

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

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COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 524**

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

AUTHORITY: NRS 501.105, NRS 501.181, NRS 502.103, NRS 502.160, NRS 502.175, NRS 502.250

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to the award, use, and tracking of customer bonus points associated with hunt applications.

Section 1. NAC 502.4187 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.417 to 502.4225, inclusive, an applicant to obtain a tag for a season who is unsuccessful, or an applicant for a bonus point who does not wish to obtain a tag and is applying for the sole purpose of earning a bonus point, must be awarded a bonus point for the category of the species, *subspecies, and gender* for which he or she applied if he or she applied for a tag to hunt deer, elk, mountain goat, antelope, black bear, moose, wild turkey or bighorn sheep, or for a bonus point for such a tag.
2. Regardless of the number of applications to obtain a tag or bonus point for a season submitted by a person, the Department shall not award the person more than one bonus point per season per hunting license for each *category of the species, subspecies, and gender* ~~[or category of a species]~~ for which the person applied.
3. ~~[Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, t]~~ The bonus points awarded to a person for a species or category of species accumulate until the person loses his or her bonus points pursuant to this subsection. A person loses all of his or her bonus points for a ~~[-species or]~~ category of a species, *subspecies, and gender*:
 - (a) If the person is successful in drawing a tag for a season for that ~~species or~~ category of

a species, *subspecies, or gender*; or

(b) If the person does not apply for a tag or a bonus point ~~for a season~~ for *two (2)* consecutive calendar years during which ~~[that type of]~~ *a* hunting ~~[for a]~~ season is open *for that category of species, subspecies, and gender*.

4. Upon written request, the Department shall reinstate each bonus point a person lost pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3 if:

(a) During the entirety of the respective *two (2)* consecutive calendar years, the person was mobilized, deployed, training or stationed outside of the United States as an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as verified by a copy of his or her orders or other proof satisfactory to the Department; and

(b) The request is submitted to the Department not later than *one (1)* year after the date the person returns to the United States.

~~[5. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.4189, a person may not use any bonus points awarded to the person for being unsuccessful in a junior hunt to apply for a drawing for a tag for any other type of hunt after the person is no longer eligible to participate in a junior hunt.]~~

5. ~~[6.]~~ If an applicant requests and receives a refund for the value of his or her hunting license, the Department shall not award the applicant a bonus point for any ~~[species or]~~ category of species, *subspecies, and gender* applied for during the period that the applicant possessed the hunting license.

6. ~~[7.]~~ If an applicant is successful in obtaining a tag for a ~~[species or]~~ category of a species, *subspecies, and gender* but transfers the tag to another person pursuant to section 1 of LCB File No. R022-19, the applicant and the new recipient of the tag lose all bonus points for that ~~[species or]~~ category of species, *subspecies, and gender*.

7. ~~[8.]~~ The Department shall not award bonus points for depredation hunts or management

hunts.

8.~~[9.]~~ As used in this section, “management hunt” means a hunt established to seek the harvest of additional wildlife within a population.

Sec. 2. NAC 502.4188 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.4188 Any bonus points awarded by the Department pursuant to the bonus point program must be awarded in one of the following categories of species, subspecies and gender:

1. Antlered mule deer;
2. Antlerless mule deer;
3. Mule deer, either antlered or antlerless;
4. Antlered Rocky Mountain elk;
5. Antlerless Rocky Mountain elk;
6. Rocky Mountain elk, either antlered or antlerless;
7. Spike Rocky Mountain elk;
8. Pronghorn antelope whose horns are longer than their ears;
9. Pronghorn antelope whose horns are shorter than their ears;
10. Rams, from one of the following subspecies:
 - (a) Nelson bighorn sheep;
 - (b) California bighorn sheep; or
 - (c) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep;
11. Ewes, from one of the following subspecies:
 - (a) Nelson bighorn sheep;
 - (b) California bighorn sheep; or
 - (c) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep;
12. Mountain goats;

13. Black bears;
14. Antlered moose;
15. Antlerless moose;
16. Moose, either antlered or antlerless; or
17. Wild turkey.

Sec. 7. 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, *subspecies, and gender* cannot be transferred to any other person or any other ~~[species-or]~~ category of species, *subspecies, and gender*.

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, *subspecies, and gender* 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. *Bonus points associated with a junior hunt are not distinct from and automatically transfer to those associated with a general hunt. If the junior hunt for which the application was made allows for the harvest of an antlered or antlerless mule deer, the bonus point will be issued in the category of antlered mule deer.* ~~[If a person becomes ineligible to apply for a junior hunt for deer pursuant to NAC 502.333 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.~~

6. ~~If a person becomes ineligible to apply for a junior hunt for wild turkey pursuant to NAC 502.333 or becomes ineligible to participate in a junior hunt for wild turkey because of his or her age, each unused bonus point accumulated by person for a junior hunt for wild turkey automatically transfers to the category for wild turkey.]~~