

31st Annual

Los Cazadores Deer Contest Rules and Regulations

2016-2017

1. Membership - There are three levels of membership:

- 1) The Annual Membership at an annual cost of \$35.00.
- 2) The Special Youth Membership for 12 years old and under is FREE. These entrants will only compete within the Special Youth Division. Special Youth entrants are not eligible for other divisions within the contest unless they pay the annual membership fee of \$35.00 prior to harvesting his/her animal.
- 3) The Special Lifetime Membership for a one-time payment of \$500.00.

Annual memberships are from August 1 through May 31 of the following year; regardless of which date within that twelve months a person may have paid their membership cost. Persons shall register for membership by mail, via the internet, or at our physical location in Pearsall, Texas. Only one membership per hunter is required and only one award per hunter will be awarded for qualifying entrants in the Los Cazadores Deer Contest. Persons may however submit multiple entries for the contest.

2. Registration - A person is considered officially registered for Los Cazadores membership at the exact time of day and the date that entry form and fee is actually received by Los Cazadores through the mail or in person at a Los Cazadores Headquarters location. If a person submits their registration form through the internet, that person will be eligible for the Los Cazadores Deer Contest after six (6) hours have lapsed since the time the person was actually entered into Los Cazadores membership. Actual time of harvest of any wild game that is to be submitted for the hunting contest portion of Los Cazadores must be after the recorded, official, registered entry time and date (except for internet/credit card entrants, in which the six hour "wait period" must have been met). All life members will be officially entered prior to the open registration.

Scoring the animals - To enter a trophy in the contest, the antlers of the trophy must be scored by an approved Los Cazadores measurer. Animals will be scored during normal Los Cazadores Store business hours. The contest will end with the close of Texas' regular season. We will allow animals to be brought in two days after the final day of regular season, but must be harvested on the final day of the season or prior to that date. Boone & Crockett scoring guidelines will be used to determine scores except where otherwise noted. **All bucks from Texas MUST HAVE the cape attached to the head. Any set of antlers that are submitted without the cape attached (skull cap and antlers only) will automatically be placed in the "Open Division".**

3. Contest Entry Divisions: There are Six (6) different divisions under which an individual can enter an animal, as well as two overall winners. The overall and division winners are as follows:

OVERALL WINNERS

1st PLACE BEST ALL-AROUND

This "**Best All-Around**" buck will be awarded to the highest ranking buck for the entire contest. This ranking will be based on gross B&C score. Ties will be broken using the net B&C score.

1st PLACE BEST TYPICAL BUCK

This "**Best Typical Buck**" will be awarded to the highest net typical buck in the entire contest. In the event of a "Tie", the "Tie" goes to entrant who entered the contest first.

** Only Low Fence, High Fence, Archery, and will compete for BEST ALL-AROUND and BEST TYPICAL BUCK categories.*

Top 50

The “**Top 50**” deer ranking will be from all bucks entered in the High Fence, Low Fence, Mexico, Archery and Special Youth. Deer entered in the “Open Division” will not be eligible for the “Top 50” ranking.

DIVISIONS:

Note: Hunters must enter the animal in the appropriate division where that animal was harvested. Example: An animal harvested with a bow must be entered in the “Archery” division not the “High Fence” or “Low Fence” divisions.

I. Low Fence Division - animals harvested in Texas from property with no game-proof fencing, or property that has at least one mile of its perimeter with no game-proof fencing.

II. High Fence Division - animals harvested in Texas from property that is completely fenced with game-proof fencing, or property that has less than one mile of non game-proof fencing or less than one mile with no fencing; including animals harvested in non game-proof fenced pastures that are within a property that qualifies for this division.

III. Open Division – This division includes all 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 buck that has a noticeable tag hole or State ID tattoo will automatically be placed in this division. Any buck from Texas that is submitted without the cape attached to the head will also be placed in this division.

IV. Mexico Division - animals harvested in the country of Mexico will be eligible for this division (*Please note new category changes in the Mexico Division*)

V. Archery Division - animals harvested by bow and arrow, no fencing restrictions or fencing requirements except for the Overall 1st Place winners. There will be a 1st Overall Low Fence and a 1st Overall High Fence winner. Crossbows do not qualify as a bow and arrow unless used by a person with a documented disability. Pope and Young Club rules regarding the harvest of an animal apply to all entries.

VI. Special Youth Division – These entrants will only compete within the Special Youth Division. Special Youth entrants are not eligible for other divisions within the contest unless they pay the annual membership fee of \$30.00 prior to harvesting his/her animal. Any hunter that is 12 years of age or younger, as of September 1, 2016, will be eligible for this division. Every entrant in this division that is entered in the contest, that brings in an animal that is included in the contest will receive an award and will be listed on the official Los Cazadores leader board and website. (*Please note new category changes in the Special Youth Division*)

TROPHY JACKETS:

In the event of a “**Tie**” in the different categories, the highest gross scoring deer will be awarded as the winner.

