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**IDAPA 13
TITLE 01
CHAPTER 02**

13.01.02 – RULES GOVERNING MANDATORY EDUCATION AND MENTORED HUNTING

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission is authorized under Sections 36-103, 36-104(b) and 36-412, Idaho Code, to adopt rules concerning education programs in hunting, trapping, and archery. The Idaho Fish and Game Commission is authorized to adopt rules concerning a mentored hunting program under Idaho Code Sections 36-401(a)8 and 36-1508(b). (4-11-19)

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

01. Title. These rules shall be cited in full as IDAPA 13.01.02.000, et seq., Rules of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, IDAPA 13.01.02, “Rules Governing Mandatory Education and Mentored Hunting.” (3-24-17)

02. Scope. These rules establish criteria for education programs in hunting, trapping, and archery, and for mentored hunting. (3-24-17)

002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.

This agency has no written interpretations of these rules. (3-20-04)

003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL.

All contested cases shall be governed by the provisions of IDAPA 13.01.01, “Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission,” and IDAPA 04.11.01, “Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General.” (3-20-04)

004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

There are no documents that have been incorporated by reference into this rule. (3-20-04)

005. OFFICE -- OFFICE HOURS -- MAILING ADDRESS AND STREET ADDRESS.

The principal place of business of the Department of Fish and Game is in Boise, Idaho. The office is located at 600 South Walnut, Boise, Idaho, and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday, and legal holidays. The mailing address is P.O. Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707. (3-20-04)

006. -- 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.

01. Accompanied. The term “accompanied” as used in the requirement for youth who are hunting and have a Junior Hunting or Junior Combination License who are younger than twelve (12) years of age or for Nonresident Junior Mentored Hunting License holders or for the Mentored Hunting program shall mean close enough to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices (4-11-15)

011. -- 099. (RESERVED)

100. HUNTER AND ARCHERY EDUCATION.

01. Mandatory Hunter and Archery Education Programs. All students being certified under this program must have successfully completed instruction in firearms or archery safety, wildlife management, wildlife law, hunter ethics, first aid/survival, plus practical experience in the handling and shooting of firearms or archery equipment. This instruction may be completed through classroom study, home study, an on-line computer course, or other approved methods. The Department of Fish and Game shall manage the Hunter Education Program pursuant to the Idaho Hunter Education Policy and Procedure Manual. Only certificates for courses which meet or exceed the standards of the Idaho course are acceptable from other states or countries. (3-24-17)

02. Fees. A fee of eight dollars (\$8) shall be charged each student enrolling in the Hunter or Archery Education Program. (3-24-17)

03. Parent to Attend Shooting Clinic with Student. For students under the age of twelve (12), a parent, legal guardian or other adult designated by the parent or legal guardian shall attend any Hunter Education Shooting Clinic with the student. Preferably, the adult attending the Shooting Clinic exercise should be the same adult who will accompany the student into the field while hunting. (4-11-15)

101. MENTORED HUNTING PROGRAM.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as altering the requirements of Section 36-411, Idaho Code, to obtain a valid hunting license, or any other statutory or rule requirements for the take of wildlife. (4-4-13)

01. Hunting Passport. A Hunting Passport is a special authorization for any person to take wildlife when they are accompanied by a mentor and participating in the Mentored Hunting Program. (4-4-13)

a. Any person must obtain a Hunting Passport from the Department or a licensed vendor to participate as a mentee in the Mentored Hunting Program. (4-4-13)

b. Hunter education certification is not required for any person to possess a hunting passport. (4-4-13)

c. A Hunting Passport shall expire December 31 of the year for which it is valid. (4-4-13)

d. Any person who has possessed a Hunting Passport may not apply for a Hunting Passport in any subsequent year, except for any person who is eight (8) years of age who has possessed a Hunting Passport, may possess an additional Hunting Passport each year until reaching ten (10) years of age. (4-11-19)

02. Eligibility of Mentee. (4-4-13)

a. Any person who has not previously possessed a hunting license or equivalent license in any other state may possess a Hunting Passport to participate in the Mentored Hunting Program as a mentee. (4-4-13)

b. Any mentee possessing a Hunting Passport is eligible to possess general big game, turkey, and sandhill crane tags if the mentee is qualified to participate in the hunt. (4-4-13)

c. Any mentee possessing a Hunting Passport is not eligible to possess a control hunt tag but may be designated for a Landowner controlled hunt tag if the mentee is qualified to participate in the hunt. (4-4-13)

d. Any mentee with a Hunting Passport shall be ten (10) years of age to hunt big game. (4-11-15)

e. Any mentee with a Hunting Passport must be accompanied by a mentor as provided in Subsection 101.03.a. (4-4-13)

f. Any person shall be eight (8) years or older to possess a Hunting Passport. (4-4-13)

g. Any mentee must possess on his person a hunting passport while hunting and produce the same for inspection upon request of a conservation officer or any other person authorized to enforce fish and game laws. (4-4-13)

03. Eligibility of Mentor. (4-4-13)

a. Any person who possesses a valid Idaho hunting license and who is eighteen (18) years or older may participate in the Mentored Hunting Program as a mentor. (4-4-13)

b. A mentor may not accompany more than two (2) mentees at one (1) time that are participating in the Mentored Hunting Program. (4-4-13)

c. A mentor may hunt while participating in the Mentored Hunting Program if the mentor is qualified to participate in the hunt. (4-4-13)

102. TRAPPER EDUCATION.

01. Mandatory Trapper Education Program. All persons who purchased their first Idaho trapping license on or after July 1, 2011, must be certified as having successfully completed Department of Fish and Game trapper education, or provide proof that such person holds the equivalent of such a certificate obtained either in Idaho or from an authorized agency or association in another state or country. Persons being certified in Department of Fish and Game trapper education must have successfully completed instruction including safe trapping methods and rules, non-target species avoidance techniques, wildlife identification, and good conduct and respect for the rights and property of others. Persons who have successfully completed wolf trapping education in Idaho or in another state or country are not exempt from certification as having successfully completed trapper education. (3-24-17)

02. Fee. A fee of eight dollars (\$8) shall be charged each student enrolling in the Trapper Education Program. (3-24-17)

03. Effective Date. On and after July 1, 2018, no person who purchased their first Idaho trapping license on or after July 1, 2011 shall be issued a trapping license unless that person presents a certificate of completion in trapper education issued by the Department of Fish and Game or presents proof of equivalent certification obtained in Idaho or from an authorized agency or association in another state or country. (3-24-17)

04. Exemption. Persons who are acting pursuant to Section 36-1107, Idaho Code, are exempt from the provisions of IDAPA 13.01.02.102. (3-24-17)

103. -- 999. (RESERVED)

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