

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-62. Drawing Application Procedures.

R657-62-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23-14-18 and 23-14-19, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for drawing applications and procedures.

(2) Specific season dates, bag and possession limits, areas open, number of permits and other administrative details that may change annually are published in the respective guidebooks of the Wildlife Board.

R657-62-2. Definitions.

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

(2) In addition:

(a) "Application" means a form required by the Division which must be completed by a person and submitted to the Division in order to apply for a hunting permit.

(b) "Landowner" means any individual, family or corporation who owns property in Utah and whose name appears on the deed as the owner of eligible property or whose name appears as the purchaser on an executed contract for sale of eligible property.

(c) "Limited entry hunt" means any hunt listed in the hunt tables published by the Wildlife Board and is identified as a premium limited entry hunt or limited entry hunt. "Limited entry hunt" does not include cougar pursuit or bear pursuit.

(d) "Limited entry permit" means any permit obtained for a limited entry hunt, including conservation permits, expo permits and sportsman permits.

(e)(i) "Valid application" means an application:

(A) for a permit to take a species for which the applicant is eligible to possess;

(B) for a permit to take a species regardless of estimated permit numbers;

(C) for a certificate of registration; and

(D) containing sufficient information, as determined by the division, to process the application, including personal information, hunt information, and sufficient payment.

(ii) Applications missing any of the items in Subsection (i) may be considered valid if the application is timely corrected through the application correction process.

(f) "Waiting period" means a specified period of time that a person who has obtained a permit must wait before applying for the same permit type.

(g) "Once-in-a-lifetime hunt" means any hunt listed in the hunt tables published by the Wildlife Board and is identified as once-in-a-lifetime, and does not include general or limited entry hunts.

(h) "Once-in-a-lifetime permit" means any permit obtained for a once-in-a-lifetime hunt by any means, including conservation permits, sportsman permits, cooperative wildlife management unit permits and limited entry landowner permits.

(i) ["Voucher" means an authorization issued by the division that entitles the designated holder to purchase the hunting permit specified in the authorization.](#)

R657-62-3. Scope of Rule.

(1) This rule sets forth the procedures and requirements for completing and filing applications to receive the following hunting permits and/or certificates of registrations:

(a) Dedicated Hunter certificate of registrations;

(b) limited-entry deer;

- (c) limited-entry elk;
- (d) limited-entry pronghorn;
- (e) once-in-a-lifetime;
- (f) public cooperative wildlife management unit;
- (g) general season deer, [landowner buck deer](#), and youth elk;
- (h) limited entry bear;
- (i) bear pursuit;
- (j) antlerless big game;
- (k) sandhill crane;
- (l) sharp-tail and greater sage grouse;
- (m) swan
- (n) cougar;
- (o) sportsman; and
- (p) turkey.
- [\(q\) landowner buck deer](#)

R657-62-9. Preference Points.

(1) Preference points are used in the applicable drawings to ensure that applicants who are unsuccessful in the drawing will have first preference in the next year's drawing.

(2)(a) A preference point is awarded for:

(i) each valid, unsuccessful application applying for a general buck deer, antlerless deer, antlerless elk, doe pronghorn, Sandhill Crane, Sharp-tailed grouse, Greater sage grouse or Swan permit; or

(ii) each valid application when applying only for a preference point in the applicable drawings.

(b) Preference points are awarded by species for:

- (i) general buck deer;
- (ii) antlerless deer;
- (iii) antlerless elk;
- (iv) doe pronghorn;
- (v) Sandhill Crane;
- (vi) Sharp-tailed Grouse;
- (vii) Greater sage grouse; and
- (viii) Swan.

(3)(a) A person may not apply in the drawing for both a preference point and a permit for the species listed in (2)(b).

(b) A person may not apply for a preference point if that person is ineligible to apply for a permit.

(4) Preference points for the applicable species are forfeited if a person obtains a general buck deer, [landowner buck deer](#), antlerless deer, antlerless elk, doe pronghorn, Sandhill Crane, Sharp-tailed grouse, Greater sage grouse or Swan permit, whether obtained through a division drawing or over the counter, except points are not forfeited if a person obtains one or more of the following:

- (a) youth archery buck deer permit;
- (b) mitigation permits issued to a landowner R657-44, not including mitigation permit vouchers;
- (c) antlerless elk control permits; and

~~[(d) a general landowner buck deer permit or landowner appreciation permit issued pursuant to R657-43.]~~

(5) Preference points are not transferable.

(6) Preference points are averaged and rounded down when two or more applicants apply together on a group application.

(7)(a) Preference points are tracked using social security numbers or division-issued customer identification numbers.

(b) The division shall retain copies of electronic applications from 2000 to the current applicable drawings for the purpose of researching preference point records.

(c) Any requests for researching an applicant's preference point records must be submitted within the time frames provided in Subsection (b).

(d) Any preference points on the division's records shall not be researched beyond the time frames provided in Subsection (b).

(e) The division may eliminate any preference point obtained by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or in violation of law.

R657-62-27 Landowner Buck Deer Permits

(1)(a) the division will evaluate draw applications and calculate the number of general season hunting opportunities the landowner qualifies for per rule R657-43.

(b) The applicant will be charged a handling fee for every draw application, up to 5, that is entered into the drawing.

(c) The division will issue vouchers to the landowner based on the drawing results.

(d) The division is not responsible for identifying recipients of the vouchers after vouchers are awarded to a landowner by the drawing process.

(2) For an individual to redeem the drawn voucher, they must:

(a)(i) be the landowner, an immediate family member, or lessee. If the Applicant is a business entity, the person eligible for the permit must be a shareholder, or immediate family member of a shareholder, as designated by the business entity;

(ii) non-shareholder employees of the business entity are not eligible to receive a general season landowner permit;

(b) possess or obtain a valid hunting or combination license;

(c) meet all age requirements, proof of hunter education requirements and youth restrictions as provided in R657-5; and

(d) not already obtained a buck deer permit per R657-62-18.

(3) Any permits remaining after the drawing are available at division offices on a first come, first serve basis.

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