

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1-3, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 502.160.

A REGULATION relating to junior hunts; reducing the period of eligibility for applicants for a junior hunt; revising provisions relating to the number of years for which an applicant may apply for a junior hunt; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Wildlife Commissioners to adopt regulations necessary to preserve, protect, manage and restore wildlife and its habitat and to carry out the provisions governing wildlife, including, without limitation, the manner and means of taking wildlife. (NRS 501.105, 501.181) Existing regulations authorize a person who possesses a hunting license or a combined hunting and fishing license to apply to engage in a junior hunt if the person will attain his or her 12th birthday before the first day of the hunting season to which his or her application relates and will not attain his or her 18th birthday until after the last day of that season. (NAC 502.063) **Section 1** of this regulation limits the persons eligible to apply to participate in a junior hunt by prohibiting persons who will have attained their 16th birthday before the last day of a hunting season from applying to participate in a junior hunt during that hunting season. **Sections 2 and 3** of this regulation correspondingly reduce the number of years in which a person may apply to participate in a junior hunt to 4 years.

Section 1. NAC 502.063 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.063 “Junior hunt” means a hunt authorized by a regulation of the Commission which is limited to an applicant who:

1. Possesses a hunting license or a combined hunting and fishing license;

2. Will attain his or her 12th birthday before the first day of each hunting season to which his or her application relates; and

3. Will not attain his or her ~~18th~~ 16th birthday until after the last day of each hunting season to which his or her application relates.

Sec. 2. NAC 502.333 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.333 A person who is otherwise eligible to apply for a junior hunt may apply for a junior hunt for not more than ~~5~~ 4 years.

Sec. 3. NAC 502.4189 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.4189 1. Each applicant in a drawing for a tag for a season receives a number of additional draw numbers that is equal to the number of bonus points that he or she has accumulated squared, as expressed in the following equation:

$$n=b^2$$

where “n” is the number of additional draw numbers and “b” is the number of bonus points. The number of additional draw numbers determines the number of draw numbers for the species or category of the species for which the application was submitted. The applicant’s lowest randomly assigned draw number is the number used for the drawing.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, bonus points accumulated by a person for a species or category of species cannot be transferred to any other person or any other species or category of species.

3. Any bonus points accumulated by an applicant automatically transfer with the applicant if the applicant changes his or her state of residence. Bonus points transferred pursuant to this subsection apply to the same species or category of species to which they applied before the transfer.

4. The number of bonus points applicable to applications submitted by a group pursuant to NAC 502.4185 for tags is the quotient of the total number of points held by the members of the group divided by the number of members in the group, rounded to the nearest whole number.

5. If a person has applied for a junior hunt for deer for ~~5~~ 4 years or becomes ineligible to participate in a junior hunt for deer because of his or her age, each unused bonus point accumulated by that person for a junior hunt for deer automatically transfers to the category for antlered mule deer. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a bonus point accumulated by the person for a junior hunt for deer in a year in which the person also accumulated a bonus point in the category for antlered mule deer.