

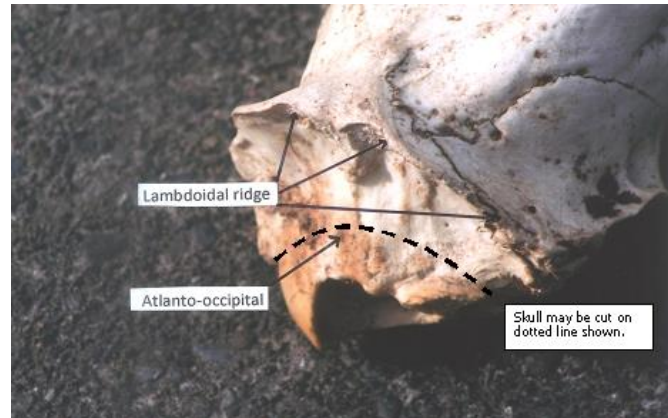
# Southland Branch NZDA Competition Rules

## Antler Horn & Tusk competitions

Red deer	-	Red Deer Rose Bowl
Wapiti	-	Wapiti Rose Bowl
Fallow deer	-	Fallow Deer Rose Bowl
Whitetail deer	-	Silver tray
Chamois/tahr	-	David Gunn memorial cup
Pig tusks	-	Boar Trophy
Wild Goat	-	Goat Trophy
Other deer species	-	Certificate
Wild sheep	-	Certificate.

1. Open to all financial members of Southland branch NZDA
2. Members must be financial at the time the trophy was taken and at the time of the competition
3. The trophy must have been taken in New Zealand within 12 months prior to trophy night
4. Members may enter more than one trophy in any competition except Wapiti, Sambar & Rusa where only trophy is allowed.
5. Awards are to be made on the majority recommendation of the judges in to be based on visual judgment with Douglas score levels only as a guide.
6. Definition of wild game animal: - Entries for all categories of Antler Horn and Tusk competitions be accepted from all feral self sustaining populations of game animals, whether these be from the acknowledged existing feral ranges of the animals or from new or satellite herds which have developed from natural spread, liberations or escapes. Escapees and animals taken with ear tags or evidence of previous ear tags or other identification markings are not eligible for entry into the Antler Horn and Tusk competition.
7. Definition of Fair Chase: - Fair chase is the ethical, legal and sportsman-like taking of any free-ranging feral animal that has an unimpeded avenue of escape on both private and public lands. Entries will not be eligible if A TROPHY FEE HAS BEEN PAID. Entries will also not be eligible for entry if any of the following methods of taking a trophy(s) are used:  
The animal: -
  - Must not have been taken in an enclosed area i.e., behind deer wire or any such fence or fixture that impedes the animal's unrestricted chance of escape.
  - Must not have been restrained i.e., in a snare, trap, fence etc.
  - Must not have been taken with the aid of a spotlight or use of night vision equipment.
  - Must not have been taken with the help of a rifle mounted thermal imaging or night vision sight.
  - Must not have been taken from an aircraft, powered vehicle or vessel.
  - Must not have been coursed by dogs (with the exception of wild pigs).
8. Must not have been taken in a manner where animal behaviour has been intentionally influenced by the use of a powered craft.
9. Trophy must be unmounted and should be full skull (without lower jaw) and be in a clean and wholesome condition when it is measured.
10. There must be no interference with the trophy such as the sharpening of points, removal of points, artificial colouration etc.
11. Antlers in velvet (hard or soft) are prohibited.

12. The antlers of the trophy at the time of entry must be in a natural state (natural state is the state of the trophy when taken).
13. The atlanto-occipital joint at the base of the skull (where it attaches to the spine), may be cut to allow easier extraction of the brain. However, the lamdoidal ridge at the top rear of the skull must be complete and intact. On all Sika, Red and Wapiti heads the front nasal bone (premaxilla) must be complete and intact so that the skull length can be accurately measured. Heads may be entered with damaged skulls, eg head shot, and acceptance shall be at the discretion of the judges.



14. Trophies may be measured at any time by an approved branch measurer but must be
15. present on measuring day with the score sheet for the visual comparison.
16. All entries should have the entrants name and watershed where the trophy was taken attached.
17. Cleanliness is 'next to Godliness' – please have consideration for the Judges and ensure your entries are in a clean condition - dirty entries are liable to disqualification.

### Special considerations

**18a Smith and Rainsford Cup.** Awarded for the best head of any species stop may be awarded for antler or horn trophies after consideration of roll 5 stop

**18b Presidents Cup** - Classical Head May be awarded for antler trophies only. Trophies need not necessarily be the best of the species entered but must conform to classic antler configuration eg red deer 12 -14 points, whitetail 8 points etc

**18c Spikers Cup** awarded for the best antlers horn or tusks entered by a member under the age of 21 years

**18d Boar trophy** awarded for the best drawn pig tusks.

**18e Wapiti Rose Bowl** to conform with national competition rules.

- Open to all trophies of Wapiti taken within the area covered by the Wapiti Blocks that show typical antler characteristics of Wapiti.
- Red deer and Red Deer Hybrids showing more Red Deer genetics in their antler formation than Wapiti are not eligible for this trophy.
- The AHT Judging panel will have the final decision on entries to determine if they meet the criteria for this trophy.

