

COMAL COUNTY BIG BUCK CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

NOTE: THE COMAL COUNTY BIG BUCK CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO TWO DIVISIONS: "MAIN CATEGORIES" AND "SECONDARY CATEGORIES". UPON ENTERING CONTEST, ALL CONTESTANTS WILL BE COMPETING FOR ONE OF THE TOP THREE SPOTS IN THE "MAIN CATEGORIES". CONTESTANTS WHO DO NOT PLACE IN THE TOP THREE WILL BE MOVED TO COMPETE IN THE "SECONDARY CATEGORY". SECONDARY CATEGORIES" WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST ENTRY ONLY.

- 1. CONTESTANTS MUST ENTER THE CONTEST AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE ANIMAL IS HARVESTED AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL CONTEST RULES.**
- 2. ALL DEER MUST BE SCORED BY THE OFFICIAL COMAL COUNTY BIG BUCK CONTEST SCORER, AN OFFICIAL TEXAS BIG GAME AWARDS SCORER OR AN OFFICIAL BOONE & CROCKETT SCORER. THE OFFICIAL COMAL COUNTY BIG BUCK CONTEST SCORER IS LOCATED AT DOUBLE NICKLE TAXIDERMY, 839 I.H. 35 S. Suite K, NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, 78130. GROSS BOONE AND CROCKETT SCORING GUIDELINES WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE SCORES WITH NO DEDUCTIONS ON ALL TROPHY BUCKS ENTERED IN THE MAIN CATEGORIES. THE DEADLINE FOR CONTEST SCORING IS JANUARY 31ST.**
- 3. ALL WEIGHT CATEGORY ENTRIES** WILL BE WEIGHED AT GRANZIN'S MEAT MARKET, DOUBLE NICKLE TAXIDERMY, or THE RUST GAME PLACE. IN ALL WEIGHT CATEGORIES, THE ANIMAL CARCASS WILL BE WEIGHED "DRESSED". "DRESSED" IS DEFINED AS THE ENTIRE CARCASS WITH ALL ENTRAILS REMOVED, INCLUDING THE HEART, LIVER, LUNGS, COLON, ETC.
- 4. A CONTESTANT MAY NOT WIN MORE THAN ONE PRIZE OR AWARD.**
- 5. WINNERS MUST SIGN A STATEMENT** THAT THEY HAVE FOLLOWED ALL CONTEST RULES, AND MAY BE ASKED TO SUBMIT TO A POLYGRAPH TEST, OR OTHER MEANS AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF THE COMAL COUNTY BIG BUCK CONTEST.
- 6. WINNERS IN ALL BUCK CATEGORIES ARE REQUIRED** TO DISPLAY THEIR TROPHIES AT THE COMAL COUNTY BIG CONTEST AWARDS CEREMONY TO RECEIVE THEIR PRIZE(S). **(NO EXCEPTIONS)** WINNERS IN WEIGHT CATEGORIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A MOUNT, OR PHOTO, TO THE AWARDS CEREMONY.
- 7. THE BOARD OF THE COMAL COUNTY BIG BUCK CONTEST, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RE-MEASURE ANY ENTRY, AND TO REVERSE DECISIONS.**
- 8. ALL ANIMALS SUBMITTED FOR ENTRY IN THE COMAL COUNTY BIG BUCK CONTEST MUST BE HARVESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES/REGULATIONS OF TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT,**
- 9. LOW FENCE:** FOR AN AREA TO BE CONSIDERED A LOW FENCE AREA, THE PROPERTY BEING HUNTED MUST HAVE NO GAME-PROOF FENCING OR BE PROPERTY THAT HAS AT LEAST ONE MILE OF ITS PERIMETER WITH NO GAME-PROOF FENCING

10. **HIGH FENCE:** FOR AN AREA TO BE CONSIDERED "**HIGH FENCED**", IT MUST BE AT LEAST 200 ACRES IN SIZE AND COMPLETELY ENCLOSED WITH A GAME-PROOF FENCE OR LESS THAN ONE MILE OF NON-GAME PROOF FENCING AND CANNOT BE CROSSED FENCED WITHIN THAT PERIMETER, BY ANY FENCE THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED "CAPTIVE" TO WHITE-TAIL DEER.

11. ALL REFERENCES TO "DEER", REFER TO WHITE-TAIL DEER ONLY.

12. **PROHIBITED DEER:** ANY DEER THAT HAVE EVER BEEN IN A REGULATED BREEDING PROGRAM AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED AND HARVESTED BY ANY MEANS. THE DEFINITION OF A REGULATED BREEDING PROGRAM IS ANY ACTION THAT REQUIRES A TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE PERMIT (INCLUDING DMP DEER).

