

2019 Hunt Rule Changes/Additions

1. #7 Definition of a Member

a. Current:

- i. Hunter must be a Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) member in good standing in order to obtain permission to hunt. If a HRCA member purchases a 'buddy' hunt through the Elk Banquet Live Auction or Silent Auction, the HRCA member may choose a non-HRCA member to hunt as the 'buddy.' Otherwise all other 'buddies' must be an HRCA member in good standing.

b. Proposed:

- i. Hunter must be a Highlands Ranch Community Association (HRCA) member in good standing in order to obtain permission to hunt (proof of residency, i.e. Driver's License pay stub or bill with household address, may be required. Failure to provide proof of residency will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges. .
If a HRCA member purchases a 'buddy' hunt through the Elk Banquet Live Auction or Silent Auction, the HRCA member may choose a non-HRCA member to hunt as the 'buddy.' Otherwise all other 'buddies' must be an HRCA member in good standing.

2. #21 GUIDE/OUTFITTER

a. Current:

- i. All bull elk hunts must be accompanied by an HRCA approved guide and appropriate guide/outfitter fee must be paid by given deadline or Hunter will lose hunting privileges and HRCA granted license/agreement.

b. Proposed:

- i. All big game hunts must be accompanied by an HRCA provided guide. (*Fee language is addressed below in #7*)

3. #23 b. RESTRICTED BULL HUNT DEFINITION

a. Current:

- i. Restricted Bull Elk: A bull that is not quite a trophy, but a solid bull. All staff/guide decisions are final.

b. Proposed:

- i. Restricted Bull Elk Hunt: Typically a bull that is not a trophy and does not have 'special' qualities ('special' will be defined by the guide). However, depending on the year's harvests and observations, a Restricted hunt may allow for a trophy bull. It would not allow for ANY trophy bull but a specific class, age, or even a specific bull. The determination of the 'restrictions' in place for the hunt would be made prior to the start of the hunt. If the restriction allows for a trophy, an additional \$500 fee would be assessed prior to the start of the hunt. The hunter can choose whether or not to take the 'trophy option' if it is available.

No matter what restrictions are in place for the hunt, the final determination of whether a bull fits the criteria and can be harvested is subjective and is up to the guide. All staff/guide decisions are final.

4. #23 c. MANAGEMENT BULL HUNT DEFINITION

- a. Current:
 - i. Management Bull Elk: A bull that is atypical in a way that impacts its value to the herd in a negative manner and/or a bull whose removal would benefit the overall herd gene pool. All staff/guide decisions are final.
- b. Proposed:
 - i. Management Bull Elk Hunt: A bull that is not a trophy and likely never will be; or a non-branched spike. The determination of a management bull is subjective. All staff/guide decisions are final.

5. #24 WAIT PERIODS

- a. Current:
 - i. General wait period:
 - a. 2 year wait period for any bull hunter who has a successful (non-management) bull hunt but does not harvest
 - b. 1 year wait period for any bull hunter who has a successful hunt and/or harvests a management.
 - ii. Bull of a Lifetime
 - a. 20 year wait period
 - iii. Giant Bull
 - a. 10 year wait period
 - iv. Trophy Bull
 - a. 5 year wait period
- b. Proposed:
 - i. Any *successful hunt
 - 1. 2 year wait period
 - ii. Management Bull Harvest
 - 1. 2 year wait period
 - iii. Turkey Harvest
 - 1. 2 year wait period
 - iv. Restricted Bull Harvest
 - 1. 3 year wait period

- v. Trophy Bull Harvest
 - 1. 5 year wait period

- vi. Giant Bull Harvest
 - 1. 10 year wait period

- vii. Buck deer harvest
 - 1. 10 year wait period

- viii. Bull of a Lifetime Harvest
 - 1. 20 year wait period

*Success is defined as an opportunity, miss, or wounding of an animal; without harvest. Determination of success is made by the guide.

6. #25 DRAWINGS

- a. Current:
 - i. Drawings:
 - 1. Drawings for all 'open' drawings will take place the day before the annual Banquet which typically takes place the 3rd Friday in July
 - 2. Drawings for 'must be present to win' drawings will take place at the annual Banquet.
 - 3. The Archery Drawing will take place on or before January 15th.
- b. Proposed:
 - i. Drawings:
 - 1. Drawings for all 'open' drawings will take place the day before the annual Banquet which typically takes place the 3rd Friday in July.
 - a. Registration for all drawings will open the first Friday in June.
 - 2. Drawings for 'must be present to win' drawings will take place at the annual Banquet.
 - 3. The Archery Drawing will take place on the Monday following the 2nd Friday of January.
 - a. Registration for the archery drawing will open on the 3rd Monday of December and close on the 2nd Friday of January.
 - b. Once registered, hunter must submit proof of one CPW preference point for elk to the Backcountry Director. Failure to do so will disqualify the hunter from the drawing.
 - c. Winners must notify Backcountry Director by June 5th of their successful or unsuccessful drawing result for the CPW Unit 51 Archery Tag or they will be disqualified and an alternate will be selected to replace.
 - d. Payment for the archery hunts is due by the 2nd Friday in June.

