

**R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.[]**

**R657-67. Utah Hunter Mentoring Program.**

**R657-67-1. Purpose and Authority.**

Under the authority of Utah Code Annotated Sections 23-14-1, 23-14-3, 23-14-18, 23-14-19, [~~and~~ ] 23-19-1, and 23-19-50, this rule creates a hunting mentor program that will increase hunting opportunities for Utah families and provides the procedures under which a minor child may share the permit of another to take protected wildlife.

**R657-67-2. Definitions.**

- (1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23-13-2 and this Subsection.
- (2) "Hunting Mentor" means a Resident or Nonresident individual possessing a valid permit issued by the Division to take protected wildlife in Utah and who is 21 years of age or older at the time of application for the Mentor Program.
- (3) "Qualifying Minor" means a Utah Resident or Nonresident who is under 18 at the time of application for the Mentor Program and who is otherwise eligible to lawfully hunt.
- (4) "Wildlife document" means a permit to hunt protected wildlife or Division-issued authorization to share such a permit.

**R657-67-4. Administrative Process for Sharing Permits.**

- (1) The Hunting Mentor shall submit a complete application for participation in the Mentor Program and receive the Division's written authorization prior to sharing a permit.
- (2) A complete application for the mentor program includes the following:
  - (a) A handling fee as established by the Utah Legislature;
  - (b) The Permit Number that is to be shared;
  - (c) A physically identifying description of the Qualifying Minors;
  - (d) Each Qualifying Minor's hunter education number;
  - (e) Written authorization from the Qualifying Minor's parent or legal guardian approving their participation in the hunting activity; and
  - (f) any wildlife document(s) that must be surrendered in order to qualify for the Hunter Mentoring Program.
- (3) If a Qualifying Minor must surrender a wildlife document in order to qualify for the Mentor Program, that surrender must be done prior to or at the time of their application to the Utah Hunter Mentoring Program as described in R657-67-6.
- (4) If a Hunting Mentor wishes to change the Qualifying Minor with whom they share their permit, they must:
  - (a) Surrender the authorization issued to the Qualifying Minor by the Division;
  - (b) Reapply with the Division to have a new Qualifying Minor participate in the mentor program in the same manner as described in this Section.
- (5) If the Hunting Mentor dies before the hunt authorized under this section, the Qualified Minor may use the permit pursuant to Utah Code 23-19-50.

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