

**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) Each bow shall be hand-drawn.

(B) No bow shall have a mechanical device that locks the bow at full or partial draw.

(C) Each bow shall be designed to shoot only one arrow at a time.

(D) No bow shall have any electronic device attached to the bow or arrow, with the exception of lighted pin, dot, holographic sights, or illuminated nocks.

(E) 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 and locking draws as authorized under K.A.R. 115-18-7.

(3) For any individual possessing a youth wild turkey permit or any individual 55 years of age or older, crossbows of not less than 125 pounds of draw weight, using arrows not less than 16 inches in length 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.

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

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

(2) shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns not less than 20 gauge and using only size two shot through size nine shot; and

(3) only during the spring wild turkey firearm season, crossbows of not less than 125 pounds of draw weight, using arrows not less than 16 inches in length 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.

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

(1) Nonelectric calls, lures, and decoys, except live decoys;

(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 or infrared light.

(d) Each wild turkey permittee shall possess hunting equipment while hunting only as authorized by this regulation and by the most restrictive wild turkey permit or game tag in possession while hunting.

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

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

(g) Dogs may be used while hunting turkey, but only during the fall turkey season. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 32-969; effective April 22, 2005; amended April 13, 2007; amended April 11, 2008; amended May 21, 2010; amended April 20, 2012.)