

115-4-4a. Wild turkey; legal equipment and taking methods. (a) Hunting equipment for the taking of wild turkey during a wild turkey archery season shall consist of the following:

(1) Archery equipment.

(A) No bow or arrow shall have any electronic device attached to the bow or arrow that controls the flight of the arrow. Devices that may be attached to a bow or arrow shall include lighted pin, dot, or holographic sights; illuminated nocks; rangefinders; film or video cameras; and radio-frequency location devices.

(B) Each arrow used for hunting shall be equipped with a broadhead point incapable of passing through a ring with a diameter of three-quarters of an inch when fully expanded. A wild turkey hunter using archery equipment may possess non-broadhead-tipped arrows while hunting if the arrows are not used to take or attempt to take wild turkeys.

(2) Crossbows using arrows that are equipped with broadhead points incapable of passing through a ring with a diameter of three-quarters of an inch when fully expanded. A wild turkey hunter using crossbow equipment may possess non-broadhead-tipped arrows while hunting if the arrows are not used to take or attempt to take wild turkeys.

No crossbow or arrow shall have any electronic device attached to the crossbow or arrow that controls the flight of the arrow. Devices that may be attached to a crossbow or arrow shall include lighted pin, dot, or holographic sights; illuminated nocks; rangefinders; film or video cameras; and radio-frequency location devices.

(b) Hunting equipment for the taking of wild turkey during a wild turkey firearm season shall consist of the following:

(1) Archery and crossbow equipment as authorized in subsection (a);

(2) shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns using only size two shot through size nine shot;

(3) choked handguns and muzzleloading handguns having a minimum barrel length of 10 inches, including the chamber, and using only size two shot through size nine shot.

(c) Legal accessory equipment for the taking of wild turkey during any wild turkey season shall consist of the following:

(1) Lures; decoys, except live decoys; and nonelectric calls;

(2) blinds and stands;

(3) range-finding devices, if the devices do not project visible light toward the target; and

(4) optical scopes or sights that project no visible light toward the target and do not electronically amplify visible light or detect infrared light or thermal energy.

(d) Shooting hours for wild turkey during each day of any turkey hunting season shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(e) Each individual hunting turkey shall shoot or attempt to shoot a turkey only while the turkey is on the ground or in flight.

(f) Dogs may be used while hunting turkey, but only during the fall turkey season.

(g) Firearm report-suppressing devices may be used.

(h) Handguns may be possessed during all wild turkey seasons. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 32-969; effective April 22, 2005; amended April 13, 2007; amended April 11, 2008; amended May 21, 2010; amended April 20, 2012; amended April 19, 2013; amended Dec. 25, 2020; amended December 27, 2021.)