

# 2026 NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DEER



Draw	Application Opens	Application Closes	Results Available
First	05/27/2026	06/23/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/02/2026
Second	07/08/2026	07/22/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/27/2026
Third	07/29/2026	08/12/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	08/14/2026
Fourth	08/18/2026	09/01/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	09/04/2026
Leftovers	09/09/2026	12/13/2026, 12:00 AM CDT	

## IMPORTANT SEASON INFORMATION

**Eligibility:** Residents and nonresidents are eligible.

REMINDER: This season is a part of the combined deer draw in which individuals are restricted to the number of applications contingent on other applications and licenses held. Find detailed information at <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunt-fish-license/>.

## FEE SCHEDULE

License Types	Resident	Nonresident
01 - one any deer	\$45	\$375

## RETURN POLICY *(NEW FOR 2026)*

**Return Deadline:** August 1, 2026

**Return Fee:** \$10 - Residents | \$30 - Nonresidents

A fee will be assessed if a customer returns their license. They will also be ineligible for any subsequent draws that year for that respective season.

## LICENSE AVAILABILITY and SEASON DATES

Unit <i>General Area</i>	Type	Resident		Nonresident	
LC1 LaCreek NWR - muzzleloader only - (October 21-27, 2026)	01	10	—	1	—
LC2 LaCreek NWR - muzzleloader only - (November 25 - December 1, 2026)	01	10	—	1	—
SL1 Sand Lake NWR - muzzleloader only - (November 14-18, 2026)	01	20	—	2	—
SL2 Sand Lake NWR (November 19-23, 2026)	01	20	—	2	—
SL4 Sand Lake NWR - muzzleloader only - (November 30 - December 6, 2026)	01	20	—	2	—
SL5 Sand Lake NWR (December 7-13, 2026)	01	20	—	2	—
WA1 Waubay NWR/SWR - muzzleloader only - (November 14-22, 2026)	01	10	—	1	—
WA3 Waubay NWR/SWR - muzzleloader only - (November 28 - December 6, 2026)	01	10	—	1	—

### LICENSE CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR

▲ Increase    — No Change    ▼ Decrease    ◆ New Type

## GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Visit <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunt-fish-license/> to view application information, residency and age requirements, landowner preference, preference points, and license fee explanations.

[Unit Descriptions and Map](#)  
[Interactive Hunting Unit Map](#)

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**NOTE:** All applications must be submitted [online](#).