

## How does the Quota Hunt Drawing work?

This information explains how the LBL Quota Hunt Drawing works.

LBL's Quota Hunt Drawing is a randomized computer drawing with preference points. Each time you apply and are not drawn, or apply for a preference point, you are awarded a preference point that will increase your chance of being drawn in future hunts.

When you apply, if you applied in previous years and already have a profile in the system, be sure to locate your profile and apply with that profile. If you create a new profile, the computer will not locate or apply your preference points.

There are several steps involved in the drawing process.

1. You may apply in groups ranging in size from 1 to 5 hunters. Completed applications are entered into the database and hunters are placed into their respective groups.
2. The computer checks each hunter's record and determines prior preference points. For deer hunts, the database is searched for three prior years, which means the maximum preference points for deer hunts is 3. For turkey hunts, two prior years are searched, which means the maximum preference points for turkey hunts is 2. The computer then calculates the average points per group.
3. Each group is also assigned a random number by the computer to be the "random draw" part of the system. The combination of group preference points and random number will be used to determine final ranking in the drawing. The random number will be used to rank groups with the same average preference points, but will not rank a group with lower average preference points higher than a group with higher average preference points.
4. Groups with higher combined points will be ranked higher than groups with lower combined points.

5. Starting with the group having the highest combined points, preferred hunt dates are checked. Groups are allowed to specify up to three hunt dates, in preferred order. If the first choice has permits available, the group is selected for that hunt. If the first date is already filled, the computer then checks for available permits on the second date, and so on. If all the dates listed by a group are already filled, the group will not get to hunt and each member of the group is assigned a preference point for the hunt year.
6. For Deer hunts, If a hunt date is assigned, hunt area choices are then checked, again in order of preference, and the group is assigned to the first available hunt area of choice. If all the preferred areas are already filled, the computer will then check and assign the group's preference of any available area, unless the box was checked to award a preference point if the hunt areas of choice were not available.
7. After permits are assigned for the group with the highest combined points, the group with the next highest combined points is processed. This continues until all available hunt permits have been assigned.
8. For Turkey hunts, there is no area choice, so hunters are not assigned to a specific hunt area.
9. After a hunter is assigned a quota hunt permit, his preference point balance returns to zero for the next year's drawing. Balances for deer hunts and turkeys hunts are independent of each other.

It is important to remember for hunters who apply as a group that the quota drawing uses group average preference points, and not individual points, to determine rank in the drawing. To maximize your chance of being drawn and of hunting in your preferred area, choose hunting partners that have as many or more preference points than you in order to keep the group average as high as possible. Also, preferred hunt dates and areas require more preference points than less preferred dates or areas.

If you can't hunt during a season you can still apply for a preference point. Accumulating points is an excellent way of maximizing your chance of being selected for future hunts and hunting in a favorite area.