See General Provisions # 10.

240+ The gross score must total 240 or more for consideration to be awarded a trophy jacket in the **Open** division.

180+ The gross score must total 180 or more for consideration to be awarded a trophy jacket in the **High Fence** division.

170+ The gross score must total 170 or more for consideration to be awarded a trophy jacket in the **Low fence and Mexico** divisions.

160+ The gross score must total 160 or more for consideration to be awarded a trophy jacket in the **Archery** division.

Open Division categories will only include: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall, Mr. Heavy, Widest Spread, Most Points and Big 8 Point.

Mexico Division categories will only include: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Overall

Special Youth Division categories will only include Best Buck, Heaviest Buck, Heaviest Doe, Longest Spike, and Heaviest Hog.

4. Contest Award Categories –

A. Most Points – The total number of points measuring over one inch long. See rule #7 in the General Provisions section.

B. Heaviest Buck- for "weight division" trophies, the whole, "field dressed" carcass must be brought to the LOS CAZADORES HEADQUARTERS location for official weighing (all entrails, including heart, liver, lungs, are to be removed and discarded PRIOR to bringing carcass to Headquarters). Sexual organs and globules of "fat" may be left intact on/inside the carcass. *In the case of a "Tie", the winner will be the first person to register into the contest.*

C. Widest Spread – The greatest inside spread between both main beams maintaining a right angle to the skull (measuring diagonally is not allowed).

D. "Mr. Heavy" - the scorer will combine four Boone & Crockett typical circumference measurements on each main beam, and then total all eight measurements to arrive at the total mass.

E. "Mr. Drop Tine" - a drop tine is considered any antler that comes off the main beam, growing in a downward direction. Any point that appears to be a "burr point" or originating from the base of the main beam will NOT be considered for this category. If the drop tine turns upward and exceeds the level of either main beam it will NOT be considered for this category. The length of the "single" longest drop TINE will determine the winner. If a buck has multiple drop tines only the longest tine will be used to determine the score. In case of a tie, gross score will be used to determine the winner.

F. Best Buck Women's – Any female regardless of age is eligible for the Women's category, as well as any other contest category.

G. Best Buck Youth - Youth registrants, age 17 and under as of September 1, 2016, are eligible for the youth category, as well as any other contest category.

H. Heaviest Doe- a doe is defined as an antlerless deer with female sexual organs.

I. Spike – the deer must have two individual main beam points. The combined total length of both individual points will determine the winner.

J. Heaviest Wild Hog - the heaviest hog wins; "trapped" (then killed) wild hogs are not eligible for entry in the CONTEST. Wild hogs that have been "pen fed", then released to be killed on the run as free ranging animals are not eligible. For "weight division" trophies, the whole, "field dressed" carcass must be brought to the LOS CAZADORES HEADQUARTERS location for official weighing (all entrails, including heart, liver, lungs, are to be removed and discarded PRIOR to bringing the carcass to Headquarters). Sexual organs and globules of "fat" may be left intact on/inside the carcass.

K. Best Six Point Buck - the deer must be a typical 6 POINT buck having two main beams, two G 1 points (brow tines) and having a total of four typical, "G" tines. A deer that had apparently been a typical 7, 8, or 9 pointer that has a typical point (s) broken off will not be considered a 6 point for this Contest category. ANY abnormal scoreable points or broken points (one inch or more) will disqualify the buck from this category. The animal's Contest score will be the gross, typical B & C score.

L. Best Seven Point Buck - the deer must be a typical 7 POINT buck having two main beams, two G 1 points (brow tines) and having a total of five typical, "G" tines. A deer that had apparently been a "typical 7", but one of the G 1's, G 2's, or G 3's is broken off below the level of where a measurement can be taken (less than one inch), the buck will still be considered an 7 pointer, not a 6 pointer. A deer that had apparently been a typical 8 or 9 pointer that has a typical point (s) broken off will not be considered a 7 point for this Contest category. ANY abnormal scoreable points or broken points (one inch or more) will disqualify the buck from this category. The animal's Contest score will be the gross, typical B & C score.

M. Best Eight Point Buck - the deer must be a typical 8 POINT buck having two main beams, two G 1 points (brow tines) and having a total of six typical, "G" tines. A deer that had apparently been a "typical 8", but one of the G 1's, G 2's, or G 3's is broken off below the level of where a measurement can be taken (less than one inch), the buck will still be considered an 8 pointer, not a 7 or 6 pointer. A deer that had apparently been a clean, typical 9 point or 10 point that has a typical point(s) broken off will not be considered an 8 point for this particular Contest category. ANY abnormal scoreable points or broken points (one inch or more) will disqualify the buck from this category. The animal's Contest score will be the gross, typical B & C score.

