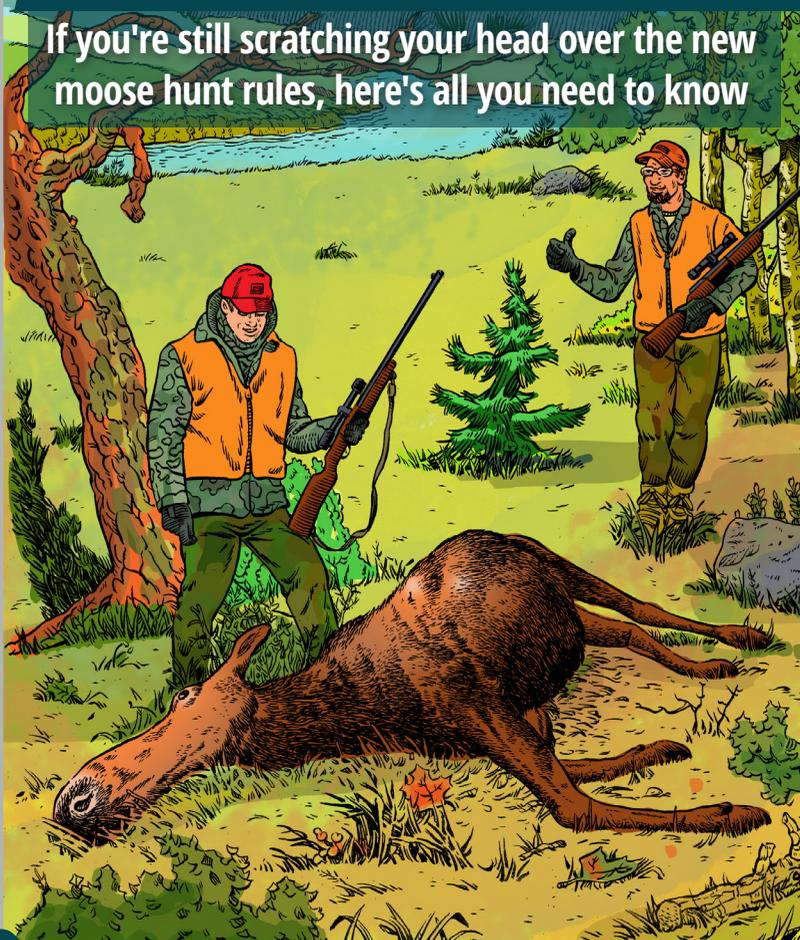


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UNRAVELLING THE NEW MOOSE HUNT

If you're still scratching your head over the new moose hunt rules, here's all you need to know



APPLY ON YOUR OWN

Starting this year, moose hunters will apply for a tag as individuals. Group applications no longer exist. Party hunting rules have not changed.

PARTY UP WITH A TAG

Hunters who were not awarded tags or did not apply can still purchase licences and party hunt with tag holders.

COLLECTING POINTS

Most tags will be awarded based on points. Hunters accumulate one point for every year they applied to the draw since receiving an adult tag through the draw or a transfer or, if they've never received a tag, since they started applying.

To see your draw history, visit www.huntandfishontario.com

ALL TAGS ARE WMU-SPECIFIC

All tags (bull, cow/calf, and calf) are WMU-specific and will be awarded through a two-stage allocation process (see timeline). In each stage, hunters can make up to three choices for preferred tags.



A calf tag no longer comes with a moose licence.

\$15

Hunters pay a \$15 fee to apply for a tag. If a hunter applies to both the primary and second chance stages, they are only required to pay the application fee once.

SECOND CHANCES

Hunters awarded tags are given the option to claim the tag by a certain date (see timeline). Unallocated and unclaimed tags from the primary stage will be available to other hunters in the second chance stage. The second chance stage replaces the old surplus tag system.

GOT A TAG? NOW BUY A LICENCE

Hunters who claim a tag are required to purchase a moose licence (\$32.59) and pay the fee for the tag they claimed (\$30 calf, \$150 cow/calf, and \$200 bull).

