

**FINAL REGULATIONS - CHAPTER W-2 - BIG GAME
#207 - SEASON PARTICIPATION**

- A. A person may hunt in only one hunting season per license year for each big game species regardless of the method of hunting used, except in accordance with regulations #207B, #207C, or in #205, when the purchase of more than one license per species is authorized or when the animal taken is not counted against an annual bag limit.
- B. Except on Ranching for Wildlife properties and in GMUs 61, 62 and 512, youths ages 12-17 may participate in any open regularly scheduled antlerless rifle elk or antlerless rifle or Season Choice deer hunt starting after the last day of the season listed on their original license, in the same DAU and for the same species listed on their original license, provided they possess an unfilled limited antlerless or either-sex elk or antlerless deer license originally valid in that same DAU from a season which has already been completed, comply with applicable regulations for the specific open regularly scheduled antlerless rifle hunt in which they participate, and are accompanied by a mentor if under 16 years of age. A mentor must be at least 18 years of age and comply with hunter education requirements. The mentor may not hunt except in units and in seasons for which they possess a valid license. Youths with an unfilled either-sex elk license who wish to hunt in any subsequent antlerless rifle season within the same DAU may do so provided that they must bring their license to the Division and have it converted to an antlerless license for the appropriate species prior to hunting. In GMUs 61 and 62, youth hunters may participate in the extended youth seasons as provided and restricted herein, except youth are further restricted to hunting in the same GMU where their original license was valid.
- C. Youths ages 12-17 may participate in any December or January pronghorn doe season in the state, provided they possess an unfilled **limited** pronghorn doe or either-sex license from a season which has already been completed for any other unit and comply with applicable regulations for the specific hunt in which they participate. Youths with unfilled either-sex pronghorn **limited** licenses who wish to hunt in the late youth pronghorn doe hunt may do so provided that they bring their license to the Division and have it converted to a doe pronghorn license prior to hunting.
- D. Any license marked or stamped for a season and unit, or portions thereof, is valid only as marked on the license.
- E. A person may only purchase an over the counter bear license for the archery or muzzleloader bear season (hunt codes listed in #237.A.2 and #238.A.2) if they also possess a deer or elk license for the same manner of take and an overlapping game management unit listed on that bear license. A person may hunt bear with an over the counter archery or muzzleloader bear license during any regular archery or muzzleloader deer or elk season west of I-25 or in unit 140, only if they also possess a deer or elk license (filled or unfilled) valid any day of the regular archery or muzzleloader deer or elk seasons. The person may hunt bear in any unit(s) for which their bear license is valid. If the deer or elk license is a Private Land Only license, use of the bear license is restricted to private land as well.
- F. Any person may take coyotes with an unfilled big game license in the same unit and season and by the same manner of take.

Basis and Purpose:

Clean up to youth participation in late season pronghorn hunting

These regulations intend to clean up the requirements for youth participation in the late pronghorn doe seasons after the original licensed season has closed. They specifically require youth hunters to have unfilled limited doe or either-sex pronghorn licenses to participate in this option. These changes were made to align regulation with the approved Big Game Season structure for 2020-2024.

The statements of basis and purpose for these regulations can be obtained from the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, Office of the Regulations Manager by emailing dnr_cpw_planning@state.co.us or by visiting the Division of Parks and Wildlife headquarters at 6060 Broadway, Denver, CO, 80216.

The primary statutory authority for these regulations can be found in § 24-4-103, C.R.S., and the state Wildlife Act, §§ 33-1-101 to 33-6-209, C.R.S., specifically including, but not limited to: §§ 33-1-106, C.R.S.

EFFECTIVE DATE – THE REGULATIONS HEREIN SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023 AND SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL REPEALED, AMENDED, OR SUPERSEDED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO ON THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY, 2023.

**APPROVED:
Carrie Besnette Hauser
Chair**

**ATTEST:
Marie Haskett
Secretary**