

2010 TDHA HOG HUNTING CONTEST

Bay-N-Shoot Division

Registration

All teams that did not register and/or pay their entry fee online or by mail-in must sign in and pay their entry fee from 3-6:30pm March 5th, 2010 at the William Baber EXPO Center in Hallettsville, Texas.

The Contest will begin promptly at 5pm Friday, March 5th, 2010.

Pre-Registration (online and/or mail-in) will also be possible via the TDHA web page and must be completed by 12:00 noon March 5th.

It is not necessary for all team members to be present during sign-in

Entry Fees

\$150 per 1 to 4 Person Team – Heaviest 2 Hogs

Pay Out

A full pay out sheet will be released at a later date

**There will also be a prize for the highest placing team composed of ALL TDHA members (Must be the 1-4 members that compose the team at sign in).

Weigh-In

Weigh-in will be March 7, 2010 from 9:00am to 11am.

Each team member that weighs in will receive free entry into the 2010 EXPO, and the first 50 Teams to weigh-in will receive a free t-shirt and koozie as well as a raffle ticket for special door prizes for contestants.

Each team will weigh in their two (2) Heaviest Hogs for this division. ALL hogs are to be chosen by the team BEFORE they enter the weigh-in area.

All hogs MUST BE IN LINE TO BE WEIGHED IN BY 11am SUNDAY. NO EXCEPTIONS!!! (This means that even if you call and are on your way, you will not be an exception, not for any reason.... hospitalization, flat tires, bomb threats, road blocks, or any reason. The End-of-Line Judge will be the keeper of the time and will be the one that determines 11am and who is weighed in for a score.)

At minimum the team captain needs to be at weigh-in to represent the team.

Hog meat must come to weigh-in in edible condition. Hogs must arrive at weigh-in being thoroughly washed out (inside the body cavity and outside). Any dressed hogs determined by the committee to be unfit for human consumption will be disqualified. Use coolers and ice to ensure this. THIS RULE WILL BE STRONGLY ENFORCED.

There will be a 75 lb minimum weight limit on all hogs brought in to the weigh-in.

When cleaning the hogs, the proof of sex should be left with all boars and bairs.

All team members will be required to provide their hunting license number prior to weigh in.

There will be a group of inspectors that will mark and examine each hog as it is weighed in. If the inspectors find a hog to be un-edible, that hog will be disqualified.

Disqualified hogs can not be replaced.

RULES and REGULATIONS:

POLYGRAPH WILL BE USED TO INSURE THE INTEGRITY OF THIS CONTEST. Failing the polygraph or refusal to take the polygraph will result in disqualification.

The contest is open to wild (feral) hogs hunted with dogs in any county in Texas and only harvested during the period from 5:00 p.m. on March, 5th, 2010 through 10:59am on March 7, 2010.

It is each TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITY to have a final and current copy of the Rules.

The Bay and Shoot contest is for hunters that bay and shoot their hogs instead of using catch dogs. For the purpose of this contest, "at bay" means the hog is being held by one or more dogs. For this contest, TDHA expects the teams to shoot their hogs while they are being held at bay by at least one dog. A hog that is shot before it has been bayed does not count. Dropping dogs in the field and shooting hogs that are running around and not at bay is not within the spirit of the rules.

The hog must be bayed while shot, so if the dogs catch the hog before it is shot they must either let go or the hog will not qualify for the contest. If the hog is shot and wounded, it is common for the dogs to then catch the hog. If this happens, the hog can then be harvested by other means.

If the dogs bay up a group of hogs, multiple hogs can be shot from that one bay until the hogs break and run. The dogs must stop the group or single out one or a few for them to be considered bayed again.

Hogs must be bayed by at least one dog when the contestant attempts to harvest the hog.

Contestants may not shoot from any type of motorized vehicle including, but not limited to, ATV's, trucks, and helicopters.

Hogs cannot have been previously trapped, kept, or held for the contest. Hogs caught outside contest hours may not be held for entry into the contest.

Hogs must be harvested on free range properties. They **MUST NOT** come from behind a game proof/high fence.

No splitting of teams. All team members must hunt together. Each team is permitted to run one pack of dogs at a time. For the purpose of this contest, a pack is considered a single group of dogs being handled by the team members. A team may not concurrently run multiple packs in multiple locations. We understand that with multiple dogs and multiple hogs things can split up and you can have multiple bays. The team can split to dispatch the bayed hogs, but then must regroup as quickly as possible and start hunting again as one pack.

If a team member is unable to continue hunting with the team they are signed up with, that team will continue hunting without that member(s). NO SUBSTITUTIONS CAN BE MADE!!

Any contestant found trying to cheat will be disqualified, banned from entering the contest again, and will forfeit their entry fee.

Any individuals or teams found guilty of violating any Texas Game Laws during this contest will be disqualified.

No disorderly conduct, such as cursing, fighting, or rude behavior will be tolerated at the sign-in or weigh-in.

No guns, knives, or weapons of any sort can be displayed or worn on the sign-in or weigh-in premises.

No injured or malnourished dogs of any kind are allowed on the sign-in or weigh-in premises.

No consumption of alcohol on the sign-in or weigh-in premises.

Each Team Captain has the option of standing in the weigh-in area to witness his or her team's hogs being weighed and as the other teams are being weighed. Please be courteous of the judges and the space they need to conduct weigh-in.

Any Violation of these rules will result in the entire team being disqualified and the individual(s) involved will be removed from the premises. Violation of the rules can also result in banning the individual(s) from future TDHA sponsored events as well as from the organization.

All protests must be in writing to Douglas Mason, TDHA President and Protest Committee Chair, and must be made immediately after the occasion arises for protest. The protest committee will then be contacted. All decisions of the protest committee are final!

Expo Dog Rules

In accordance with State Law – ALL dogs that are on the premises MUST HAVE a current set of vaccination records accompanying them. If you cannot provide a current vaccination record on each dog you have on the premises, you will be asked to leave immediately!! ALL dogs on the premises must also be either kenneled or leashed, unless working during a demo or trial. This is for the health and safety of all!!

NOTES

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** Please take pictures during the contest hunts to promote the contest and TDHA. **