

WILDLIFE RECORDS CLUB OF BC

OFFICIAL POLICY – ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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1.) “Fair Chase” statement for all hunter-taken animals:

The primary purpose of the Wildlife Records Club of British Columbia (“the Club”) is to permanently record outstanding big game animals from the province of British Columbia. Therefore, all animals from recognized categories will be eligible for measurement and entry to the records book. However, to make use of any of the following methods shall be deemed as “Unfair Chase” and unsportsmanlike, and any trophy obtained by such means is disqualified from being entered under either a hunter’s or an owner’s name:

- a) spotting or herding game from the air, followed by landing in its vicinity for pursuit;
 - b) herding or pursuing game with motor-powered vehicles or motor-powered boats;
 - c) use of electronic communications for attracting, locating or observing game, or guiding the hunter to such game;
 - d) hunting game confined by artificial barriers, including escape-proof fencing, or hunting game transplanted solely for the purpose of commercial shooting;
 - e) hunting outside the regular seasons that apply to licensed (by the Province of British Columbia) hunters;
 - f) when there is “limited entry”, hunting without a valid L.E.H. authorization or a form of First Nations authorization that is recognized as legitimate by the Wildlife Branch of the Provincial Government;
 - g) use of an illuminating device to hunt game; or
 - h) use of any other means contrary to the Wildlife Act.
- 2.) Any person may submit an entry which consists of the official score sheet recording the required information.
- 3.) Official scores shall be determined after a 60-day air-drying period (which begins the day the trophy is removed from the freezer, boiling pot, or submersion in any liquid).
- 4.) Persons may enter any big game animal in the recognized categories from British Columbia that has been taken by hunting in Fair Chase or picked up. Trophies that are obtained in circumstances where the hunter cannot confirm Fair Chase will assume to have been taken in Fair Chase unless contrary information becomes available. At the discretion of the Club Executive, entries may appear without a hunter or owner’s name.
- 5.) Entries must be measured by one of the Club’s Official Scorers or by an Official Scorer for the Boone & Crockett Club. Animals taken in Fair Chase by bow and

arrow will also be accepted if scored by an Official Scorer of the Pope and Young Club using the Wildlife Record Club's methods.

- 6.) In cases where a trophy has been measured two or more times by different Official Scorers, the Club will accept the first dated score sheet.
- 7.) Scores may be appealed by either the trophy owner or the Club Executive. Appeals must be in writing and will be settled by the Scoring and Rules Chairman who may appoint two Official Scorers to re-measure the trophy in question. The score obtained by such a re-measuring shall be final.
- 8.) Entries for antlers scored in velvet will not be accepted. Shed antlers and antlered trophies with cut skulls, horns or antlers, will not be accepted. Trophies from animals with split skulls or broken horns, antlers or skulls, will be accepted if individual pieces fit together exactly as outlined by current Boone and Crockett Club rules regarding eligibility for entry of split-skulled trophies.
- 9.) Trophies which have been tampered with to enhance the score will not be entered.
- 10.) Antlers which score above the minimum in both typical and non-typical categories will be entered in the category where they would receive the highest ranking unless the owner requests the opposite.
- 11.) Species or sub-species of wildlife not native to British Columbia will not be considered for inclusion in the Records.
- 12.) There will be a \$20.00 entry fee, but no charge for measuring trophies whose scores fall below the minimums. The Club may enter scores for which the entry fee has not been paid, but hunter/owner name will not be listed, no certificate will be provided and the entry will not be eligible for the Awards Banquet.
- 13.) A conviction under the Wildlife Act may result in removal from the Records of a hunter's name for any or all recorded trophies or may result in the complete removal of any or all entries. As well, such a conviction may result in the rejection of any future application for entries.
- 14.) Any or all entries may be disqualified if the owner provides false information for anything required as part of the entry application process.
- 15.) If requested by the Club Executive, any trophy must be submitted for inspection. Failure to comply with such a request may result in the disqualification of the entry in question.
- 16.) The Club reserves the right to determine the geographical boundaries from which a species or sub-species may be entered.

- 17.) A Junior Hunter (a 'Youth' under the Wildlife Act and Regulations) is defined as under the age of 18. In other words, a trophy will be considered as taken by a Junior if the hunter was 10 (the youngest age a person can legally hunt in BC) to 17 years of age at the time the animal was taken.
- 18.) The Wildlife Records Club of British Columbia reserves the right to reject any application that fails to satisfy entry requirements.
- 19.) The hunter or owner name can be entered for animals taken by unlicensed (by the Province of BC) First Nations hunters exercising aboriginal rights to hunt for food, social or ceremonial purposes subject to the following conditions:
 - a) the animal was taken under the rules of Fair Chase outlined above;
 - b) the animal was taken while the hunter was exercising an aboriginal right to hunt that is recognized by both current provincial government policy, and the governing First Nation authority for the area in which the animal was taken (i.e. Band Council, Tribal Organization or Treaty Society);
 - c) the bag limit applicable to licensed hunters for that species was not exceeded during that license year;
 - d) the animal was taken during a season open to licensed hunters, and;
 - e) the animal was taken using lawful methods applicable to licensed hunters.
- 20.) Current rules of the Boone and Crockett Club will be applicable for any specific items not covered here.