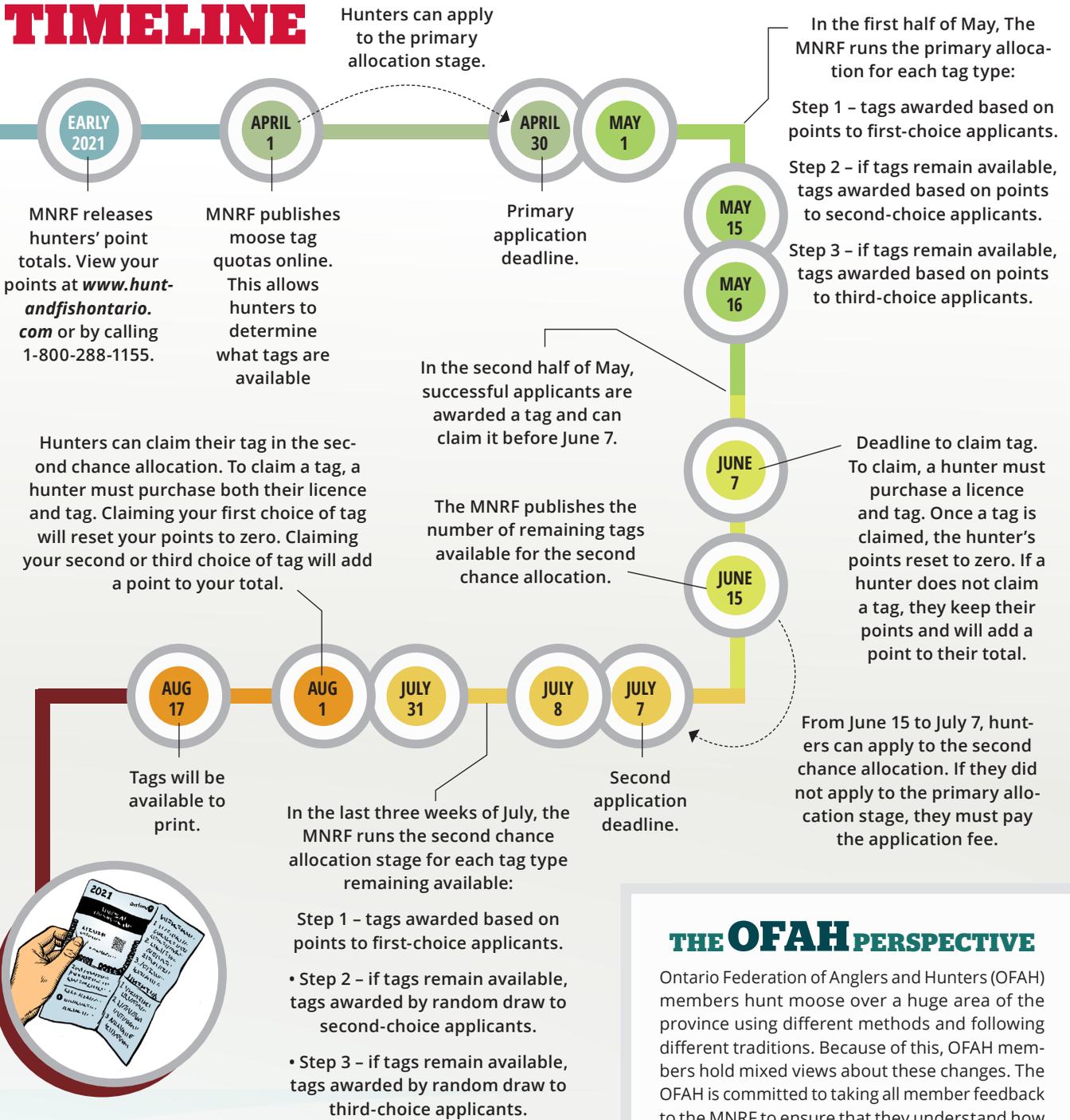
NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS

Non-residents can only acquire a tag through a tourist outfitter.

On top of standard tag fees, non-residents have to pay a licence fee of **\$470**

A non-resident who is an immediate relative of an Ontario resident can still party hunt on their relative's tag (only during a non-resident season) as long as they purchase a non-resident moose licence.

THE TIMELINE



THE OFAH PERSPECTIVE

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) members hunt moose over a huge area of the province using different methods and following different traditions. Because of this, OFAH members hold mixed views about these changes. The OFAH is committed to taking all member feedback to the MNRF to ensure that they understand how the changes are being received with the ultimate goal of having a system that works for hunters and does not present barriers to participation. A key component of this is pushing for the three-year review that the Big Game Management Advisory Committee recommended in their report. The OFAH would like to hear from moose hunters as they work through this new system in order to communicate concerns.

Visit www.ofah.org/moose to see OFAH's advocacy related to the changes and other moose issues.

A FEW MORE POINTS

- Calf tags are valid for the entire adult season and for both gun and bow seasons.
- Adult tags are specific to gun or bow seasons.
- Earlier gun moose seasons in southern Ontario will prevent moose and deer season running back to back as in 2020.
- Tag transfers will be limited to exceptional circumstances.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

www.ontario.ca/moosereview for summary of changes.
www.ontario.ca/moosetagprocess for in-depth breakdown of the allocation process.