

6232.0100 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING BIG GAME.

Subpart 1. **Inspection.** All big game must be transported in such a manner that inspection by registration agents or conservation officers is readily accomplished.

Subp. 2. **Animal possession.** Persons taking big game must retain any required license, permit, seal, or tag as long as any of the meat is in their possession.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 20 SR 2287]

Subp. 4. **Elevated stands in state parks.** It is unlawful to construct, occupy, or use any elevated blind or stand for the purpose of hunting, observing, or killing big game in state parks, when opened to hunting, except that portable stands or blinds may be used for this purpose provided they are removed each day at the close of hunting hours and do no permanent damage.

Subp. 5. [Repealed, 34 SR 621]

Subp. 6. **Wounded game included in bag limit.** Wounded or captured game reduced to possession must be killed before being removed from the site where taken, and once reduced to possession must be included in a person's daily bag limit.

Subp. 7. **Legal bows and arrows.** Bows and arrows used for taking big game must meet the criteria in items A to C.

A. Bows must have a pull of no less than 40 pounds at or before full draw.

B. Arrowheads must meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.211, subdivision 2. Nonretractable arrowheads are barbless if the trailing edge of the blade creates a 90 degree or greater angle with the shaft of the arrow.

C. Retractable broadheads may be used if they meet the following criteria:

(1) they are at least seven-eighths of an inch in width and no more than two inches in width at or after impact with a big game animal; and

(2) they are a barbless design and function in a barbless manner. Retractable arrowheads are a barbless design if the trailing edge of each blade creates a 90 degree or greater angle with the shaft when the blades are fully retracted. Retractable arrowheads function in a barbless manner if, when withdrawn from a big game animal, the blades retract so that the trailing edge of each blade is at a 90 degree or greater angle to the arrow shaft.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.535; 97B.035; 97B.311; 97B.411; 97B.505; 97B.515; and others at 19 SR 6*

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