7. VERIFICATION PROCESS

a. **PROPOSED PROCESS**

- i. Hunter is drawn and notified by August 1st.
 1. Notification to the hunter will consist of phone calls and emails to phone numbers and email addresses listed on household account with the HRCA. If emails or phone calls are not returned by the verification deadline, or if hunter does not pay appropriate fees and submit appropriate documents by the established deadline, hunter forfeits their drawing status and their hunt. It is the hunter's responsibility to make sure their contact information is correct in the HRCA system.
 2. All payments are due by the 2nd Friday in August
 3. All paperwork and verification of tags are due by 3rd Friday in August. Paperwork that must be completed and submitted:
 - a. Waiver
 - b. License Agreement
 - c. Outfitter Contract
 - d. Photo copy of tag
 - e. Hunter Information Form
 - f. Proof of residency

8. MUZZLE LOADER HUNT CHANGE

- a. **CURRENT:**
 - i. Both muzzle hunts are 'unrestricted.'
 - ii. Likelihood of an 'unrestricted' hunt making it to rifle season is less likely.
 - iii. Muzzle load hunt is a 'buddy' hunt so one drawing can equal two 'unrestricted' bulls.
- b. **PROPOSAL:**
 - i. Muzzle load drawing is still a 'buddy' hunt but one hunt is 'unrestricted' other is 'restricted.' Restricted definition would be: not a trophy, not special in any way. Creates a more likely scenario for at least one rifle hunt to have a trophy opportunity.

9. CHANGE FEES

- a. **CURRENT HUNT FEES**
 - i. 1,000 Unrestricted Bull
 - ii. \$700 Restricted Bull
 - iii. \$300 Management Bull
 - iv. \$100 Cow
 - v. \$50 Youth Cow, turkey, coyote
 - vi. \$300 Buck Deer
 - vii. \$200 Youth Buck Deer
- b. **CURRENT GUIDE FEES**
 - i. All flex bull hunts will pay the Unrestricted/Restricted Fee up front and be refunded if the hunt flexes to a management hunt.
 - ii. All guide fees will be paid in full, for entire season. Fees will be refunded at a pro-rated level for early harvest.
 - iii. Unrestricted/Restricted Bull
 1. \$300 for Day 1, + \$150 each additional day up to \$1,500 on day 9.

- iv. Management Bull/Deer/Cow Elk
 - 1. \$250 for Day 1, + \$50/ each additional day up to \$650 on day 9.
- c. PROPOSAL
 - i. One flat fee for all big game hunts
 - ii. All big game hunts include mandatory guide
 - iii. No partial refunds for early success
 - iv. No guarantee of success for bull hunts
 - v. PROPOSED FEES

BULL ELK

- ARCHERY (*Both Unrestricted*)
 - \$2,500
- MUZZLE (*Unrestricted*)
 - \$2,500
- MUZZLE (*Restricted*)
 - \$1,500
- 1st-4th Rifle Bull Elk (*All Flex...Management, Restricted, Unrestricted*)
 - Unrestricted: \$2,500
 - Restricted: \$1,500
 - Restricted with Trophy Fee: \$2,000
 - Management: \$600

BUCK DEER

- 3rd Season Youth
 - \$300
- 4th Season Combo
 - \$500 + Elk Fee

COW ELK

- Youth
 - \$250
- All others
 - \$300

TURKEY (Guide not mandatory)

- All
 - \$50 hunt fee + \$100/day guide fee
- Package (Guide included)
 - \$200

10. ARCHERY SCHEDULE

- a. CURRENT:
 - i. 8 days per archery hunter (total of 2)
- b. PROPOSED:
 - i. Add 2 days for total of 10 days

1. 4 of 10 days are limited to blinds only
2. BLIND DAYS
 - a. Blind days may be while other hunter is on the property; if so, only certain blinds will be open for use.
 - b. Most of the time blind days will be while there is not another hunter on the property.
 - i. Staff will determine day to day which blind/blinds would be acceptable. Staff decisions as to what blind will be utilized when are final.
 - ii. Blind days may have a chaperone with them rather than a guide

11. YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

- a. During a youth hunter's time of eligibility for the youth hunts, each youth may only hunt each sex/species one time during their youth career. This rule is retroactive and in effect for all youth who have hunted or will hunt.
Youth may hunt the same sex/species if they are drawn in a drawing that is available to all ages.