



Nonresident Deer Draw

*Application
Information*

Including Frequently Asked Questions



DEER What?

Two deer species thrive in Kansas – the mule deer and the white-tailed deer. Mule deer are restricted to the western one-third of the state, primarily on the High Plains, Smoky Hills, and Red Hills regions. As you travel west to east, mule deer are less abundant, and whitetail numbers increase. White-tailed deer numbers have increased dramatically in the last 20 years, and they can be found virtually statewide wherever suitable habitat exists. Highest whitetail densities are in the eastern one-third of the state. Whitetails have adapted well to Kansas' modern landscape, finding cover in natural woodlands, shelterbelts, old homesteads and grasslands, and abundant food in cropfields. The selective management program has created a healthy deer herd, with excellent potential for trophy-sized bucks in all regions.

2026 NR Deer Quota

Unit	2026 NR WT ES
1	389
2	303
3	689
4	442
5	679
6	604
7	1372
8	1841
9	1206
10	1304
11	3564
12	2303
13	636
14	2079
15	1705
16	1740
17	619
18	228



For More Information:

<https://ksoutdoors.gov/deer>

To Apply:

<https://www.license.gooutdoorskansas.gov/>

Frequently Asked Questions

- **When does the draw open? When does it close?**
 - The application period for NR Deer starts April 1st each year and ends the last Friday in April.
- **What is the cost to apply?**
 - The application for NR Deer Draw is \$25 plus credit card and agent fees. If you do not have a hunting license on file, you must also pay for a nonresident hunting license at the time of the application for \$125 plus credit card and agent fees. The application and hunting license cost is nonrefundable.
- **How much is the permit itself?**
 - The cost of the permit is \$450 for adults, \$90 for youth, plus credit card and agent fees. If you opted into applying for Mule Deer (available to archery and muzzleloader only), there is no application fee; however, if awarded, the cost is \$150 in addition to the permit fee plus credit card and agent fees.
- **If I am unsuccessful, do I get refunded for the application fee and required hunting license?**
 - No, the application fee and hunting license is non-refundable.
- **If I am unsuccessful, do I get a preference point?**
 - Yes. If you are unsuccessful in the draw, you will be issued a preference point for next year's draw.
- **Will I be charged the permit fee if I am unsuccessful in the draw?**
 - No, you will not be charged for the permit fee if you are unsuccessful.
- **Am I required to purchase a hunting license when I apply, or can I purchase one later?**
 - If you do not have a current hunting license on file, you are required to purchase a hunting license at the time of the application. The cost of a hunting license is nonrefundable, even if you are unsuccessful in the draw.
- **How many can apply in a group?**
 - Up to 5 are allowed in a group (group leader plus 4 additional group members). The group's points will be determined by the lowest preference point in the group. For example, if four in the group have two preference points and one person has zero preference points, the entire group will go in as zero preference points.
- **Are there secondary units?**
 - You may apply for 4 primary units and a secondary unit for all 4 choices. The secondary unit MUST be adjoining to the primary unit. If awarded, you will be assigned a primary and secondary unit. You will only be able to hunt in the units assigned on our tag.
- **How can I get a MULE deer tag?**
 - Mule deer tags are an additional draw that you may apply for while applying for the nonresident whitetail deer draw. Only those who apply for ARCHERY or MUZZLELOADER will have an opportunity to apply for the mule deer draw (only in certain units). The cost for the Mule deer tag is \$150.00 plus credit card and agent fees. In order to be placed in the drawing for a Mule deer, you must first be drawn successfully for the whitetail nonresident deer draw. Group applications and preference point applications cannot apply for the Mule deer draw.
- **How can I get draw odds or statistics?**
 - You can find draw odds or statistics by going to www.ksoutdoors.gov/deer and selecting "Draw Statistics".
- **Will I increase my odds of a successful draw if I apply as soon as the draw opens?**
 - The nonresident deer draw is not a first come, first serve. Your chances of a successful draw are the same whether you apply the first day or the last.
- **Can I purchase a preference point at any time?**
 - No, you may only purchase a preference point at the time of the draw application period.
- **When will I know if I drew or not?**
 - You should receive notification late May by email.
- **I am a nonresident landowner, do I have to go through the draw?**
 - Qualifying nonresident landowners and tenants do not have to go through the draw for an antlered permit under the Hunt-your-Own-Land permit and can hunt their own land only (which must be owned and operated for agricultural purposes), with just a nonresident landowner carcass tag. They do not need a nonresident hunting license. Nonresidents must meet qualifications of a nonresident land owner/tenant.

