

## **R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.**

### **R657-17. Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License.**

#### **R657-17-1. Purpose and Authority.**

(1) Under authority of Section 23-19-17.5, this rule provides the requirements and procedures applicable to lifetime hunting and fishing licenses.

(2) In addition to the provisions of this rule, a lifetime licensee is subject to:

(a) the provisions set forth in Title 23, Wildlife Resources Code of Utah; and

(b) the rules and proclamations of the Wildlife Board, including all requirements for hunting permits and fishing licenses.

(3) Unless specifically stated otherwise, lifetime licensees shall be subject to any amendment to this rule or any amendment to Section 23-19-17.5.

#### **R657-17-2. Definitions.**

(1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2 and Rule R657-5.

(2) In addition:

(a) "Lifetime Questionnaire" means a list of questions, accessible by a lifetime licensee at the division's website, used to identify the lifetime licensee's preferred choice of a general season deer permit [region]unit and hunt type.

(b) "Recent Lifetime Licensee Record" means the most recent general deer permit issued within the immediately preceding 3 years.

(c) "Application Deadline" means the close of the annual Big Game application period, as established by the Wildlife Board in the Big Game Guidebook.

#### **R657-17-3. Lifetime License Entitlement.**

(1) (a) A permanent lifetime license card shall be issued to lifetime licensees in lieu of an annual hunting, and fishing license.

(b) The issuance of a permanent lifetime license card does not authorize a lifetime licensee to all hunting privileges. The lifetime licensee is subject to the requirements in Subsection R657-17-1(2).

(2) (a) Each year, a lifetime licensee who is eligible to hunt big game may receive without charge, a permit for the [region]unit of their choice for one of the following general deer hunts:

- (i) archery buck deer;
- (ii) any weapon buck deer; or
- (iii) muzzleloader buck deer.

(b) Effective January 1, 2012 all lifetime license holders must initially select a general season hunting unit during the Big Game application period as established by the Wildlife Board in the Big Game Guidebook.

(3) Sales of lifetime hunting and fishing licenses may not be refunded, except as provided in Section 23-19-38.

(4) Lifetime hunting and fishing licenses are not transferable.

(5) Lifetime hunting and fishing licenses are no longer for sale as of

March 1, 1994.

(6)(a) Lifetime license holders may participate in the Dedicated Hunter Program.

(b) Upon entering the Dedicated Hunter Program, the lifetime license holder agrees to forego any rights to receive a buck deer permit for the general archery, general any weapon or general muzzleloader deer hunts as provided in Section 23-19-17.5 during enrollment in the Dedicated Hunter Program.

#### **R657-17-4. General Deer Permits.**

(1) The Division will issue a general buck deer permit to each lifetime licensee prior to the big game general hunting season, provided:

(a) a current Lifetime Questionnaire has been completed prior to the application deadline, identifying the lifetime licensee's general season [\[region\]unit](#) and hunt type choice, or according to the recent lifetime licensee record; and

(b) provided the lifetime licensee does not apply for a general deer permit in the big game drawing.

(2) A lifetime licensee may change their previous year's [\[region\]unit](#) choice, prior to the application deadline by completing the online Lifetime Questionnaire through the division's website.

(3) Lifetime licensees must notify the division of any change in mailing address, email address, residency, address, telephone number, physical description, or driver's license number.

(4) If a general buck deer permit is not issued to a lifetime licensee during the preceding 3 years, the lifetime licensee must complete and submit the Lifetime Questionnaire on the division's website prior to the application deadline.

[\(i\) Effective January 1, 2012 all lifetime license holders must initially select a general season hunting unit during the Big Game application period as established by the Wildlife Board in the Big Game Guidebook.](#)

(5) If a lifetime licensee fails to submit a current year Lifetime Questionnaire and does not have a recent lifetime licensee record by the application deadline, the lifetime licensee may only obtain a remaining general deer permit when remaining drawing permits are made available to the public over-the-counter. If no general deer permits are remaining after the drawing, the lifetime licensee shall not be issued a permit.

(6)(a) Lifetime licensees may apply for any general deer permit in the big game drawing.

(b) Drawing applications are subject to the established application fee.

(c) A lifetime licensee that applies for a general deer permit in the drawing waives the opportunity to be issued a general deer permit according to the recent lifetime licensee record or the current Lifetime Questionnaire.

(7) Lifetime licensees may apply for general deer preference points through the big game general buck deer drawing as provided in Rule R657-62 and the guidebooks of the Wildlife Board for taking big game, provided the lifetime licensee waives their opportunity to be issued a general buck deer permit that year according to the recent lifetime licensee record or the current Lifetime

Questionnaire.

**R657-17-5. Applying for Big Game Permits.**

(1) A lifetime licensee may apply for a limited entry permit offered through the big game drawing using a bucks, bulls and once-in-a-lifetime application.

(2) Limited entry permit species and application procedures are provided in Rule R657-62 and the [~~proclamation~~][guidebook](#) of the Wildlife Board for taking big game.

(3)(a) If the lifetime licensee applies for and is successful in obtaining a premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer permit in the big game drawing, a general deer permit will not be issued.

(b) If the lifetime licensee does not draw a premium limited entry, limited entry, or cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer permit in the big game drawing, the general deer permit requested on the Lifetime Questionnaire or the recent lifetime licensee record shall be issued.

(4) Applying for or obtaining an antlerless deer, antlerless elk, or doe pronghorn permit does not affect eligibility for obtaining a general buck deer permit.

(5) All rules established by the Wildlife Board regarding the availability of big game permits in relation to obtaining general deer permits shall apply to lifetime licensees.

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