

2010 TDHA HOG HUNTING CONTEST

Dog/Knife 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

- (1) \$200 Per 4 man TDHA Member Team with Dogs – 5 Heaviest Hogs & Bonus Hogs
- (2) \$250 Per 4 man Non-TDHA Team with Dogs – 5 Heaviest Hogs & Bonus Hogs

Pay Out

(1) 1st place will receive over \$3,000 in cash and prizes, including 4 matching custom belt buckles for the team!

(2) Each Bonus Hog Pays \$350

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

(** In the case of a tie for any team placing in money spots, the team with the heaviest 3, instead of 5, hogs wins)

**There will also be \$200 of added money for the highest placing team composed of 4 TDHA members (Must be the 4 members that compose the 4 man team at sign in).

Bonus Hogs – (no additional charge, can be part of the heaviest 5, one bonus limit per hog)

(1) Heaviest Boar (** In the case of a tie, the boar in question with the longest single tusk will win.)

(2) Heaviest Barr (In the case of a tie, the barr in question with the longest single tusk will win.)

(3) Heaviest Sow (In the case of a tie, the sow in question with the longest head, tip of nose to top point of head, will win.)

(4) Longest Tusk Boar (In the case of a tie, the hog in question with the highest weight will win.)

(5) Longest Tusk Sow (In the case of a tie, the hog that weighs the most will win.)

Along with the cash and prizes the winner of the Longest Tusk Bonus Hog will also win a free European Skull Mount or a discounted shoulder mount so take care of the carcass accordingly.

Weigh-In

Weigh-in will be March 7, 2010 from 9:00am to 12 noon.

** 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 five (5) Heaviest Hogs for this division, as well as all hogs to be entered in the Bonus Divisions. 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 12 NOON 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 12 NOON 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 or to have an unhealed\fresh bullet hole, that hog will be disqualified. If two hogs are found with unhealed/ fresh bullet holes, that team will be disqualified. THIS RULE WILL BE STRONGLY ENFORCED!!

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 11:59am on March 7, 2010.

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

This is a dog-knife hunting division ONLY. NO SHOT HOGS!

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 caught with dogs during contest hours may be held, but must be weighed in field dressed and cannot be shot.

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

There is no limit to the number of dogs that can be hunted nor does it matter the owner of the dogs.

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.

The team members listed on the Entry Form are the **ONLY** members allowed to hunt the Tournament. 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!!**

Horses may be used when hunting, but the dogs must catch the hog. It is also illegal to run-over or rope an un-caught hog with/from a vehicle or horseback.

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!

Special Rule

Due to the implementation of the polygraph, TDHA will not be using the "special rule" this year. All dogs are to be boxed until 5:00 PM Friday, March 5, 2010. There should be no "pre-hunting" or scouting with dogs on the ground before 5:00pm on Friday, March 5, 2010. This will be a polygraph question and you will not beat the polygraph.

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. **