Frequently Asked Questions Cont.

- **If I draw, but I can't make it, can I give my permit to someone else?**
 - No, all permits and licenses are not transferable.
- **If I draw but cannot make it, can I get a refund?**
 - Refunds must meet specific qualifications and go through an approval process. If you are awarded a refund and had preference points, your preference points will not be reinstated. If you chose to surrender your permit without a refund, we will reinstate any preference points you had prior to the successful draw. Tags may be surrendered up until the 3rd week of Aug. There is no fee for weapon changes on e-tags.
- **What happens to unclaimed and surrendered tags?**
 - Unclaimed or surrendered tags are offered to the next customer in the draw line, only up until the opening of the season.
- **If I draw a muzzleloader permit, can I use it during regular firearm season?**
 - Yes, but using a muzzleloader weapon only.
- **Can I use archery during firearm season?**
 - Yes, but only with archery equipment.
- **If I draw, am I able to change my weapon type?**
 - Yes, up until the third week of August. You can change your weapon type by contacting our Big Game Specialist at the Pratt Operations Office by phone, email, or mail in. An e-tag weapon change can be done by email. Printed tags must be mailed back no later than the 3rd week of August including the permit, a written request, and a check for \$5.00 per permit being changed.
- **As a nonresident, do I have other opportunities to hunt deer in Kansas?**
 - Nonresidents who are unsuccessful in the draw may hunt during the extended antlerless only season in January with over-the-counter tags. They must have a nonresident hunting license, unless they are hunting their own land; then they only need non-resident hunt-own-land carcass tags.

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Hunters apply in one Primary Unit and then selects ONE adjacent unit to also hunt, as well as the weapon choice (archery, muzzleloader, or firearm) at the time of application. Muzzleloader permit holders may hunt during early muzzleloader season and regular firearm season using muzzleloader equipment only.

Hunters may apply for up to 4 choices of Primary and Adjacent unit on their application.

Applicant will be asked at the time of application to select the choice of permit delivery.

- Printed tags will be mailed to the address on the application
- E-Tag/Mobile will be tagged electronically ONLY through the [Go Outdoors KS mobile app](#) THEY WILL NOT BE EMAILED TO YOU

Group Hunt: The group hunt application is to accommodate those who do not want to hunt unless their hunting partners draw also. Applicants (up to 5) must apply for the same unit and the same weapon choice. Each person will make application and there will be a question on the application about groups. The first applicant in the group to apply would select the create group option on this question. This will create a group and you will be given a group number at the end of your application on the Transaction Confirmation screen in a green bubble. Each applicant applying after the group has been set up would select the join group option and they would fill in the Group number. The overall group will be drawn from the lowest preference point in the group.

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The credit card provided will be used to pay for the total price of the awarded permits at the time of the draw if this application is selected as a winner for the hunt.

Any members added by the leader on the initial group creation application will be charged on the leader's credit card by default. Credit card information for each applicant can be modified after the application is submitted.

- \$150.00 Mule Deer Stamp Fee (plus Nonresident White-tailed deer permit fee listed above)

A nonresident must apply for the Mule Deer Stamp during the April application period. A nonresident who successfully draws an archery or muzzleloader White-tailed Deer Permit among units 1, 2, 17 or 18 and has applied for the Mule Deer Stamp will be entered into a draw for one of a limited number of Mule Deer Stamps. If drawn, the applicant's White-tailed Deer Archery or Muzzleloader Permit converts to an Either-species/Either-sex Archery or Muzzleloader Permit. Preference points do not count toward the Mule Deer Stamp draw.

If unsuccessful in the Mule Deer Stamp Draw, hunter will be issued the White-tailed Deer Archery or Muzzleloader Draw Permit for the successful draw unit.

Preference point applications:

- \$25.00 (plus credit card and agent fees) Preference Point.
- A nonresident hunter who does not want to hunt in the current season can purchase a preference point that will count toward a white-tailed deer permit in a future drawing.
- If unsuccessful in the draw, hunter will be issued a preference point for a future drawing.
- Preference points remain on file for 5 years from last date a point was issued or purchased. If applicant fails to make at least one application or purchase one point within 5 consecutive years, all earned preference points will be reset to zero

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- Log in to your account
- Click Limited Draw Applications
- Select the Nonresident Whitetail Deer Application
- Select Apply for Points only
- Complete your payment

