



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS

523 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE | PIERRE, SD 57501

Coyote Bounty Program

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Introduction

These “Terms and Conditions” as written shall apply to your participation in the Coyote Bounty Program (hereinafter “Program”), provided by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP).

These “Terms and Conditions” will be applied fully and affect your participation in the Program. By participating in this Program, you agree to accept all terms and conditions written here. You will not participate in the Program if you disagree with any of these “Terms and Conditions”.

Restrictions

- The Program will run April 1 - July 1, 2026, for all South Dakota residents unless \$300,000 in eligible bounties have been paid. Once \$300,000 in eligible bounties has been paid, the Program is complete, and no more payments will be issued.
- Species eligible for the Program are coyotes.
- Participants must be residents of South Dakota as defined in SDCL 41-1-1.
- Participants will receive a \$30 bounty per tail for eligible coyotes. The tail bone and entire tail must be presented to receive payment. Tails with cut marks on both ends are not eligible. Tails from young coyotes not capable of living away from their mother are not eligible.
- Participants may submit up to \$570.00 worth of eligible tails per household.
- All coyotes submitted for this Program must have been harvested in South Dakota from April 1 - July 1, 2026.
- Roadkill and aerial hunted coyotes are not eligible. Aerial permits and contracts issued by GFP to remove coyotes prohibit aerial hunting for sport, fur harvest, or collection of furs.
- Coyotes harvested (i.e. trapped or hunted) outside the Program dates above are not eligible.
- License Requirements:
 - Landowners harvesting coyotes from their own land and participants under the age of 18 are not required to have a license.
 - All other participants must have one of the following valid licenses to hunt or trap coyotes (pursuant to SDCL 41-6-80):
 - resident predator/varmint license
 - license to take fur-bearing animals





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- resident small game license
 - resident big game license
 - resident youth small game license
 - resident turkey license
- Participants must comply with South Dakota trapping and hunting rules and regulations. Rules and regulations can be found in the current hunting and trapping handbook or online at <https://gfp.sd.gov/pages/regulations/>.
 - To receive the bounty, participants must sign a legal affidavit indicating the coyote tails were obtained under the terms and conditions detailed in this document.
Participants under the age of 18 will need their parent/legal guardian to sign a legal affidavit on their behalf.

Limitation of Liability

Participants agree to hold harmless and indemnify the State of South Dakota, its officers, agents and employees, from and against any and all claims, actions, suits, damages, liability, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, or other proceedings brought by or on behalf of any person that may arise out of or result from this Program. This section does not require participants to be responsible for or defend against claims or damages arising solely from errors or omissions of the State, its officers, agents or employees.

Severability

If any provision of these Terms and Conditions is found to be invalid under any applicable law, such provisions shall be deleted without affecting the remaining provisions herein.

Variation of Terms

The State is permitted to revise these Terms and Conditions at any time as it sees fit, and by participating in this program you are expected to review these Terms and Conditions on a regular basis.

Governing Law & Jurisdiction

These Terms and Conditions will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Dakota, and you submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in South Dakota for the resolution of any disputes.

