

IDAPA 13 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Wildlife Bureau

13.01.02 – Rules Governing Mandatory Education and Mentored Hunting

Who does these rules apply to?

These rules persons who wish to begin hunting or trapping in Idaho. These rules apply to persons who wish to participate in the Mentored Hunting Program as mentees or mentors.

What is the purpose of these rules?

These rules establish criteria for mandatory hunting, archery and trapping education programs and the Mentored Hunting Program to promote public safety and enjoyment of these activities.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?

This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

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Fish and Game Commission:

- [Section 36-103, Idaho Code](#) – Wildlife Property of the State, Preservation
- [Section 36-104, Idaho Code](#) – General Powers and Duties of Commission

License to Hunt, Fish and Trap:

- [Section 36-401, Idaho Code](#) – Hunting, Trapping, Fishing – License Requirement – Exceptions
- [Section 36-412, Idaho Code](#) – Education Programs, Instructor Qualifications

Public Safety:

- [Section 36-1508, Idaho Code](#) – Shooting From Public Highway, Children Possessing Firearms

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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

Sections 36-103, 36-104, 36-401, 36-412, and 36-1508 authorize the Commission to adopt rules concerning administration of hunting, archery, and trapping education programs and mentored hunting. (3-31-22)

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

The title of this chapter for citation is IDAPA 13.01.02, “Rules Governing Mandatory Education and Mentored Hunting.” These rules establish criteria for hunting, archery, and trapping education programs and mentored hunting. (3-31-22)

002. -- 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.

01. Accompanied. Close enough during hunting to be within normal conversation or hearing range without shouting or the aid of electronic devices. (3-31-22)

011. -- 100. (RESERVED)

101. MENTORED HUNTING PROGRAM.

Other than as specified herein, nothing in this section alters statutory or rule requirements for licensing or the take of wildlife. (3-31-22)

01. Hunting Passport. A Hunting Passport is a special authorization for a person to take wildlife as a mentee, provided the Passport holder is accompanied by a mentor and participating in the Mentored Hunting Program. Hunting Passports may be obtained from the Department or license vendor. (3-31-22)

- a.** A person may obtain a Hunting Passport without hunter education certification. (3-31-22)
- b.** A Hunting Passport expires December 31 of the year for which it is valid. (3-31-22)
- c.** A Hunting Passport is to be carried on one’s person and exhibited on request as provided in Section 36-1201, Idaho Code. (3-31-22)

02. Eligibility of Mentee. (3-31-22)

- a.** Only persons eight (8) years of age or older who have not previously possessed a Hunting Passport, a hunting license or equivalent license in any state or other country may possess a Hunting Passport to participate in the Mentored Hunting Program as a mentee. A youth may possess additional Hunting Passport(s) each year until reaching ten (10) years of age. (3-31-22)
- b.** Any mentee possessing a Hunting Passport is eligible to possess game tags for general hunts if the mentee is qualified to participate in the hunt. (3-31-22)
- c.** Any mentee possessing a Hunting Passport is not eligible to possess a controlled hunt game tag or permit, except as designated for a Landowner controlled hunt tag if the mentee is qualified to participate in the hunt. (3-31-22)
- d.** Any mentee with a Hunting Passport is not eligible to hunt big game unless the Passport holder is ten (10) years of age or older. (3-31-22)
- e.** Any mentee with a Hunting passport eight (8) to seventeen (17) years of age is eligible to participate in: general season hunts, youth-only general hunts, landowner permission controlled hunts and depredation hunts for turkey; and youth pheasant seasons. (3-31-22)

03. Eligibility of Mentor. (3-31-22)

- 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. (3-31-22)
- b.** A mentor may accompany no more than two (2) mentees at one (1) time that are participating in the Mentored Hunting Program. (3-31-22)

c. A mentor may hunt while participating in the Mentored Hunting Program if the mentor is qualified to participate in the hunt. (3-31-22)

102. NONRESIDENT JUNIOR MENTORED LICENSE.

A person hunting big game or turkey with a valid Nonresident Junior Mentored License and game tag, held in accordance with Sections 36-404 and 36-407, Idaho Code, must be accompanied by an adult with a valid game tag for the species hunted. (3-31-22)

103. -- 199. (RESERVED)

200. HUNTER AND ARCHERY EDUCATION.

01. Mandatory Hunter and Archery Education Programs. A person may obtain certification of completion of hunter/archery education to comply with Section 36-411, Idaho Code, through classroom or on-line study, or other approved methods. The Department manages the Hunter Education Program pursuant to the Idaho Hunter Education Policy and Procedure Manual. "Equivalent certification" for hunter/archery education means completed instruction by an authorized agency or association including firearms/archery safety, wildlife management, wildlife law, hunter ethics, first aid/survival, and practical experience in handling and shooting firearms/archery equipment. (3-18-22)

02. Fees. The Department will charge a fee of eight dollars (\$8) to each student enrolling in the Hunter or Archery Education Program. (3-18-22)

03. Parent to Attend Shooting Clinic with Student. Students under the age of twelve (12) may only attend a Hunter Education Shooting Clinic if accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or other adult designated by the parent or legal guardian. (3-18-22)

201. TRAPPER EDUCATION.

01. Mandatory Trapper Education Program. No person who first purchased an Idaho trapping license on or after July 1, 2011 may be issued a trapping license unless that person presents a certificate of completion in trapper education issued by the Department or proof of equivalent certification from an authorized agency or association in Idaho or elsewhere. "Equivalent certification" for trapper education means 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. Trapping education specific only to wolves in Idaho or elsewhere is not equivalent certification. (3-18-22)

02. Fee. The Department will charge a fee of eight dollars (\$8) to each student enrolling in the Trapper Education Program. (3-18-22)

03. Exemption. Persons who are acting pursuant to Section 36-1107, Idaho Code, are exempt from Subsection 201.01. (3-18-22)

202. -- 249. (RESERVED)

250. WOLF TRAPPER EDUCATION.

No person may trap for wolves without successfully completing a wolf trapping education class held by the Department. No person may buy a wolf tag with a trapping license without a certificate of completion of such class. (3-31-22)

251. -- 999. (RESERVED)