that justified their actions. However, the disposition of charges will be considered either way. In case any of these should be brought to the attention of the NCBA-BCRS chairman and committee, each case will be reviewed separately on its own merits and ruled upon. Based upon this review, the member could be prohibited from participating in certain agreements by the landowner or BCRS Chairman; or dismissed from the BCRS program altogether. The member will have an opportunity to appeal any decision made by the BCRS Chariman and Committee.