

Facts About Auction and Raffle License Regulations



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Note: Auction and Raffle (A/R) regulations are subject to change by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission. A/R hunters are responsible for complying with the most current regulations. For the latest regulations, check the Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) website at

<http://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/RulesRegs/Regulations/Ch02.pdf>

and click on "Chapter 02-Big Game" then scroll down to #229.B.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Individuals that have their hunting license privileges revoked or suspended in Colorado are not eligible to bid on auction licenses, participate in license raffles, or hunt with transferred auction licenses.
2. With the exception of season dates, unit boundary restrictions, and, in some cases, manner of take restrictions, all statutes and regulations that apply during the regular hunting seasons for a species also apply to auction & raffle (A/R) license holders. As examples, this means that:
 - a) A/R hunters using a rifle or muzzleloader to hunt deer, elk, pronghorn, and moose at any time must wear fluorescent orange or pink.
 - b) Archers hunting these species during a regular rifle season must also wear fluorescent orange or pink.
 - c) Method of take must be legal for that species (e.g., you can't use a rifle of less than .24 caliber).
 - d) Any antler or horn restrictions apply (e.g., bighorn rams must be ½ curl or larger).
 - e) Compliance with any closures or restrictions on State Wildlife Areas is required.
3. It is unlawful for any person airborne in any aircraft to spot or locate any wildlife and communicate its location to a person on the ground as an aid to hunting or pursuing wildlife; and it is unlawful for such airborne person or person on the ground receiving such communication to pursue, hunt, or take game on the same day or the day following such flight.
4. Permission is required to hunt on any private land. This includes private property enrolled in Ranching for Wildlife (RFW). A/R licenses are not valid on RFW properties when public seasons are in progress for the same species.
5. All A/R hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1949, must carry their hunter education card while hunting unless "Verified" is printed by the CPW on their license. This indicates their hunter education card has been verified in person at a CPW office.
6. A/R licenses are additional licenses. It is possible to purchase a List A (primary) license for the same species in the same year your A/R license is valid.

7. A/R licenses cannot be transferred to another person once the license is issued. Raffle licenses will only be issued in the name of the person on the winning raffle ticket. Prior to issue, auction licenses can be gifted to another person provided written notice is provided to the CPW at least 30 days before the opening of the season.
8. There is no refund for A/R licenses. The CPW Director may authorize transfer of an A/R license prior to the opening of the season in the case of death or medical incapacity of the license holder.

SEASONS

9. A/R licenses are only valid between and including August 1st and December 31st during the year they are issued. Actual dates that A/R licenses are valid between August 1st and December 31st can vary by unit and species (see #11 - #13 below).
10. **A/R licenses are only valid for a species in units that have an open season for that species at some time between August 1 and December 31 of the same year (excludes public Ranching for Wildlife Seasons).** If there is not an open season for the species in the unit or part of the unit during this period, the unit or part of the unit is not open to hunting by A/R license holders. An open season for a species is any season valid for the unit and species that licenses are issued by regular drawing, over-the-counter, or by Special Management License. A/R hunters are restricted to weekday only hunting in units that have that restriction for the regular seasons, see item 12 below.
11. **A/R deer licenses are valid on a unit-by-unit basis from the first open deer season in a unit after August 1 (typically archery season opening day) through November 30 or the last day of open antlered or either-sex deer season in a unit, whichever comes later.** For most units west of I-25 the season closes November 30. For many areas east of I-25 deer season will continue to be open through December 31 because many of the plains units have buck or either sex seasons open through December 31. Many plains units do not open until archery season starts October 1st. It is up to the hunter to determine the season dates for each unit by identifying the unit they are interested in hunting and looking in the big game brochure to see what the first as last antlered or either-sex deer seasons are in that unit. During this open period A/R licenses are valid even when there is no regular open season in progress in the unit, i.e. still valid between regular seasons. See PWC Regulation #229.B.4.a for specific regulatory wording.
12. A/R licenses for a pronghorn, elk, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose are valid on a unit by unit basis beginning on the **opening day of the first open season** in a unit for that species on or after August 1st and remain valid until an animal of the species is harvested **through December 31st** of the same year. During this period (i.e., opening of the first open season and continuing through December 31st), A/R licenses are valid even when there is no regular open season in progress in the unit. The exception to the continuous season is auction and raffle hunters are also restricted to weekdays only in mountain goat and bighorn sheep units (see brochure) that are only open to hunting “weekdays only”. Weekdays only regulations are in place to reduce conflicts with other users.
13. A/R Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep licenses are **NOT** valid for desert bighorn sheep.

METHOD OF TAKE

14. For **Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose**, A/R hunters are restricted to the same manner of take as any ongoing open season or, if no season is ongoing, restricted to the manners of take allowed in the unit or part of a unit (e.g., if a unit only has archery seasons for a species, A/R hunters in that unit are restricted to archery-only for that species even when there is no open archery season in progress).
15. For **deer and elk**, A/R hunters are **not** restricted to the same manner of take as any ongoing open season (e.g., a legal rifle or legal muzzleloader can be used for deer or elk during an open archery-only season). In addition, deer and elk A/R hunters are not restricted to open season methods of take when no open seasons are in progress.
16. For **pronghorn**, A/R hunters are restricted to archery-only prior to the last Saturday in August. On or after the last Saturday in August, any legal method is valid and the method of take restrictions for pronghorn are the same as for deer and elk.

MANDATORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

17. **Prior to hunting, and if you change locations**, all holders of A/R licenses must provide the local CPW Wildlife Office (see map) with the following information:
 - a) Anticipated hunting areas including GMUs and nearest towns,
 - b) Vehicle descriptions, and
 - c) Intended method of take.The point of contact is the **local CPW Wildlife Office** that administers the area to be hunted. See enclosed map to determine correct CPW Office. These office locations and numbers are also in the Big Game Brochure. Please leave a message if no Customer Service Representative is available, such as on weekends.
18. **All wildlife harvested through the use of an auction or raffle license must be presented to, and inspected by an employee of CPW at a Wildlife Office on or before the 5th working day after the harvest date.** Bighorn sheep and mountain goat hunters must personally present animals with horns and skull intact. All unsuccessful A/R hunters must complete and return a harvest questionnaire provided by the CPW within 30 days after the close of their final hunting season. **Failure to comply with the above requirements is a violation of Parks and Wildlife Commission regulations and could result in loss of future hunting privileges in Colorado.** Please bring your mandatory harvest questionnaire with you when you have your animal inspected.