ANY DEER THAT HAS A NOTICEABLE TAG HOLE OR STATE ID TATTOO.

ANY DEER THAT IS SUBMITTED WITHOUT THE CAPE ATTACHED TO THE HEAD

13. **THE BOARD OF THE COMAL COUNTY BIG BUCK CONTEST RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY ANY TROPHY THAT WAS NOT HARVESTED BY "FAIR CHASE" STANDARDS.** *The Comal County Big Buck Board will have final say on all decisions*

MAIN CATEGORY RULES – ALL BUCKS ENTERED INTO THE CONTEST WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE FOLLOWING MAIN CATEGORIES *FIRST*. BUCKS THAT DO NOT QUALIFY FOR FIRST, SECOND OR THIRD PLACE IN THE MAIN CATEGORIES WILL THEN BE ELIGIBLE FOR QUALIFICATION IN THE SECONDARY CATEGORIES LISTED BELOW.

1. **BEST BUCK LOW FENCE-COMAL COUNTY**

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ANYONE 17 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, HARVESTED IN COMAL COUNTY ONLY AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS.

2. **BEST BUCK LOW FENCE YOUTH – COMAL COUNTY**

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ANYONE UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE, HARVESTED IN COMAL COUNTY ONLY AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS.

3. **BEST BUCK HIGH FENCE-ALL AREA**

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES, ANY "HIGH FENCE" AREA OF TEXAS, AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS.

4. **BEST BUCK ARCHERY LOW FENCE-SOUTH ZONE**

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES, HARVESTED IN THE AREA SOUTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND SOUTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO AND HARVESTED WITH LEGAL ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AS DEFINED BY CURRENT TPWD REGULATION.

5. **BEST BUCK ARCHERY LOW FENCE-NORTH ZONE**

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES, HARVESTED IN THE AREA NORTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE

AND SAN ANTONIO AND NORTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO AND HARVESTED BY LEGAL ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AS DEFINED BY CURRENT TPWD REGULATION.

6. BEST BUCK LOW FENCE-SOUTH ZONE –GUN ONLY

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ANYONE 17 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, HARVESTED IN THE AREA OF TEXAS SOUTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND SOUTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO.

7. BEST BUCK LOW FENCE-NORTH ZONE – GUN ONLY

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ANYONE 17 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, HARVESTED IN THE AREA OF TEXAS NORTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND NORTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO.

8. BEST BUCK LOW FENCE YOUTH – SOUTH ZONE – GUN ONLY

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ANYONE UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE , HARVESTED IN THE AREA OF TEXAS SOUTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND SOUTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO.

9. BEST BUCK LOW FENCE YOUTH – NORTH ZONE – GUN ONLY

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ANYONE UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE, HARVESTED IN THE AREA OF TEXAS NORTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND NORTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO.

SECONDARY CATEGORIES – ANIMALS ENTERED IN THESE SECONDARY CATEGORIES CAN BE HARVESTED IN BOTH HIGH FENCE AND LOW FENCE AREAS BY ANY LEGAL MEANS (UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE IN THE DESCRIPTION)

1. BEST SPIKE

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS. THE DEER MUST POSSESS NO MORE THAN TWO MAIN BEAMS, EACH OF INDIVIDUAL ORIGIN, AND WITH NO EVIDENCE OF HAVING A POINT BROKEN OR REMOVED.

2. MOST POINTS

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS. POINTS MUST BE AT LEAST ONE INCH LONG TO COUNT.

3. WIDEST SPREAD

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS. WIDEST SPREAD IS DEFINED AS THE WIDTH OF THE INSIDE SPREAD OF THE TWO MAIN BEAMS

4. HEAVIEST WILD HOG

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS. HOGS MAY BE ENTERED FROM THE BEGINNING OF ARCHERY SEASON, UNTIL JANUARY 31.

5. HEAVIEST BUCK - SOUTH ZONE

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES, HARVESTED IN THE AREA OF TEXAS SOUTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND SOUTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS.

6. HEAVIEST BUCK - NORTH ZONE

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES, HARVESTED IN THE AREA OF TEXAS NORTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND NORTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS.

7. HEAVIEST DOE - SOUTH ZONE

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES, HARVESTED IN THE AREA OF TEXAS SOUTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND SOUTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS.

8. HEAVIEST DOE - NORTH ZONE

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES, HARVESTED IN THE AREA OF TEXAS NORTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND NORTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS.

