R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

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 proclamations of the Wildlife Board.

(1) When applying as a group all applicants in the group with valid applications and who are eligible to possess the permit or certificate of registration applied for shall receive a permit or certificate of registration where the group is successful in the drawing.
(2) Group members must apply for the same hunt choices. [except for dedicated hunter region choice in certificate of registration application.]
(3) When applying as a group, if the available permit or certificate of registration quota is not large enough to accommodate the group size, the group application will not be considered.

(1) [Loyalty] Preference points are used in the dedicated hunter certificate of registration drawing to ensure that applicants who are unsuccessful in the drawing will have first preference in the next year’s drawing.
(2) A [loyalty] preference point is awarded for:
(a) each valid unsuccessful application;
(b) each valid application when applying only for a [loyalty] preference point in the dedicated hunter drawing; [except for successfully completing a three-year enrollment in the dedicated hunter program immediately proceeding the application period].
(3)(a) A person may not apply in the drawing for both a [loyalty] preference point and a certificate of registration.
(b) A person may not apply for a [loyalty] preference point if that person is ineligible to apply for a certificate of registration.
(c) Loyalty points may not be used when obtaining remaining certificates of registration after the dedicated hunter drawing.
(4) [Loyalty] Preference points are forfeited if a person obtains a certificate of registration through the drawing.
(5)(a) [Loyalty] Preference points are not transferable.
(b) [Loyalty] Preference points shall only be applied to the Dedicated Hunter drawing.
(c) A person may not have more than one loyalty point at any time.
(d) Loyalty points are only valid through the end of the following application period.
(6) [Loyalty] Preference points are averaged and rounded
down to the nearest whole point when two or more applicants apply together on a group application.

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

(b) The division shall retain copies of electronic applications [for three years] from 2011 to the current applicable drawing for the purpose of researching [loyalty]preference point records.

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

(d) Any [loyalty]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 [loyalty]preference points earned that are obtained by fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.


(1) Permit Applications

(a) Limited entry, Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit, Once-in-a-Lifetime, Management Bull Elk, Management Buck Deer, General Buck Deer, and Youth General Any Bull Elk permit applications.

(i) A person must possess or obtain a valid hunting or combination license to apply for or obtain a big game permit.

(ii) Applicants must meet all age requirements, proof of hunter education requirements and youth restrictions as provided in rule R657-5.

(iii) A person may obtain only one permit per species of big game, including limited entry, cooperative wildlife management unit, once-in-a-lifetime, conservation, landowner and general permits, except antlerless permits as provided in the Antlerless Addendum and permits as provided in Rule R657-42.

(b) A resident may apply in the big game drawing for the following permits:

(i) only one of the following:
   (A) buck deer - limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit;
   (B) bull elk - limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit; or
   (C) buck pronghorn - limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit; and

(ii) only one once-in-a-lifetime permit, including once-in-a-lifetime cooperative wildlife management unit permits.

(c) A nonresident may apply in the big game drawing for the following permits:

(i) all of the following:
   (A) buck deer - limited entry;
   (B) bull elk - limited entry;
   (C) buck pronghorn - limited entry; and
   (D) all once-in-a-lifetime species.

(ii) Nonresidents may not apply for cooperative management units through the big game drawing.

(d) A resident or nonresident may apply in the big game drawing by
(2) Youth
(a) For purposes of this section “youth” means any person 18 years of age or younger on the opening day of the general archery buck deer season.
(b) Youth applicants who apply for a general buck deer permit
(i) will automatically be considered in the youth drawing based upon their birth date.
(ii) 20% of general buck deer permits in each [region]unit are reserved for youth hunters.
(iii) Up to four youth may [not apply as part of any group] apply together for youth general deer permits.
(iv) Preference points shall be used when applying.
(c) Any reserved permits remaining and any youth applicants who were not selected for reserved permits shall be returned to the general buck deer drawing.
(3) Drawing Order
(a) Permits for the big game drawing shall be drawn in the following order:
(i) limited entry, cooperative wildlife management unit and management buck deer;
(ii) limited entry, cooperative wildlife management unit and management bull elk;
(iii) limited entry and cooperative wildlife management unit buck pronghorn;
(iv) once-in-a-lifetime;
(v) dedicated hunter certificate of registration
(vi) youth general buck deer;
(vii) general buck deer and general buck/bull combo;
(viii) youth general any bull elk.
(b) Any person who draws one of the following permits is not eligible to draw a once-in-a-lifetime permit:
(i) limited entry, Cooperative Wildlife Management unit or management buck deer;
(ii) limited entry, Cooperative Wildlife Management unit or management bull elk; or
(iii) a limited entry or Cooperative Wildlife Management unit buck pronghorn.
(c) If any permits listed in Subsection (a)(i) through (a)(iii) remain after the big game drawing after all choices have been evaluated separately for residents and nonresidents, a second evaluation will be done allowing cross-over usage of remaining resident and nonresident permit quotas.
(4) Groups
(a) Limited Entry
(i) Up to four people may apply together for limited entry deer, elk or pronghorn; or resident cooperative wildlife management unit permits.

(b) Group applications are not accepted for management buck deer or bull elk permits.

(c) Group applications are not accepted for Once-in-a-lifetime permits.

(d) General season

(i) Up to four people may apply together for general deer permits

(ii) Up to two youth may apply together for youth general any bull elk permits.

(iii) Up to four youth may apply together for youth general deer permits.

5) Waiting Periods

(a) Deer waiting period.

(i) Any person who draws or obtains a limited entry, management or cooperative wildlife management unit buck deer permit through the big game drawing process may not apply for or receive any of these permits again for a period of two seasons.

(ii) A waiting period does not apply to:

(A) general archery, general any weapon, general muzzleloader, conservation, sportsman, poaching-reported reward permits; [and dedicated hunter limited entry deer permits;] or

(B) cooperative wildlife management unit or limited entry landowner buck deer permits obtained through the landowner.

(b) Elk waiting period.

(i) Any person who draws or obtains a limited entry, management or cooperative wildlife management unit bull elk permit through the big game drawing process may not apply for or receive any of these permits for a period of five seasons.

(ii) A waiting period does not apply to:

(A) general archery, general any weapon, general muzzleloader, conservation, sportsman, poaching-reported reward permits; and dedicated hunter limited entry elk permits; or

(B) cooperative wildlife management unit or limited entry landowner bull elk permits obtained through the landowner.

(c) Pronghorn waiting period.

(i) Any person who draws or obtains a buck pronghorn or cooperative wildlife management unit buck pronghorn permit through the big game drawing may not apply for or receive any of these permits thereafter for a period of two seasons.

(ii) A waiting period does not apply to:

(A) conservation, sportsman, poaching-reported reward permits; or

(B) cooperative wildlife management unit or limited entry landowner buck pronghorn permits obtained through the landowner.

(d) Once-in-a-lifetime species waiting period.

(i) Any person who draws or obtains a permit for any bull moose, bison, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, desert bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain goat may not apply for or receive an once-in-a-lifetime permit for the same species in
the big game drawing or sportsman permit drawing.

(ii) A person who has been convicted of unlawfully taking a once-in-a-lifetime species may not apply for or obtain a permit for that species.

(e) Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit and landowner permits.

(i) Waiting periods and once-in-a-lifetime restrictions do not apply to purchasing limited entry landowner or cooperative wildlife management unit permits obtained through a landowner, except as provided in Subsection (ii).

(ii) Waiting periods are incurred and applied for the purpose of applying in the big game drawing as a result of obtaining a cooperative wildlife management unit bull moose permit through a landowner.

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