

561—12.5(483A) Request, review, and selection process for promotional special licenses.**12.5(1) *Submission of requests.***

a. Individual hunters or sponsors shall submit a request, or requests, to the coordinator.

(1) A request for a deer license must be on the form provided by the department and shall be submitted to the coordinator by August 15 prior to the season to be hunted.

(2) A request for a turkey license must be on the form provided by the department and shall be submitted to the coordinator at least 14 days prior to the season to be hunted.

b. Applicants will not qualify for a deer license under this rule if they were issued a deer license under this rule the previous year.

c. Hunters awarded a deer license under this rule may purchase preference points for the regular nonresident deer license and shall not lose those preference points when awarded a deer license under this rule.

12.5(2) *Review.* The internal committee shall review the summaries prepared by the coordinator, rank the hunters according to criteria in rule 561—12.7(483A), and forward the rankings to the director or the director's designee for consideration and final selection. The internal committee shall exercise its discretion and, in addition to the criteria in rule 561—12.7(483A), shall also consider the following:

a. Requests that demonstrate little or no promotion of the state of Iowa or its natural resources shall not be included in the rankings forwarded to or considered by the director or the director's designee.

b. Requests from a sponsor, a sponsor-related entity, or hunter that has been found guilty of a game violation in Iowa or elsewhere within the past five years or that, in the opinion of the internal committee, has exhibited poor hunting ethics or judgment shall not be considered for a special license.

c. Review of requests shall occur at least once annually but may occur more frequently as needed based upon the number of requests and the dates by which they are received.

12.5(3) *Selection and payment.* Upon notice of selection to receive a special license, the sponsor or hunter shall make payment in accordance with rule 561—12.12(483A) to the department through the coordinator. Payment must be made at least 30 days prior to the hunting season for which the license is valid.

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