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The minimum age limit for youth day should be 5 years old. Many hunters have been doing hunts since long before that, Ill be taking my 3 year old along with me this year as a spectator so by the time he's 5 he will probably be ready to shoot something. Let the parent/guardian make the age determination that's best for them, so if 5 is too young for some, let the adult make that decision not the government. Dont be a road block for the kids that are ready that young. As for the motorized carts on public land, that is a terrible idea. Hunters already have to compete with eachother in close quarters on public land because there just isnt much public land in DE. So to be sitting in a tree and then have some buzzing coming down the field past you scaring off wildlife because of some person that cant drag their harvest out or are too lazy to walk would just be infuriating to most. Exceptions for handicapped hunting in handicapped only stands should be the ONLY exception. There should be no regulations for coyotes, they are invasive to DE. Shrinking wildlife habitat due to human, land development is decreasing native species numbers, so to introduce a new apex pedator to the state and allow it to exist is a bad idea. They should have never been introduced here and the goal should be eradication of the species just like every other species that is invasive. Coyotes may be native to surrounding areas, but not historically in DE, this is comparable to the blue catfish in the Bay. Both are not native to this area, but are native to nearby states, both are voracious apex predators, and both are devastating to the DE ecosystems that they have been introduced to. The only difference is that coyote havesting is restricted, whereas the blue catfish are not. Coyotes have no business here and should be eradicated, thus meaning no hunting restrictions on them.