

Retaining Bonus Points (cont'd)

applicant can purchase bonus points, but each year a hunting license must also be purchased to retain the bonus point.

ARE ALL BIG GAME TAGS ISSUED THROUGH A DRAW PROCESS?

No, there are approximately 220 mule deer, 45 pronghorn antelope, and 70 elk tags (2008 estimates) that are offered to landowners to sell to hunters to compensate landowners or as an incentive for allowing these animals to forage and live on private lands. Also, mountain lion tags are available at local license agents.

WHAT ARE THE 2009 HUNTING SEASON DATES?

Final season dates will be set on Feb. 7, 2009 by the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Season dates will be published in the Application Brochure and made available on the agency website at www.ndow.org as soon as the brochure is completed.

2008 Season Dates WERE:

Rocky Mountain and California bighorn and Mountain goat – Sept. 1 – Oct. 30

Desert bighorn - most were Nov. 10 – Dec. 10

Pronghorn antelope – Archery (Longbow):

Aug. 1 – Aug. 20; Rifle: Aug. 22 – Sept. 5

Mule Deer – Archery (Longbow): 2/3's of the hunts were Aug. 1 – Sept. 5; with remaining hunts beginning early and mid-December

Muzzleloader: most were Sept. 10 – Sept. 30, with a few December hunts

Rifle: half of the hunts were split seasons:

“Early” - Oct. 5 – Oct. 20,

“Late” - Oct. 21 – Nov. 5; few were Oct. 5 – Oct.

31 with remaining hunts in November & December

Bull Elk – Archery (Longbow): Aug. 25 – Sept. 14

Muzzleloader: Oct. 20 – Nov. 2

Rifle: most were Nov. 4-18; few early season hunts in late September and 2 late seasons hunts -Nov.

22-Dec. 5

WHAT IS THE WAITING PERIOD AFTER DRAWING A TAG?

All Mule Deer, Pronghorn Antelope horns shorter than ears, and Antlerless Elk – No waiting period.

Antlered Elk: 5 year wait if unsuccessful in the hunt, 10 year wait if successful in hunt.

Bighorn Sheep (all subspecies) and Mountain goat: 10-year wait after drawing a tag regardless of being successful or not in the hunt.

Pronghorn Antelope horns longer than ears: for all weapon classes - 5-year wait for drawing a tag and successful hunt; no waiting period if tag drawn and unsuccessful hunt.



WHERE SHOULD I APPLY FOR A TROPHY ANIMAL & QUALITY HUNT?

Most hunt areas for all species are managed conservatively relative to all other western states. Trophy animals and quality hunts are found in almost all hunt areas depending on hunter experience, hunt/trophy class expectations and effort expended in scouting and hunting. Please review the harvest statistics, bighorn and mountain goat checkout summaries and hunter information sheets for each hunt area found on the NDOW's website at www.ndow.org. A hunter may also wish to purchase the most recent Nevada Record Book; visit their website, www.nevadarecordbook.com, for more information.

WHAT ABOUT GUIDES IN NEVADA?

You can search a list of guides on NDOW's website at www.ndow.org. When booking a guided hunt, be sure that the master guide you hire is licensed to provide guide service in Nevada and be sure that you are provided with a contract before services are provided. Each master guide is allowed up to 30 successful applications for tags in the restricted nonresident deer draw. Guides who apply for clients must have a current Power of Attorney for the client. The power of attorney must expire in February of the following year, and be formally reinstated each year.

FAQS FOR BIG GAME HUNTING IN NEVADA

BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION PROCESS

There are two big game tag drawings in Nevada: the Restricted Nonresident Guided Deer Hunt (Hunt 1235) and the Main Draw. Nonresidents may not apply for both the Guided Deer Hunt and Main Draw antlered deer hunt in the same year. The deadline for Nonresident Guided Deer Hunt applications is Friday, March 13, 2009 with the draw results available by Friday, March 20. These applications are available only from licensed guides.

The deadline for the Main Draw is Monday, April 20, 2009. Big Game Tag applications for the Main Draw are available online usually the third week in March. Preliminary draw results will be available online 48 hours after the actual drawing occurs sometime the last week of May. The final draw results will be made available no later than Friday, June 19, with tags mailed to successful applicants just prior to this date. Those applicants that have applied online previously will receive a postcard notifying them of the dates when Nevada's Big Game Application period opens and closes. Only those who mailed in their 2008 applications will receive the hard copy of the Big Game Tag Application Brochure in the mail.

