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B. When hunting during any gun season on deer, the hunter must comply with the applicable laws, rules and regulations for the wearing of hunter orange.

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~~A. Any person who is exempt from having a hunting license and any person licensed to hunt deer with a bow or primitive weapon may hunt with a crossbow or bow and arrow during any open season on deer, turkey or small game. —DEFINITION: A crossbow shall be defined as a device designed to launch an arrow that consists of a small bow, either conventional (recurve) or compound, mounted transversely upon a stock so as to be deployed in a fashion similar to a rifle.~~

~~B. When hunting during any gun season on deer, the hunter must comply with the applicable laws, rules and regulations for the wearing of hunter orange. —Any eligible person may purchase a special license to hunt deer and small game with a crossbow, provided that any person obtaining such special license must also hold a valid Mississippi hunting license unless exempt from procuring a license under §§ 49-7-2 and or 49-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.~~

~~C. SPECIAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:~~

~~1. PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:~~

~~a. Any person sixty-five years of age or older; or~~

~~b. Any person having a disability which totally and permanently prevents the person from using a long bow or other conventional archery equipment. Such disability must be certified by one (1) physician duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi.~~

~~c. Any eligible person may purchase a special license to hunt deer, turkey and small game with a crossbow, provided that any person obtaining such special license must also hold a valid Mississippi hunting license to take deer and turkey, and small game unless exempt under §49-7-2 and/or §49-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, from procuring a license.~~

~~2. FEE FOR SPECIAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:~~

~~The fee for a Special Crossbow License shall be \$5.00 for residents and \$10.00 for nonresidents.~~

~~3. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:~~

~~a. Special Crossbow Licenses will be issued at the Jackson office only.~~

~~b. Applicants sixty five (65) years of age or older must present proof of age.~~

~~c. Applicants under sixty five (65) must present statements on letterhead from one (1) physician licensed to practice medicine in Mississippi certifying that the applicant has a disability which totally and permanently prevents him from using a long bow or other conventional archery equipment.~~

~~d. Applicants must also present a valid Mississippi hunting license, or proof of his exemption.~~

~~4. SEASON DATES FOR SPECIAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:~~

~~a. Deer and Turkey: Deer may be hunted with a Special Crossbow License during the respective seasons on deer and turkey.~~

~~b. Small Game: Small game may be hunted with a Special Crossbow License during those periods when open season for the particular small game animal coincides with any open season on deer.~~

~~D. GENERAL CROSSBOW LICENSE~~

~~1. PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR GENERAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:~~

~~a. All Residents and Non Residents are eligible to purchase a General Crossbow License. A person required to have a hunting license must have a license to take deer and turkey in order to obtain a General Crossbow License.~~

~~2. FEE FOR GENERAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:~~

~~a. The fee for a General Crossbow License shall be \$10.00 for Residents and \$20 for Non Residents.~~

~~3. SEASON DATES GENERAL CROSSBOW LICENSE:~~

~~a. The General Crossbow License is only valid during primitive weapon and gun season for deer~~

~~_____ b. Small Game may be hunted with a General Crossbow License during those periods when open season for the particular small game animal coincides with any open gun or primitive weapons season on deer.~~

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