N. Best Nine Point Buck - the deer must be a typical 9 POINT buck having two main beams, two G 1 points (brow tines) and having a total of seven typical, "G" tines. A deer that had apparently been a "typical 9", but one of the G 1's, G 2's, or G 3's is broken off below the level of where a measurement can be taken (less than one inch), the buck will still be considered an 9 pointer, not a 8, 7 or 6 pointer. A deer that had apparently been a clean, typical 10 or 11 point that has had a typical point(s) broken off will not be considered a 9 point for this particular Contest category. ANY abnormal scoreable points or broken points (one inch or more) will disqualify the buck from this category. The trophy's contest score will be the gross, typical B & C score.

Winners will be based upon full, gross B&C score, except as noted elsewhere within contest rules. Except for a "full velvet" trophy, no deducts of any kind will be taken from the animal's gross score. If a trophy brought in for scoring is in "velvet", it will be scored with velvet. The velvet measured score will then be reduced by 2 percent to get the "official" Los Cazadores Contest score. If the hunter chooses, he may "scrape the velvet off" and have the antlers re-scored. If the antlers are scraped and re-scored, the "scraped" score will be the official Los Cazadores score. Pieces of broken antler points that obviously belong to a certain buck that are brought in (during the competition period) for scoring, will be considered for measurement by Los Cazadores, on an individual basis.

Official measurements on any trophy to be entered must be turned in to the Headquarters within 48 hours after the end of each respective season.

General Provisions:

1. The Los Cazadores Deer Contest entrant accepts responsibility for reading, understanding, and following these Rules, and acknowledges that failure to comply with and/or meet the rules is grounds for disqualification of membership for any particular year. Persons who enter other persons in the Los Cazadores Deer Contest are responsible for informing those persons of these Rules.
2. Any animal entered in this Contest is subject to an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the harvesting of the animal, including requiring the entrant to submit to a polygraph examination, if necessary.
3. Any deer entered into the Los Cazadores contest **MUST** be brought to the headquarters in Pearsall, Texas to be formally entered into the contest. All bucks must have the hide attached to the skull in order to be considered for entry (Mexico deer are the **ONLY** exception to this rule). **Any bare horns will automatically be placed in the "Open Division"**.
4. All deer, wild hogs, or turkeys submitted for entry in the Los Cazadores Deer Contest must be harvested in accordance with rules/regulations of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, for TEXAS trophies, and in accordance with appropriate rules of respective states in the country of MEXICO for Mexico entrants. **Upon submitting a deer for measuring and consideration as a prospective winner in the Contest, all data regarding the name, address, etc. of the person who harvested the animal must be the true and accurate name, full address, etc. of the actual hunter, as well as an accurate and true identification of the specific county and ranch from which the animal was harvested. [At the request of the hunter, Los Cazadores will not reveal the name of the ranch and/or landowner from which the trophy was harvested, except to and at the request of a State of Texas Game Warden, who will be informed about hunter's request that the name of the ranch/land owner not be made public, if at all possible].**
5. If an animal qualifies for more than one award category, the entrant may choose which category he wants his deer entered in; the entrant may change his category during the contest; or an entrant may enter more than one animal, but is eligible for only one award. An entrant may make requests no later than 48 hours after close of respective seasons. It is the responsibility of the hunter to keep on top of the placing of his or her animal on the leader board.
6. A "point" (typical, non typical, drop, etc.) is any antler projection that is at least one inch long AND its length is longer than its base and/or meets other B&C point definitions. Antler growth that originates from a location on the skull, other than from the two, normal, main beams, will be counted as non-typical points as long as growth meets point definition.

7. Any tax obligation or other apparent cost incurred as a result of any prize awarded herein will be the responsibility of the recipient of the prize.
8. In any category in which an award is a firearm of any type and in which a minor (anyone under the age of 18 years old on the precise date that the award is to be presented) is the recipient, the minor will be awarded a substitute award (no firearm of any type) of equal value.
9. In the event of a "Tie" for any deer entered in a certain "Category" (ex: Most Points, Widest Spread, Mr. Drop Tine etc.), the animal with the highest gross score will be determined the winner. In the weight categories of the Los Cazadores Deer Contest, the "Tie" goes to the person who entered the contest first.
10. Any deer killed on ranches that hunt deer which have been pen born will automatically be placed in the Open Division.

**IT IS UP TO THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE LOS CAZADORES STAFF TO PLACE ANY BUCK IN THE OPEN DIVISION AS WE SEE FIT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF OTHER DIVISIONS IN THE CONTEST.*

****ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND FINAL DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE BY THE LOS CAZADORES OWNERSHIP. ALL WINNERS ARE SUBJECT TO RE-SCORE AND NO POSTED RESULTS ARE FINAL UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTEST AND POSTING OF THE OFFICIAL "FINAL LEADERBOARD". ANY DISPUTES OR CHANGES MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE LOS CAZADORES HEADQUARTERS IN PERSON OR IN WRITING BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE CONTEST***