

WESTERN REGIONAL COMPETITION

Hosted by New Mexico Taxidermy Association

Official Show and Competition Rules

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

General Rules:

1. National Taxidermists Association (NTA) Certified judges (or comparable ie UTA or World show) shall be used for competition judging.
2. NTA judging criteria and score-sheets shall be used (or comparable ie UTA or World show) shall be used in competition. Judges decisions are final.
3. The NMTA competition committee shall resolve any questions or concerns arising from the competition. Any unruly, disruptive or un-sportsman like behavior towards judges, committee officials or other entrants will not be tolerated and could result in immediate disqualification from competition without any refunds of registration fees or cash awards.
4. The NMTA competition committee reserves the right to restrict from competition and/or viewing, any piece deemed inappropriate or detrimental to the image of taxidermy, hunting, fishing, trapping or any other outdoor-related activity. With the approval of the committee the piece may be judged privately.
5. Any infraction of the NMTA competition rules will result in disqualification and forfeiture of any awards and or cash prizes. No refunds of registration fees will be given.
6. All competitors will hold solely the responsibility of their entered piece and not hold the NMTA liable for any unforeseen mishap. While the NMTA will provide for security and be as careful as possible with all mounts, everyone is advised that accidents are possible and the NMTA, its officials, Board members or Competition Committee shall not be responsible for any mounts entered in competition under any circumstances.
7. Any pieces previously shown at an NMTA competition that have received a blue ribbon shall not be eligible for re-entry into that same division, but may be re-entered into a higher division. (EXCEPTION: When the NMTA hosts a higher level competition event such as a Regional, National, or World Competition, Any pieces previously shown at an NMTA competition WILL be allowed entry regardless of ribbon placement at the state level)
8. All entries must be completely done by the entrant, except in the youth division.
9. All competitors shall be registered for the competition and be a member in good standing with the NMTA or another state association.
10. Entries shall be made at the posted times and NO entries will be removed from the competition area before the posted release times. Any entries not picked up by the posted deadline will be left unsecured and unattended.
11. If the entrant wished to advertise their business, it shall be done outside of the competition arena to not distract from the spirit and intent of competition. A card will be provided by the NMTA for the purpose of identifying entered pieces. The entrant will be responsible for filling out the information on the card and placing it on the competition piece.
12. Any entry may be ineligible if the opinion of the judges and competition committee, too many of the judging criteria are hidden from view or not included in the mount, and it is not in conjunction with another mount that is judgeable. (ex. Single wood duck head coming out of a hole in a tree)
13. If an entry contains more than one piece (ex. Two ducks) an entry fee must be paid for each piece to be judged. If only one piece is to be judged the entrant must designate which piece is to be judged.
14. Entries in cases must have a removable top and sides for judging and must be removed by the competitor before judging begins.
15. Any names or logos that may reveal the identity of the competitor must be omitted or covered securely.
16. Competitors are allowed to bring their own reference material for the judges to examine in determining their scores. Photographs may be placed in an envelope next to the mount and marked "For Judges Reference". The mount number should also be written on the envelope.
17. The competition area will be closed during judging to everyone except the competition committee and show officials.
18. In cases where special possession or taxidermy permits are needed for protected species (ex. Raptors, eagles, threatened or endangered species) they should be available for review at the competition area if needed. The entrant is responsible for knowing and following all such laws pertaining to protected species.
19. By registering, signing and paying for the NMTA show and competition the entrant acknowledges that he or she has read understands and vows to follow any and all of these rules set forth by the NMTA.
20. An entrant may appeal a judge's decision or score first by showing good cause and reason for appeal to the competition committee who will then rule whether to proceed with consultation of the judge or judges and determine a course of action.