



## Hunt for Habitat Frequently Asked Questions

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### The Raffle

**Who is eligible to participate in the Hunt for Habitat raffle?**

Everyone who is legally allowed to hunt may enter the Hunt for Habitat raffle.

Anyone under the age of 18 must have their entries purchased by a parent or guardian.

**How much are the tickets?**

Tickets are \$10 for South Dakota residents and \$20 for nonresidents.

**How many tickets can I purchase?**

There is no limit to how many tickets you can purchase.

**Will there be preference points or any other type of system to determine the winner?**

No, this is simply a raffle. The more tickets you have entered, the higher your chances are to win.

**Will the price change at a certain amount of tickets?**

No, tickets will remain the same price regardless of quantity purchased.

**Can I buy tickets for someone else?**

Yes, enter their contact information when buying the tickets. The individual on the winning ticket is who will receive the license(s).

**Will I be refunded the money I spent on tickets should I not win?**

No, refunds will not be issued.

**What will be done with the money from the raffle?**

The money raised from the Hunt for Habitat raffle will go directly to habitat. This includes both public and private land programs.

### Option 1: Elk, Deer and Antelope Package

**What is Option 1?**

Option 1 consists of one any elk tag, one any deer tag and one any antelope tag. Winners will be able to select what year they wish each tag to be valid for within two years of winning.

For example, the 2019 winner will be able to select between 2019 and 2020. This winner could choose to hunt antelope in 2019 and hunt deer and elk in 2020. They could also select for all three tags to be valid in 2019, which would mean they would not be hunting any of these tags in 2020. If the winner would prefer to scout and plan for all three tags to be valid in 2020, that would be fine too.



Once the winner selects which year they wish the tag to be valid, he/she would be able to hunt any open hunting area with any weapon in season. Example: They chose to hunt West River deer with a rifle during the West River season. They then could then hunt the remaining week of East River rifle if the tag had not been filled yet. If the tag remains unfilled, they could still archery hunt until the end of season.

### **What happens if an area closes for hunting between the time I won and the time I chose my tag to be eligible?**

Winners would be able to hunt anywhere that has a season for the animal and weapon they desired to hunt. This would apply to when they chose their tag to be valid.

For example, if Brule County had an antelope season when the license was drawn in 2019, but the winner opted for their tag to be valid in 2020 they would need to follow 2020 season dates and locations. If Brule County closes for antelope hunting in 2020, the hunter would be ineligible to hunt Brule County for antelope, even though at the time they won the tag the area was open to antelope hunting.

### **I'm a nonresident, can I hunt East River deer if I won this package?**

Yes, nonresidents would be able to hunt anywhere in the state that is open to deer hunting.

### **Does this mean I'll be able to hunt elk as well?**

Yes, nonresidents would be eligible for the elk tag.

### **I'm on the ineligible list for elk hunting, can I still enter the drawing for the elk license?**

Yes, everyone who can legally hunt would be eligible to enter and win the Hunt for Habitat raffle. Even if you were on the ineligible list, you could still win Option 1 and hunt elk as part of your package.

## Option 2: Custer State Park Trophy Buffalo

### **What is Option 2?**

The Custer State Park Trophy Buffalo hunt targets the oldest breeding bulls in the park. These bulls are typically 10+ years old.

The bulls are Boone & Crocket eligible. Entries in the Boone & Crocket records are shown as "Custer County, SD." A typical bull will weigh about 2,000 pounds. The meat, hide and head are all the property of the hunter. Typically, bison will dress 50% from live weight to hot hanging weight. From hot hanging carcass to boneless packaged meat will be 60% of carcass.

Hunters have a maximum of three consecutive days to hunt. Hunts are scheduled Monday through Friday excluding holidays. 3 days as scheduled beginning Nov. 25, 2019 to Dec. 20, 2019 excluding holidays and weekends.

[South Dakota Administrative Rule](#) requires the hunter to be guided during this three-day hunt. Custer State Park provides a guide, field transportation for the hunt, and field handling of the animal. The guide indicates which bulls are eligible, and approve the location that they may be shot. The area within the boundary of Custer State Park as designated by park staff is the hunting unit.



**Will I be charged the fee of \$6,506 should I successfully win the Custer State Park Trophy Buffalo?**

No, the only price would be the cost of your raffle entries.

**What sort of weapon would I need to hunt this Trophy Buffalo?**

This is a firearm only hunt. Rifles must be at least .270 caliber and generate a minimum of 2,200-foot-pounds of energy at the muzzle. Typical shot distance is 50-100 yards.

**When would I be able to go on this hunt?**

Winners of Option 2 would have the same choice as Option 1. The 2019 winner would be able to go on this hunt in 2019 or 2020. They would need to specify what year and what time they wish their hunt to take place.

## Winners

**How will I know if I win?**

The drawing will be take place immediately after the raffle closes. Winners will then be notified by the contact information they provided when they purchased the tickets.

Please ensure you enter accurate contact information when buying your tickets. If the information you enter is not correct, we will be unable to contact you.

**What if a nonresident claims they are a resident and wins the package?**

Winners will be personally issued their tags. Should they falsify their residency, they will not be eligible for any of the tags, and they will not be refunded.

**Do I have to pick one option or the other?**

You will be able to purchase tickets for both options. Example: you could buy 10 tickets for Option 1 and 15 tickets for Option 2. You would then check out with 25 total tickets purchased. Should you be fortunate enough to win a package for Option 1 and Option 2 you would be eligible to hunt both.

**How many packages will be available for nonresidents?**

Up to one of the three available packages in Option 1 could be won by a nonresident. Residents are guaranteed two of these packages and could win the third packages as well.

**If a nonresident wins a package in Option 1 would they be ineligible for Option 2?**

No, Option 1 and Option 2 are independent from each other. A nonresident could win a package in Option 1 and also Option 2. A nonresident may win Option 2, while all three Option 1 packages could go to residents.



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