

6232.1600 SPECIAL HUNT PROCEDURES.

Subpart 1. **Deer license and permit required for special hunt permit area.** Before applying to hunt in a special hunt permit area, a person must purchase a deer hunting license. A firearms deer license for the proper season option and a permit valid for that area is required to hunt deer in firearms special hunt areas. Special hunt permit applications must be made through the electronic license system, the Department of Natural Resources License Center, or other authorized agents.

Subp. 2. **Application process.** Applications for all firearms special hunt permits must be made according to this subpart and according to application instructions provided by the commissioner.

A. A person may not apply more than once for a hunt, whether as an individual or as a member of a group.

B. Up to four persons desiring to hunt as a group may apply together. Group applications will either all be selected or none selected.

C. The preference rating of applicants who apply as a group will be based on the individual in the group with the lowest preference.

D. The application deadline is the first Thursday following Labor Day.

E. If the number of applications for permits in any area exceeds the quota determined by the commissioner, a preference drawing will be held to determine who will be issued permits as provided by part 6232.1800.

Subp. 3. **Notification of drawing results.** Only successful applicants will be notified.

Subp. 4. **Second choice for unsuccessful applicants.** Unsuccessful applicants for special hunt areas may, at the discretion of the commissioner, be given a second choice for undersubscribed special hunt areas.

Subp. 5. **Undersubscribed areas.** For those special hunt areas that are undersubscribed after provisions of subpart 4 are implemented, the commissioner may issue remaining permits over-the-counter on a first-come first-serve basis to individuals possessing a firearms license validated for the proper season option.

Subp. 6. **Firearms special hunt area quota adjustments.** The commissioner may reduce the permit quota for the St. Croix and Wild River State Parks firearms special hunts at the time the computerized drawing is conducted to accommodate tribal declarations for antlerless deer harvest in the 1837 Ceded Territory in compliance with *Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa v. Minnesota*, 119 S. Ct. 1187 (1999).

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.389; 84.027; 97A.401; 97A.485; 97B.305; 97B.311; and others at 19 SR 6*

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