

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Non-Indian Big Game License Process

For the 2025 Non-Indian Big Game season all applicants for Deer and Turkey licenses will be determined through a lottery system. All applicants can apply online starting 08/01/2025. This online link <http://wso.nagfa.net/online> will be used to apply and determine successful candidates for all Non-Indian Deer and Non-Indian Youth (Rifle, Muzzleloader, Archery,) and Turkey tags.

1. All Non-Indian Hunters will be able to enter each big game lottery up to 4 times at a cost of \$10 for each entry. All lottery entries whether successful or not are nonrefundable.
2. Individuals may apply as a party of up to 4 individuals.
 1. The first person applying will receive a lottery ID number for each lottery entry.
 2. All other applicants with that party must use that lottery ID or ID's for more than one application to assure you are grouped into the same parties.
 3. Anyone failing to use the proper lottery ID will automatically be put into the lottery as an individual applicant.
3. The system will allow for multiple automated drawings to assign all available tags. If you are unsuccessful in a particular drawing and there are available tags, your name will be automatically entered into a second drawing until all available tags are assigned and claimed.
4. Hunters that do not draw in a particular lottery will be given preference points the next time they apply for that same drawing in following years. The preference points will be one extra entry for each year a hunter is unsuccessful in drawing a particular tag, up to 10 years. Once a hunter is drawn for a particular tag, the preference is reset to zero.

The first round drawing will take place on August 15, 2025. All successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email. So be sure to provide your email address. Lottery applicants can also view results on the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Website. Link for lottery results http://wso.nagfa.net/online/results_lookup.php

Upon notification of a successful drawing, hunters may go online and purchase their big game licenses at <http://wso.nagfa.net/online> (Licenses and tags will be mailed at a later date). All successful 1st round applicants will have until 08/29/2025 to claim your tag. If you do not claim your tag by the deadline, your tag will be placed in a subsequent drawing and you will be ineligible for the next round. Full payment must be provided to claim tag. Only payment method that will be accepted is a credit or debit card.

NOTE: If you are the first member to apply as a party for a lottery and you want to enter yourself 4 times and the other party members want to apply for 4 entries as well. You will receive 4 separate Group ID's. The first person applying must answer "yes" this is the group application, and "yes" I am the first person to all applications purchased. When the other members apply when asked if this is a group application they respond "Yes". When asked if they are the first person to apply, they respond "No" and a dialogue box will appear and they will be required to enter the group ID. All subsequent lotteries must be entered one at a time and you will be required to enter the remaining group numbers. DO NOT enter yourself 4 times and attempt to use the same group ID for all applications.

Please contact the SWO Fish & Wildlife Department with questions: 605-698-8353.