

OHIO TAXIDERMY CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES OF COMPETITION

GENERAL RULES

1. Every precaution will be made to secure the entries. All entries are at owner's risk. The Ohio Taxidermists Association (OTA) does not assume responsibility for any losses incurred. This includes, but is not limited to: fire, theft, accidents, personal injury and/or natural disasters.
2. The OTA reserves the right to restrict from open viewing any entry deemed inappropriate or detrimental to the image of taxidermy or hunting. All such entries will be scored privately, and entrant will be furnished with the score.
3. Absentee participants must pay registration fees and all applicable entry fees.
4. The number of entries per category is unlimited; however, you cannot enter the same category in two separate divisions except for the commercial division. Upon winning two Best of Category ribbons, you must move up to the next division in that category. It takes a minimum score of 90 to win best of category, excluding Youth and Amateur Divisions.
5. Endangered/protected species need proper permits and paperwork WITH THE MOUNT to be entered. Non-game animals are permitted with proper paperwork. NO EXCEPTIONS.
6. The competition area may be closed during judging, except for the competition committee or other authorized persons.
7. Any infraction of the rules will result in disqualification of the entry and forfeiture of any awards and fees.
8. Any competitor who exhibits behavior deemed abusive towards any Judge, committee member, or OTA member or family will result in disqualification of the entry and forfeiture of any awards and entry fees.
9. Questions arising from the OTA competition will be resolved by the competition committee.
10. Reference pictures are allowed, with no limit to number or size. Use the OTA-provided entry form to provide other information that may be used at the judge's discretion to score your entry.
11. No mount can be entered in the Ohio Taxidermy Championships more than once excluding the Master of Master's Division. Competitors that meet the qualification to enter the Master of Masters Division may enter a piece previously entered into the general competition.
12. Mounts previously winning National, North American, or World Championships/Titles are not eligible to be entered into the general competition excluding the Master of Masters Division.



13. Entries in cases must have removable tops and sides for judging.
14. Entries will be held for display for the duration of the show.
15. Any mount will be deemed ineligible if too many of the judging criteria are hidden from view or not included on the mount (i.e. single duck head coming out of a hole in a tree).
16. Any juvenile species (coyote or smaller) will be judged in the small mammal category.
17. Any names, photos or logos that may reveal a competitors entry must be omitted or covered securely.
18. Complaints shall be brought to the Competition Committee; NOT Judges. Re-judge fee is \$50.
19. You must show your mount I.D. receipt to claim your mounts. **DO NOT LOSE THIS RECEIPT!** Entries may be made at posted times and cannot be removed before posted times. Any entry not claimed will be left unattended.
20. The above rules are a general overview of the competition rules. The OTA reserves the right to review and amend these rules at any time deemed necessary.

ELIGIBILITY

The Ohio Taxidermy Championships will be open to all OTA members in good standing.

JUDGING

1. Judges for the OTA will be selected by the OTA advisory board.
2. Each judge will score each entry separately on an approved competition score sheet. Entries will be given a score of 90-100 First Place; 80-89 Second Place; 70-79 Third Place; 60-69 Honorable mention. Some Special Awards may be selected by criteria other than totally by score.
3. No judge will be allowed to enter a mount in the competition. Judges' family may enter, but not in the category the judge is judging.

