Manitoba Big Game Draw Program Application Guide – 2020

NEW. The draw program is now online:

- If you have ever entered a draw since 1996, you already have a personal profile on the system. Please contact the elicensing Help Desk at 1-877-880-1203 to access and verify your personal profile. Your priority level(s) for the draws will be listed on your personal profile.
- If you are a first time applicant to the Big Game Draw Program, please create your account and personal profile from the elicensing Home Page.

**IMPORTANT DRAW DATES**

Online applications accepted May 1 – May 31 (11:59 pm)
Notification of draw results – June 21
Licence payment deadline – July 15 (11:59 pm)

[Images: Hunting Season Choice Chart, Game Hunting Areas Map]

General Information About the Licence Draws

The draw application deadline is May 31 (11:59 pm). Applications must be registered online at www.manitobaelicensing.ca by this date and time.

Draw licences are only available through the draw process once a year.

Applicants must be residents of Manitoba.

If you have any questions about the application procedures, contact the elicensing Help Desk at 1-877-880-1203. For further information visit: manitoba.ca/sd/fish_and_wildlife/wildlife
The Big Game Draw program has operated in various forms since the 1970s. In 1996, the Multi-Level Draw system was implemented with five priority levels to ensure a clear, transparent program and provide equal opportunity to all Manitoba hunters desiring to hunt those species where demand exceeded supply. To enhance the draw system, the number of priority levels increased to 10 levels in 2012. Further enhancements have been implemented for 2020, the draw program is now completely online for the ease and convenience of all participants.

There are two separate draw programs:
- The Big Game Draw is for resident moose and elk hunting licences
- The Landowner Elk Draw is for resident landowner licences only.

Separate applications must be completed for the Big Game Draw or the Landowner Elk Draw (dependent on landowner eligibility). Only one application is allowed for each draw. All applicants are provided a personal priority level in the Multi-Level Draw system. Personal priority levels for the Big Game and the Landowner Elk Draws are independent of each other.

Your current priority level is available to view on your online customer profile.

The Landowner Elk Draw is held first. Applicants who apply for both the Big Game and Landowner Elk Draws are advised that, if they are successful in the Landowner Elk Draw, they will lose their opportunity to be drawn for the Big Game Draw. An applicant who has applied to the Big Game Draw with a partner who is a successful applicant in the Landowner Elk Draw will lose the opportunity to be drawn for the Big Game Draw.

A draw licence is valid only in the area(s) and hunting season(s) for which it is issued and, in the case of a Landowner Elk licence, only on land owned by the landowner.

Residents of Manitoba may hold only one of the following licences: draw moose, draw moose archery, draw elk, draw elk archery or draw elk landowner. Draw moose and draw moose archery licence holders are not eligible to purchase a non-draw (general) moose licence, a non-draw (general) conservation moose licence or a non-draw archery moose licence.

Youth hunting provisions for shared bag options are extended to include all draw licences, and the same qualifications and privileges apply. Youth can apply for a licence, or, a youth may hunt with a person who has obtained a draw licence via the shared bag option.

Hunting Season Choices (HSC)

Every year, Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development establishes the hunting season choices for the Big Game and Landowner Elk Draws based on game hunting area, season date, bag limit (per tag) and number of licences/tags available. The number of hunting licences/tags available for draw hunting seasons may change at any point should conditions warrant. Applications must be completed by hunters either as individuals or in pairs depending upon the hunting season choice. Licences are awarded in licence and game tag combinations as described for each hunting season choice as listed on the website.

NOTE: Hunting Season Choices have changed for this year; please review your choice(s) carefully.

Priority Levels
The Draw program will be based on 10 priority levels. In the Multi-Level Draw system, Level 1 is the most favourable level and Level 10 is the least favourable level. A personal priority level is assigned to each individual. An application with two applicants is entered into the draw system at the least favourable personal priority level of the two applicants. First-time applicants (an applicant who has not applied for a draw licence since 1996) will be assigned a personal priority level of Level 8. Applications are processed randomly and sequentially in the draw system according to priority level and hunting season choices. All Level 1 applications are processed first.

