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6232.2550 YOUTH SPECIAL DEER HUNTS.

Subpart 1. **General requirements.** Youth special deer hunt permittees may hunt in open areas and times designated by the commissioner. All participating youths and a parent or guardian authorized by the parent who is at least 18 years of age must attend the mandatory orientation and prehunt orientation and clinic. During the hunt, youth participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian authorized by the parent who is at least 18 years of age. The accompanying adult may not hunt. Party hunting is not allowed. Persons participating in youth archery special deer hunts must obtain a valid license for taking deer by archery by the beginning date of the respective hunt. Persons participating in youth firearms special deer hunts must obtain a license for taking deer by firearms, valid for any season option, by the beginning date of the respective hunt. The blaze orange requirements in Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.071, paragraph (a), apply to all hunters and trappers, and all adult mentors of youth hunters, in areas open to youth firearms deer hunting during the open hunting dates established in this part.

Subp. 2. **Application requirements.** Applications for youth special hunts must be made according to this part and according to application instructions provided by the commissioner. Applicants for youth firearms special hunts must be at least 12 years old and under age 16 by the beginning hunt date. Applicants for youth archery special hunts must be at least 12 years old and under age 18 by the beginning hunt date. Each person must apply at an electronic license system agent or the Department of Natural Resources License Center. Group applications are not allowed. If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the quota established by the commissioner, the commissioner shall conduct a drawing to determine eligible participants. Preference for the youth special hunt drawing is given to applicants based on the number of years they have correctly applied for a youth special hunt permit but have been unsuccessful. Upon issuance of a youth special hunt permit, all accumulated preference is lost. The application deadline is the Friday nearest August 17.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.389; 97B.112; 97B.311*

History: *30 SR 613; 33 SR 1967*

NOTE: This part has been amended, effective upon full implementation of the replacement electronic licensing system. See State Register, volume 49, pages 534 to 548 and 1416.

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