

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-38. Dedicated Hunter Program.

R657-38-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under the authority of Section 23-14-18, this rule provides the standards and requirements for qualified deer hunters to participate in the Dedicated Hunter Program by obtaining a certificate of registration.

(2) The Dedicated Hunter Program is a program that:

- (a) provides expanded hunting opportunities;
- (b) requires participation in wildlife conservation projects; and
- (c) provides educational training in hunter ethics and wildlife management principles.

R657-38-3. Dedicated Hunter Certificates of Registration.

(1)(a) To participate in the program, a person must apply for, be issued, and sign a Dedicated Hunter certificate of registration as prescribed by the Division.

(b) Certificates of registration are issued by the Division through a drawing as prescribed in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking big game and R657-62.

(c) Certificates of registration are valid for three consecutive years, except as provided by R657-38-10 and R657-38-13, beginning on the date the big game drawing results are released and ending on the last day of the general season hunt for the third year of enrollment.

(d) The quantity of Dedicated Hunter certificates of registrations [available in the big game drawing](#) is limited to:

[\(i\) 15 percent of the total annual general season buck deer quota for each respective hunt area, inclusive of those certificates of registration that are within their effective term; or](#)

[\(ii\) one resident and one-non resident certificate of registration if the 15 percent total on that hunt area is met or exceeded.](#)

(e) Certificates of registration remaining unissued from the Dedicated Hunter portion of the big game drawing shall be redistributed as general single-season permits for their respective hunt areas in the general buck deer drawing.

(2) The Division may deny issuance of a Dedicated Hunter certificate of registration for any of the reasons identified as a basis for suspension in Section 23-19-9(7) and R657-38-15.

(3)(a) A certificate of registration conditionally authorizes the participant to obtain a Dedicated Hunter permit which may be used to hunt deer within the area listed on the permit, during the general archery, general muzzleloader and general any legal weapon buck deer seasons according to the dates and boundaries established by the Wildlife Board.

(b) When available, the certificate of registration may also authorize the permit to include the general deer archery extended area during the extended season dates.

(c) The person must use the appropriate weapon type specified by each season and boundary.

(4) The participant's hunt area, as issued through the drawing, shall remain the same for the entire duration of that program enrollment period.

(5) Participants in the program shall be subject to any changes subsequently made to this or other rules during the term of enrollment.

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