**18f David Gunn Memorial Trophy.** Awarded for the best chamois or tar. Consideration must be given to Douglas score equivalent for this section.

19. Certificates will be awarded for the winning entry in all sections

20. In the event of questions not covered by these rules judges are referd to the national rules for guidance.

21. Disputes are to be settled on trophy night by a disputes committee appointed by the Southland Branch President.

22. Judges reserve the right to disqualify any trophy which does not conform to the rules.

# **RANGE SHOOTING RULES**

## **Rimfire silhouette : George Stuart Cup**

- 1 Open to all members of South and branch NZDA who must be financial on the day of the first shoot.
- 2 .22 caliber rim fire only is allowed.
- 3 Any type of sight allowed.
- 4 Standing position only.
- 5 Use of slings and other shooting aids is not allowed.
- 6 Competition to be shot over 4 distances approximately 25, 50, 75 and 100 meters at rabbit, pig, chamois and deer targets.
- 7 Competition to cost consist of 40 shots, ten shots alternating between two targets at each range scoring one point per hit.
- 8 Competition to be decided on the shooter's highest aggregate of any two shoots held during the year ending 1st of May.
- 9 In the event of a tie the decision will be awarded on countback from the second scoring shoot beginning at 25 metre target.
- 10 Time allowed for each distance restricted to five minutes.
- 11 Malfunctions a shot will be allowed if a mechanical fault of rifle or ammunition has occurred. A shot will not be allowed through negligence of the shooter.
- 12 Safety: All shooting to begin under control and at the direction of the range officer.

## **Centrefire: Campbell Bullett**

- 1 Open to all members of Southland Branch NZDA who must be financial on the day of the shoot.
- 2 Any centerfire rifle of a sporting type may be used.
- 3 Any type of sight allowed.
- 4 Use of slings, rests, special padding or other shooting aids is not allowed
- 5 Competition shall consist of;-
  - shots, prone at 100 meters, 2 optional sighters
  - Five shots, kneeling 100 meters
  - Five shots, standing 100 meters,
  - Five shots, prone 200 metres, 2 optional sighters
  - Five shots, sitting 200 meters
- 6 Targets standard NZDA targets
- 7 In the event of a shoot off, to be held at 100 meters standing
- 8 Time allowed for each discipline is 10 minutes
- 9 Malfunctions a shot will be allowed if a mechanical fault of rifle or ammunition has occurred. A shot will not be allowed through negligence of the shooter.
- 10 Safety:- All shooting to be under the control of a net the direction of the range officer

# PHOTGRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

## General Rules

1. Open to all financial members of Southland branch NZDA
2. Members must be financial at the time the photograph was taken and at the time of entry
3. All entrants must be of amateur standing.
4. Photographs must have been taken in New Zealand within the 12 months prior to the competition night.
5. Shots from aircraft will not be allowed.
6. Entrants may submit a maximum of five prints in each category.
7. Entries must be in the hands of the judges At the time and date as specified in the April Branch Newsletter
8. There is no restriction on the equipment used. Entries must be original and not copied of an existing print or slide.
9. Maximum size of photograph is 5 inches by 7 inches (127mm x 178mm) (landscape or portrait)
10. All entries should be clearly marked on the rear with the entrants name and indicate which category they are entered in and should have a title. Judges reserve the right to redirect any entry clearly entered in the incorrect category.
11. The branch requires a copy of all winning entries for its collection

## Special category rules:

11a **Game Animals** are defined as live Wapiti, Red Deer, Fallow Deer, Whitetail Deer, Sambar, Sika, Rusa deer, Chamois, Tahr, wild pig, wild goats and wild sheep. Entries may be of any of the defined wild animals in their natural surroundings. Entries of dead animals will be discounted from this category.

11b **Wildlife** means any other live wildlife other than game animals in its natural surroundings.

11c **Scenic** entries are to be of a scenic nature relevant to stalking or stalking country.

11d **Topical or Stalking Interest** entries must contain some evidence of human activity related to hunting or of a hunting nature.

12 Judging. Judges shall take into account the following points

- Subject matter to be in accordance with the relevant portion of rural 11(a) – (d) with special emphasis on hunting ability where applicable. = 75 points.
- Photographic technique. This this includes correct exposure focusing composition background etc = 20 points
- Presentation. scratches marks etc = five points

13 Judges reserved the right to disqualify any entry which does not conform to any of the rules.

14 Disputes are to be settled on trophy night by a dispute committee appointed by the Southland branch president.

**Video competition.** General rules of photographic compositions apply except that the video film must have been taken within the last two years.

Videos should not exceed 15 minutes in viewing time.

*(NZDA National Competition categories: Slightly different from Branch categories.*

*Game Animals, Other Wildlife – Birds, Other Wildlife – Mammals, Other Wildlife – Insects, Reptiles & Amphibians, Scenic, Flora, & Human Interest.)*

## **Tanned Skin Competition**

For the best skin of a game animal home tanned in the previous 12 months