9. BEST BUCK LOW FENCE SENIOR – NORTH ZONE

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ANYONE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, HARVESTED IN ANY AREA OF TEXAS NORTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND NORTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS.

10. BEST BUCK LOW FENCE SENIOR – SOUTH ZONE

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ANYONE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, HARVESTED IN ANY AREA OF TEXAS SOUTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND SOUTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS.

11. BIGGEST 8 POINTER- SOUTH ZONE

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES, HARVESTED IN THE AREA OF TEXAS SOUTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND SOUTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS. THIS BUCK MUST BE A NATURAL 8 POINT WITH 8 SCOREABLE POINTS

12. BIGGEST 8 POINTER - NORTH ZONE

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES, HARVESTED IN THE AREA OF TEXAS NORTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND NORTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO AND BY ANY LEGAL MEANS. THIS BUCK MUST BE A NATURAL 8 POINT WITH 8 SCOREABLE POINTS.

13. HEAVIEST DOE ARCHERY -NORTH ZONE

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES, HARVESTED BY LEGAL ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AS DEFINED BY CURRENT TPWD REGULATION IN THE AREA OF TEXAS SOUTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND SOUTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO.

14. HEAVIEST DOE ARCHERY – SOUTH ZONE

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES, HARVESTED BY LEGAL ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AS DEFINED BY CURRENT TPWD REGULATION IN THE AREA OF TEXAS SOUTH OF I-10 BETWEEN ORANGE AND SAN ANTONIO AND SOUTH OF US 90 BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO AND DEL RIO.

15. **HEAVIEST WILD HOG ARCHERY.**

THIS DIVISION IS OPEN TO ALL AGES HARVESTED BY LEGAL ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AS DEFINED BY CURRENT TPWD REGULATION. HOGS MAY BE ENTERED FROM THE BEGINNING OF ARCHERY SEASON UNTIL JANUARY 31.

By entering The Comal County Big Buck Contest (herein referred to as “Contest”, each Contestant expressly agrees to each and all of the following:

1. The Board of Directors of The Comal County Big Buck Contest (herein referred to as “Board”) has the authority to change, alter, and amend Contest Official Rules at any time and for any reason either before, during, or after the Contest as the Board in its absolute discretion deems appropriate.
2. If a contestant is eligible for an award in more than (1) one category, the Board shall designate the category for that contestant to receive an award and the category or categories from which that contestant is eliminated.
3. For good and valuable consideration, including Contestant being permitted to participate in the contest and receive a banquet ticket, Contestant further agrees to as follows:

CONTESTANT AGREES TO AND SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS CONTEST, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, BOARD MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND VOLUNTEER WORKERS (“INDEMNITEE”) FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS AND LIABILITIES OF EVERY KIND, INCLUDING ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING ALL EXPENSES OF LITIGATION, COURT COSTS, AND ATTORNEY FEES, FOR INJURY TO OR DEATH OF ANY PERSON, OR FOR DAMAGE TO ANY PROPERTY, ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH CONTESTANT’S ENTERING OR PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTEST, THE PRIZES/AWARDS, THE PLACEMENT IN A CATEGORY, AND OR THE BANQUET. SUCH INDEMNITY SHALL APPLY WHERE THE CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, DAMAGES, CAUSES OF ACTION, SUITS, AND LIABILITIES ARISE IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF INDEMNITEE AND IT IS THE EXPRESS INTENTION OF INDEMNITEE AND CONTESTANT THAT THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS AN INDEMNITY BY CONTESTANT TO INDEMNIFY AND PROTECT INDEMNITEE FROM THE CONSEQUENCES OF INDEMNITEE’S OWN NEGLIGENCE AND INCLUDING INDEMNIFICATION FOR INDEMNITEE’S STRICT LIABILITY.

4. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY.** The Contestant agrees that the Contest, its officer, directors, members, employees, agents, and volunteer workers shall not in any way be responsible or liable for any

claims, demands, damages, losses, injuries, death, demands, liabilities, obligations, actions or causes of action whatsoever that may result from the Contestant entering or participating in the contest, the prizes/awards, the placement in a category and/or the banquet.

5. **RELEASE.** The Contestant agrees Contest, its officers, directors, members, employees, agents and volunteer workers are hereby RELEASED AND FOREVER DISCHARED from any and all claims or causes of action of any kind whatsoever, at common law, statutory law or otherwise, now existing or that might exist hereafter directly or indirectly attributed to and/or arising out of Contestant entering or participating in the contest, the prizes/awards, the placement in a category, and/or the banquet.