

WESTERN REGIONAL COMPETITION

Hosted by New Mexico Taxidermy Association

Official Show and Competition Categories

Updated as needed according to previously unanimous voting by members and/or directors.

Categories:

- GAMEHEAD: Any shoulder mount either all hanging or pedestal.
- LARGE LIFE-SIZE: Any life size mount larger than a coyote.
- SMALL LIFE-SIZE: Any life size mount the size of a coyote and smaller.
- BIRD: Includes upland game birds and waterfowl.
- FISH: Warm and cold-water skin mounts. The only artificial or cast parts will be the head and fins only.
- REPTILES: Any skin mount reptile.
- REPRODUCTION: Any fiberglass or other reproduction of any cold or warm-water fish and any reptile.
- HABITAT: Any addition to a mount consisting of a base representing natural habitat.
- NOVELTY: Any skull mounts or items not fitting into other categories.
- ORIGINAL ART: Any paintings, drawings or artists rendition representing the outdoors and wildlife.
- COLLECTIVE ARTIST: Please see separate criteria page for this category.

All Categories are open to all other Major & Special Awards as set forth by the award criteria as well as the following category awards.

Best of Category: (Professional & Master's)

- * Reproduction
- * Reptile
- * Fish
- * Bird
- * Gamehead
- * Small Lifesize
- * Large Lifesize

Other Best of Category Awards – 1 each

- * Best Original Art
- * Best Novelty
- * Best Habitat

* Best Youth

* Best Amateur

COLLECTIVE ARTISTS CATEGORY

This category is for competition pieces where more than one person worked on the piece or group of pieces within one competition entry.

Eligibility:

- A. Several competitors (minimum of two) are allowed to work on the piece or group of pieces comprising the entry.
- B. Each competitor must be identified.
- C. Each competitor shall be registered for the competition and be a member in good standing with the NMTA, the NTA or another state association.
- D. One competitor or designee shall be responsible for providing all required registration information and fees to the NMTA secretary or registrar at the registration desk.
- E. Judges selected to judge this category may not compete.

Categories:

- A. Large life size mammal – May include single or a group of pieces.
- B. Game heads – May include single or a group of pieces.
- C. Birds – May include single or a group of pieces.
- D. Fish, Reptiles (skin mounts) – May include single or a group of pieces.
- E. Mixed group – May include a combination of mammals, birds and/or fish/reptiles.
- F. All pieces comprising the entry shall be presented on a single base.

Judging:

- A. This category will be judged by high standards and should be considered a division for the Professional and Masters level taxidermists.
- B. Each piece in the entry will be judged by the competition judge for that specific category, using the applicable score sheet.
- C. The judge selected to judge habitats, will evaluate the entry's habitat using the applicable score sheet.

Awards:

- A. First, Second, and third place ribbons will be given based upon the judge's decision.
- B. Entries within this category are not eligible to earn points towards any NTA Awards program.
- C. Entries within this category are eligible for awards voted upon by the judges, public, and taxidermists.
Example: Judge's Choice, People's Choice, Taxidermist's Choice.