

# Ethical rules of the Association of Guides in Reindeer Hunting in Iceland

1. A guide must always remember that he/she is responsible for the hunting trip and the welfare of the client. The guide must ensure that the law on reindeer hunting is acted upon. If a client's conduct is not according to the law on reindeer hunting, the guide is required to reject it and report to The Environment Agency of Iceland.
2. A guide is fully responsible for the client during the whole hunting experience. If there is an agreement that the guide resigns a client to another guide, it should be reported to The Environment Agency of Iceland as soon as possible. A guide is also responsible for that his/her client has the necessary licenses valid.
3. A guide ensures that usage of and conduct around firearms is safe and legal. The guide also makes sure that firearms are not loaded during transport, that firearms are not loaded until moments before the shot, that firearms and drugs do not belong together, that the game is not shot unless the background is clear and safe.
4. A guide does not use hunting methods that can cause the game needless suffering. The guide does not allow a reindeer to be shot upon unless he/she believes that the first shot will be successful and the reindeer is brought down. If the reindeer is injured the guide will do everything he/she can to bring it down quickly and safely.
5. A guide is diplomatic towards other guides and their clients. The guide is willing to share information about the hunting that can be useful to others. He/she consults with them about the usage of hunting grounds. If more than one group of hunters come to the same reindeer herd then they who came first to the herd have priority. If there is doubt about which hunters came first then the guides will come to an agreement about the arrangement of hunting.

6. A guide must report to The Environment Agency of Iceland during hunting, about hunting and the bag. He/she also is required to report mishaps such as accidental shooting or other things that can go wrong in a hunting trip.
7. A guide must ensure that treatment and utilisation of game is as good as possible at any time. The guide also makes sure that the game is transported in such ways that are not repulsive to others.
8. A guide makes sure that the law and rules of driving in wilderness is obeyed. He/she makes sure that wrapping and other litter is not left behind in the wilderness. He/she does not ruin the land by driving outside of the road system.
9. A guide is to maintain a good physical condition. He/she is to practice sharpshooting, informed about riffle shooting and the attributes of a variety of bullets. He/she guides the client in selecting suitable and legal ammunition for reindeer hunting.
10. A guide makes sure that hunting reports/cards are rightfully filled out after a hunting trip providing the requested information on the card.

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