Personal priority levels will improve one level in the following year for each draw year that an applicant is not successful in being awarded a draw licence. Unsuccessful applicants already at Level 1 will remain at Level 1. Successful applicants awarded a licence will be assigned to Level 10 the next year.

Hunters who applied in the 1996 Draw or later do not need to apply every year in order to advance their priority level for that draw. The Multi-Level Draw system will automatically advance their personal priority level each year if their account is not in penalty. However, in order to be awarded a licence, an application and payment must be submitted online to the draw in that year. Applicants who are excluded from draw participation due to an unpaid draw debt will have their personal priority level frozen and will be excluded from all licence draws regardless of the origin of the debt.

Your current priority level will be listed on your personal profile on the elicensing website.

**Notification of Licence Award**

Results of the draw will be emailed to each applicant by June 21. It is up to each applicant to ensure that your email is current.

**Hunting Information**

In Swan River Valley, all GHA 13A elk seasons include that portion of GHA 14 lying outside the Swan-Pelican Provincial Forest.

For those applicants who must apply in pairs (General-rifle), each pair of successful applicants must observe party hunting regulations. Either licensee may hunt alone; however, they must have the game tag on their person.

Hunters must obtain landowner permission before hunting on any private land.

Every person who kills an elk in Game Hunting Area 23 or 23A shall within 48 hours, deliver the complete head, upper neck, lungs and trachea (windpipe) of the elk to a designated Drop-Off Depot.

Every person who kills an elk in Game Hunting Area 5, 6, 6A, 11, 12, 13, 13A, 18 part only, 18A, 18B (west of Provincial Trunk Highway 366), 18C or 22 (west of Provincial Trunk Highway 83) shall, within 48 hours, deliver the complete head and upper neck of the elk to a designated Drop-Off Depot.

Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development and Riding Mountain National Park staff will be conducting aerial surveys of the elk population as part of the bovine tuberculosis management program. Hunters may see low-flying aircraft while hunting. Every effort will be made to minimize the disturbance to hunters. (E18, E19, E20, E21, E22, E23, AE10*)
The draw elk licence in GHA 23 and 23A with a one elk or one moose bag limit is not considered a moose licence.

Applicants should note that for elk hunting season choices E18, E19, E20, E21, E22, E23 and AE10, the bag limit is one elk or one moose.

Hunters must possess and be able to produce a valid Hunter Education Certificate if requested by an officer.

Licences are not transferable. Unallocated draw licences will not be made available.

If a licence is lost or destroyed, it must be reprinted.

**Conditions of the Big Game Draw and Licences**

Failing to comply with the conditions for a big game hunting licence or making a false statement in an application for such a licence are offences contrary to Section 59 of The Wildlife Act. In addition, a person whose hunting privileges are suspended for all hunting or big game hunting must not apply for or obtain a big game hunting licence.

Only residents of Manitoba may apply for a Big Game Draw licence.

A Big Game Draw licence is valid only in the area(s) and hunting season(s) for which it is issued.

All applicants for a Big Game Draw licence must possess a valid Hunter Education Certificate.

Only one application form may be submitted for a Big Game Draw licence. (A person's name may appear on only one application).

There must be two applicants for general (rifle) season choices. Licences for these choices will be issued on a two-licence to one-tag basis. Each successful applicant for these choices will receive a licence but only one tag will be issued to each successful pair.

**NEW –** One application can contain up to a maximum of 6 applicants.
- If applying for the general rifle season choices applicants must be in pairs (maximum 3 pairs per application).
  - Each pair will form their own hunting party (2 licences 1 tag).
  - Pairs are formed in sequence, as listed in the application.
- Archery applicants will be individual up to six hunters per application.

This new application condition has been implemented as an enhanced feature requested by draw applicants.

Any youth applying for the draw must be at least 12 years old at the application deadline date as the application will not be available on their profile.

Applications will only be accepted online or entered online at District Offices. It is the applicant’s sole responsibility to ensure their completed applications are submitted by the deadline.
Any application not completed or not submitted in compliance with the conditions for a draw licence as set out herein is invalid and will be rejected from the draw.