Applicants can apply online or through the mail. Online applications require only a credit card to cover application fees and license fees if purchased at the time of application. - **Continued on other side**

NONRESIDENT

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| Hunting License | \$142* |
| Mule Deer Tag | \$240 |
| Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Tag | \$300 |
| Pronghorn Antelope | \$300 |
| Bighorn Tag | \$1,200 |
| Elk Tag – Bull | \$1,200 |
| Bonus Point Only | \$10* |
| Online Application Charges | \$16.50 |

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 (additional \$5 for elk) (additional \$5 for elk)



RESIDENT

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| Hunting License | \$33* |
| Mule Deer Tag | \$30 |
| Nonresident Guided Mule Deer Tag | --- |
| Pronghorn Antelope | \$60 |
| Bighorn Tag | \$120 |
| Elk Tag – Bull | \$120 |
| Bonus Point Only | \$10* |
| Online Application Charges | \$15 |

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**An applicant must purchase an annual hunting license to earn a bonus point if unsuccessful in the Tag Draw or if buying a bonus point without applying for a tag.*

BIG GAME TAG APPLICATION PROCESS (cont'd)

Mailed-in paper applications must include a check or money order for both application and tag fees – no credit cards are accepted for mailed-in applications.



First-time nonresident applicants born after 1/1/1960 applying online must first pre-register their hunter education information online at www.huntnevada.com. These applicants must then fax physical proof of their hunter education certificate no later than 7 days before the application deadline. Proof of hunter education is an official certificate from another state or province or a current or previous year’s hunting license which shows a hunter education certificate number or a unique mark verifying successful completion of hunter education. To learn more about pre-registering hunter education information or to confirm receipt of faxes, contact the Wildlife Administrative Services Office at 1-800-576-1020.

HOW DOES THE TAG DRAW PROCESS WORK?

Both residents and nonresidents may apply for tags in the various hunt categories. For example, antlered (bull) elk, antlerless (cow) elk, and antlered elk depredation are the 3 primary elk hunt categories. For species that have multiple hunt categories, an applicant must make a choice and only apply for 1 category in a single draw. The same is true for pronghorn antelope and mule deer. Applicants may apply for all three subspecies of bighorn sheep each year. Party applications (may include both residents and nonresidents) are allowed for antlered deer hunts.

A bonus point is awarded for each unsuccessful application for a given hunt category. For example, if an applicant was unsuccessful the past 5 years for an antlered deer hunt, he would now

have 5 bonus points. One random number from 1 to 99 million is issued for every application for a different hunt category plus additional random numbers equaling the application’s bonus points squared (i.e., 5 bonus points equals 25 random numbers, plus 1 point for the application = 26 total random draw numbers.) The random numbers are non-repeating (never duplicated among applications.) The lowest random number becomes the application’s draw number for the tag draw process. Each hunt category application may have 5 hunter choices (i.e., a combination of 5 different unit groups or weapon classes.) Prior to the tag draw, all applications are sorted in ascending order of draw number. A computer is programmed to review each application record starting with the lowest draw number. All 5 hunter choices are reviewed in the order listed by the applicant and a tag is awarded for the hunter choice where tags still remain from the original tag quota. If no tags remain for any of the hunter choices listed, then that application is designated as unsuccessful and the next application is reviewed. Bonus points only increase the probability of drawing a tag and do not guarantee an applicant’s success if they have the maximum number of bonus points. The bonus point system still provides first-time applicants an opportunity to draw a tag.

Retaining Bonus Points

Bonus points are accumulated unless an applicant fails to apply for a given hunt category during 2 consecutive years (i.e., you can sit out 1 year from applying but you must apply or purchase a bonus point the following year or you will lose all your accumulated bonus points.) An applicant may choose to purchase a bonus point for a given hunt category without applying for a tag. An applicant can pay a nonrefundable \$10 application fee by selecting the 3-digit “bonus point only” code in the hunter choice box of their application. Purchasing a bonus point is just like applying for a tag when it comes to maintaining an applicant’s bonus points. There is no limit on the number of years an

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