

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 BIG BUCK CONTEST CONT'D

GENERAL RULES:

1. Adult men and women, youth boys and girls that hold a valid hunting license may enter the contest. To be entered as a youth, you must be 17 years of age at the date of license purchase. Female youth and male youth are eligible in the adult categories provided there is no adult entry in that category. It is the responsibility of the person registering for the contest to read, understand and comply with the rules as well as ensure that should they register anyone else (i.e., parent registering for a youth) the BBC rules are made available to that registrant and that they understand the rules.
2. Contest begins with the official opening of the whitetail season in your respective county. Contest ends on January 31, 2018.
3. To win an award a person must be registered in the 2017-2018 contest. A person is considered registered at the time and day the entry fee of \$25.00 is received in the office of Trophy Game Records of the World or by any of its designated agents. Registrations can be made by check, cash or credit card, in person, by mail (Trophy Game Records, Big Buck Contest, 2419 Junction Hwy, Kerrville, TX 78028) or by calling the TGR offices at 830-315-4868. YOU MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO HARVESTING YOUR GAME. Only one registration per hunter and only one award per registration. Should a hunter/huntress/youth hunter/youth huntress enter more than one animal in the contest, only one animal can compete at a time and the Big Buck Contest Committee retains the right of placement of those animals.
4. To enter a trophy in the contest, an official TGR scorer must score the trophy using an official Big Buck Contest (BBC) score sheet. Any data recorded on the score sheet must be true and accurate. Full name, address, telephone and email of the hunter who harvested the animal as well as the true identification of the ranch and county of harvest must be listed. Should the hunter choose not to reveal the name of the ranch where the animal was harvested (information that is made public), he must send this request in writing to the TGR Office. The BBC Committee reserves the right to know what ranch/public land on which the animal was harvested in determining what division (open, high fence or low fence) the animal will be placed.
5. All animals will be scored using the Trophy Game Records of the World (TGR) guidelines. TGR's method of scoring and TGR's definition of a point (defined as an antler projection that is at least 2 centimeters (.787 inches) in length) will be used. Trophies with the velvet attached will have a 2% reduction in the overall score unless the hunter chooses to strip the velvet prior to scoring.
6. All trophies must be harvested in accordance with the rules and regulations of Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. or in accordance with appropriate rules of respective states (outside of Texas).
7. Photograph(s) must accompany the score sheet. Photographs must clearly represent all aspects of the animal. Any score sheet not accompanied by a photo will be incomplete and not accepted for the contest. This photograph may be used for promotional purposes and becomes the property of the Trophy Game Records of the World (TGR).
8. Once you harvest your animal, YOU HAVE 14 DAYS AFTER THAT HARVEST to have your score sheet and photo(s) submitted to the TGR office. Should you harvest your animal between the dates of January 19th, 2018 and January 31st 2018, you have until 5:00 p.m. on February 1, 2018 for your score sheets to be submitted to the TGR office. NOT COMPLYING WITH THE "14 DAYS AFTER HARVEST SUBMISSION OF SCORE SHEET RULE", INCOMPLETE SCORE SHEETS OR SCORE SHEETS WITH NO PHOTOS ATTACHED, WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION! Score sheets may be mailed (2419 Junction Hwy, Kerrville, TX 78028), faxed to (830) 315-4870 or emailed to info@trophyrecords.org. Should you choose to email your score sheet(s) and photos, please use the following guidelines: Score sheets must be signed and scanned using Adobe .pdf or .jpeg format for emailing. Photos may be sent via email but you MUST call (830) 315-4868 to confirm your score sheet(s) and/or photos have been received. Please do not fax photos. Should you choose to text your photo, please contact our offices at (830) 315-4868 for texting telephone number and instructions.
9. Domesticated, gentle, or pet deer/mule deer/turkeys are not eligible for the contest.
10. Any disputes or controversies regarding the Big Buck Contest Rules and Regulations will be settled by the TGR Big Buck Contest Committee. All disputes must be in writing and submitted to the TGR office no later than February 5, 2018. Any fees incurred (travel for re-scoring, etc.) will be at the expense of the complainant.
11. The Big Buck Contest Committee reserves the right to investigate any questionable entry or call for a re-score of any entry. Every entrant, by the act of registering, gives his/her permission to be administered a polygraph exam should it become necessary to do so. Refusal to take a polygraph exam will be grounds for disqualification.
12. All category winners will be awarded prizes as determined by the Big Buck Contest officials and will be presented to the winners at the annual TGR awards banquet held in July following the closing of the contest. If a trophy should qualify for awards in more than one category, the Big Buck Contest Committee retains the right of placement.
13. Any firearms won by minors (under the age of 18) will be registered in an adult's name and all state and federal regulations will apply. Any tax obligation incurred as a result of a prize won in this contest will be the sole responsibility of the contestant; not TGR, its officials or sponsors.
14. In the event of a tie in any category between two or more trophies, the winner will be determined by the highest scoring deer/mule deer/turkey and then by the earliest registration date and time. The registration date and time is defined as when the registration form is received in the Trophy Game Records of the World's office or by any of its designated agents.
15. All winners in the youth division may be required to show a birth certificate prior to claiming any and all prizes. All participants in the BBC may be required to show proof of their valid hunting license.
16. At the start of the contest, a leader board will be maintained on the Big Buck Contest website www.tgrbigbuckcontest.com. The leader-board will show the current leaders in each category or list an "NA" if the category has not yet been filled. ONLY the following information will be listed: Hunter's Name, Harvest Ranch and County of Harvest along with the Hunter's field photo. No scores, measurements, weights, lengths, etc., will be revealed until the final results are posted at the end of the contest. When the final results are posted, the scores will reflect the Big Buck Contest (BBC) score (which includes the inside spread) in centimeters and the approximate score in inches.
17. All rules and regulations are subject to change/revision with final determination made by the Big Buck Contest Committee.