Applicants with outstanding fees will have their personal priority level frozen until the outstanding balance is paid.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their contact information is updated on their elicensing profile. Licences and tags that are not deliverable are not the department's responsibility.

**Game Hunting Area (GHA) Closure**

If a decision has been made to close a season before the draw is run, an application will be processed as follows:

- If the closed HSCs were the only choice on the application, the application is removed from the draw and all monies, except the administration fee of $4.50, are refunded.
- If there were other HSCs on the application, the closed season is removed and the other HSCs are valid for the purposes of entering the application in the draw.

**How to Complete the Online Application Form for the Big Game Draw**

Before proceeding with these steps, please read and understand the sections on General Information and Conditions of the Draw and Licences.

*It is each applicant's responsibility to ensure that their information is correct and accurate. Any application with multiple applicants, including archery draw seasons, is considered 1 (one) application.*

**Please review your online application carefully.**

On each customer profile, the following fields are mandatory and must be validated:

- Manitoba Driver's Licence Number or another identifier must be used (passport, military card)
- indicate male or female, prefer not to say or other
- date of birth
- surname, first name and middle name
- complete mailing address
- valid Hunter Education Certificate
- email address
- telephone number
- height, hair and eye colour

**Select Hunting Season Choice(s)**

Under Hunting Season Choice, select the letter/number combination from the Hunting Season Choice chart which corresponds to your first, second and third choices. One or two choices is sufficient. It is not necessary to complete all three choices. You should only make choices you are prepared to accept because exchanges and/or refunds are not allowed.

**NOTE:** Hunting Season Choices have changed for this year; please review your choice carefully.
Payment

Only credit card payments are accepted thru the elicensing website.

**Each applicant - $7.00 plus administration fee of $4.50 per application**

If successful in securing a draw licence for the 2020 year, the first applicant or group leader will be charged for each licence issued with that application, plus the $4.50 administration fee for each licence.

One Licence - $57.25 + $4.50 = $61.75
Two Licences - $114.50 + $9.00 = $123.50
Three Licences - $171.75 + $13.50 = $185.25
Four Licences - $229.00 + $18.00 = $247.00
Five Licences - $286.25 + $22.50 = $308.75
Six Licences - $343.50 + $27.00 = $370.50

Licence fees include 5% G.S.T. and a portion of the fee is for wildlife conservation and a $4.50 administration fee.

Application fee includes a non-refundable $7.00 application fee for each applicant and a non-refundable $4.50 administration fee for each application.

The draw application deadline is May 31 at 11:59 pm. Applications must submitted online at [www.manitobaelicensing.ca](http://www.manitobaelicensing.ca) by this date and time.

Payments will appear as RAO MB Licensing.

Rejection of Applications

An application will be rejected if any of the following apply:

- The payment is not able to be processed.
- The application bears the name of an ineligible applicant.

Successful Applications

Successful applicants will receive an email indicating their success in the draw and licence payment will be processed on the credit card on file.

- Licence(s) and the game tag(s) are sent to the shipping address as indicated on the application.
- Payment is processed immediately after the draw is completed to the credit card as listed on the application.
- If a payment fails, the online program will attempt to process the payment again.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure payment is received.
- The applicant should call elicensing Help Desk at 1-877-880-1203 regarding payment issues.
- If a payment is unable to be processed by **July 15**, the licence(s) will be voided.
• Failure to pay for licence(s) will result in the applicant being placed in penalty.

Unsuccessful Applications

• Unsuccessful and rejected applicants will receive an email indicating the results of the draw.

Outstanding Licences and Payments from Previous Years

Any applicant with outstanding fees from previous draw years will be unable to purchase any hunting licence until the outstanding fee is paid. The applicant should call elicensing Help Desk at 1-877-880-1203 to resolve these outstanding fees.

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

All personal information is collected under the authority of The Wildlife Act and will be used for the administration of the Multi-Level Draw program, hunter surveys, statistical analysis and enforcement purposes. It is protected by the Protection of Privacy provisions of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions about the collection of information, contact: Access and Privacy Officer, 90-200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg MB R3J 3W3 (t: 204-945-4170). For other draw questions, please telephone 1-877-880-1203.
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