

# Elk & Wapiti Velvet Grading Guidelines

ELK / WAPITI SUPREME



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Minimum Weight 4 kg  
 Minimum Circumference 20cm as outlined in Note A  
 Must have Indentation but not be overgrown (note 1)

**HYGIENE**

Remember - velvet is a health food and should be handled and stored in a clean and hygienic manner.

**ANIMAL WELFARE**

Velvet removal is a Controlled Surgical Procedure and may only be performed by a Vet, or an approved person under the National Velvetting Standards Body programme. Phone 04 473 4500 for more information.  
 Illegal velvet removal is an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.



SHORT



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Minimum Weight  
 Circumference Minimum

Grade	Minimum Weight	Circumference Minimum
EW1	3 kg (note 2)	19 cm
EW2	2.5 kg (note 2)	18 cm
EW3	2 kg (note 2)	16 cm

MEDIUM



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Top Length  
 Overall Length Minimum

Grade	Top Length	Overall Length Minimum
EW1M	21 cm (note 3)	65 cm
EW2M	21 cm	60 cm
EW3M	19 cm	55 cm

LONG TOP



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Top Length

Grade	Top Length
EW1LT	21 - 31 cm (note 3)
EW2LT	21 - 31 cm
EW3LT	19 - 29 cm

OUTGROWN



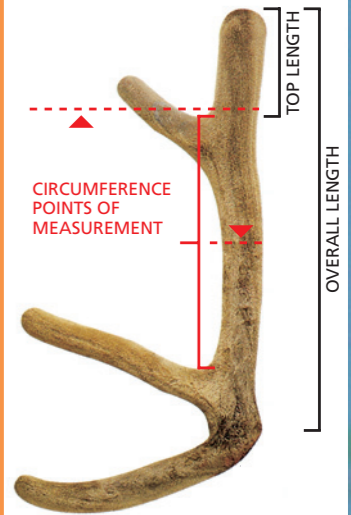
**OUTGROWN (note 5)**

Minimum Weight  
 Top Length

Grade	Minimum Weight	Top Length
EW1	3.5 kg (note 2)	> 31 cm (note 3)
EW2	3 kg (note 2)	> 31 cm
EW3	2.5 kg (note 2)	> 29 cm



MEASUREMENTS



**Notes on measurements**

- A Circumference**  
 Circumference is taken as the lesser measurement of the circumference of the beam measured on the clear beam:
  - immediately above the trez tyne, or
  - midway point between the top of the bez tyne and the top of the trez tyne.
 'Clear' means that the measurement is not to be taken where webbing from a tyne or other growth on the antler would interfere with the measurement. The objective is to get a measurement representative of the average circumference of the beam.
- B Top Length**  
 Top length is measured between the top of the stick and the bottom of the fork where the trez meets the beam.
- C Overall Length**  
 Overall length is measured from the top of the stick to the top of the inside cut.

**Notes**

- EW velvet may be downgraded for poor conformation including excessive overall length regardless of time of cutting.
- (1) Indentation of Elk & Wapiti Supreme antlers must not be excessive so as to retain the overall quality and balance throughout the whole antler.
- (2) Recommended Minimum Weight only.
- (3) Top Length for EW1 increases in proportion with circumference. Examples: Circumference of 19 cm = Top Length of 21 cm. Circumference of 19.5 cm = Top Length of 21.5 cm.
- (4) Slight indenting in EW Short, Medium and Long Top may not necessarily be downgraded, but must be in balance and not overgrown.
- (5) Elk/Wapiti Outgrown contains EW grade velvet which exceeds desired indentation or maximum top lengths. This grade may be divided when offered for sale to account for different styles of EWOG velvet within the grade.

Other damaged velvet downgraded at grader discretion.