

Wolf Pelt Competition Guidelines 2015

Once again we anticipate enthusiastic participation in the wolf pelt competition, as it has become one of the great highlights of the BCTA Convention. A special thank you to; The BC Cattlemen's Association, BC Wildlife Federation, BC Wild Sheep Foundation, BC Wild Sheep Society, Dallas Safari Club, North American Fur Auctions and The Guide Outfitters Association of BC, without your generous and continued support this program would not be possible.

The first category in the competition will be best handled and best overall pelt. Please see table below for the criteria. The top winning pelts will become property of the BCTA and will be donated to the sponsoring organizations. If you wish to keep your wolf, please do not enter it in this particular category. The pelts will be judged to see which are best suited for taxidermy mounting.

The second category is the draw category. Each of the wolves entered in the quality section will be automatically be entered into the draw category, as well as the wolves entered by you from the list supplied by your local president or local assigned verifier for the competition.

The third and final category is for the most pelts.

There is no limit on the number of entries a member can have; a pelt can be entered in all three categories. The more pelts you enter, the better the odds that you will walk away with a prize.

All entries must be properly dried. Pelts entered in previous years may not be re-entered. All entries will be marked for identification. No tanned pelts will be accepted.

Please Note:

Only wolves entered in the quality section need to be brought to the convention. We know that a number of you who take wolves are not able to attend the convention and therefore lose out on a chance to win the prizes. For the draw category and most wolves category, you have the option of bringing them to the convention or taking them to the record keeper (local president) in your area. The record keeper will record all the necessary pertinent information and mark a permanent spot on the pelt so that it can only be entered once. Information sheets completed by verifiers / local presidents will be forwarded to the BCTA on or before April 10th, 2015. Please contact your local president to find out who will be verifying and recording for your area.

In all cases of a dispute, the organizers will make the final decision. Only paid-up members of the BCTA will be eligible to enter the competitions and it is very important to note this means you must have been a paid up member of the BCTA before October 15, the start of this year's trapping season. All wolves entered must have been harvested in BC during the open trapping season. Nuisance wolves trapped out of season by permit are not eligible. Also please note, only wolves harvested by the trapper themselves or immediate family member may be entered in the competitions.

Cheques will presented at the convention for the top four pelts in the best handled and best overall category, as well as for the top three in the most wolves category. Cheques for the remaining winners will be mailed out after the convention.

If you have any questions, or require more information, please contact Brian Dack at 250-578-8338.

Wolf Competition

JUDGING CRITERIA

General appearance and overall shape	10 pts.
Nose skinned out and shaped	10 pts.
Eyes complete and uncut	10 pts.
Lips complete and split	10 pts.
Ears complete and turned (cartilage must stay on)	15 pts.
Tail split straight and clean	10 pts.
Feet complete, skinned to the last knuckle, claws on	15 pts.
Leather clean, no oil or grease, excess sawdust removed	10 pts.
Fur clean, grease, blood and dirt removed	10 pts.
Total possible:	100 pts.