

## Cola Blanca 2017-2018 Rules & Regulations

- 1. The Cola Blanca Contest Rules Committee has the right to declare any entry ineligible if IT IS THEIR OPINION THAT it was not harvested legally or by fair chase or in accordance with the contest rules and regulations.
- 2. Hunters must be licensed to hunt in the state of Texas or Mexico.
- 3. Entry fee will be \$25.00 and an eligible participant must be registered in the Cola Blanca Big Buck Contest before the animal is harvested to be eligible. One winning entry per licensed hunter.
- 4. A person may register personally or may register other persons. A person is considered registered at the exact time of day on the date the entry registration is received by Cola Blanca.
- 5. All entries must be killed in accordance with rules/regulations of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, for Texas trophies or in accordance with appropriate rules of respective states in the country of Mexico, for Mexico entrants.
- 6. Each participant must enter his/her own kill and the antlers must be attached to the body of a freshly killed whitetail deer or attached to a sufficient portion of the head, neck, and cape of a freshly killed whitetail deer within a fifteen-day period from time of kill. The cape and antlers must be tagged. The participant must have killed the deer in the state of Texas. The only exception being Mexico entrants who may provide a skull plate attached to the antlers with the proper deer tag taped to the antlers.
- 7. Each participant Texas/Mexico must enter his/her kill in person no later than 8:00 PM the day after the close of the regular season.
- 8. All deer must be scored by an official Cola Blanca scorer. Official scorers are designated by Cola Blanca Contest Rules Committee.
- 9. SCORING LOCATIONS: Please check the Cola Blanca website for scoring locations, scorers phone numbers and scoring times. Cola Blanca will not accept score sheets from other contests unless the scorer is an official Cola Blanca scorer.
- 10. Entries for Youth Javelina and Hog Division categories can be entered beginning with the opening of the Deer Archery Season, October 1, 2016.
- 11. Boone & Crockett scoring guidelines will be used to determine scores except where otherwise noted.
- 12. Winners will be based on full gross score, as recognized by the Boone & Crockett measuring system, except where otherwise noted. No deductions of any kind will be taken from the animal's gross score other than inside spread. No deductions will be made for non-typical points, lack of symmetry, or in any other area considered a deduction by the Boone & Crockett scoring system. An exception to this rule will be the Best Typical Buck Categories rules that follow.
- 13. A Net Typical Score using the Boone and Crockett System will determine entries for the Best Typical Buck. Bucks entered in this category can have no more than 6 inches of abnormal points to be considered a typical buck for the contest.
- 14. Any "In Velvet" bucks entered will be subject to a 3% deduction in order to be entered in the contest. If the hunter chooses he may have the velvet "scraped" or "removed" and will not be subject to the 3% deduction, however, the velvet must be removed and the deer measured within fifteen days of the date the deer was killed.
- 15. If a hunter should qualify to win an award in more than one category, the hunter may request which category his or her entry may compete in. If a deer is initially entered into a given category the committee may choose to move the entry to a different category at any time during the contest. An entry can be a winner in only one category.
- 16. NO BREEDER BUCKS OR "KICK AND SHOOT BUCKS" WILL BE ALLOWED. This contest is intended for hunting under FAIR CHASE circumstances and for native, wild, free-ranging deer only. No Tame, Domesticated or Pet animals may be entered in this contest even if the animal is free-ranging. Tame, domesticated, or pet refers to a deer having been associated with human contact to such a degree that they have lost their natural fear and are not wild. Whether an animal is tame, domesticated or a pet will be determined by the Cola Blanca Contest Committee.

No ear-tagged, tattooed or domesticated animals shall qualify for entry in the contest. The exception shall be native, wild, free-ranging deer that have been identified by an ear tag for a legitimate study of free-ranging deer. No animal that has ever resided outside of the State of Texas (or Mexico for Mexico categories) will be eligible for the contest. No Northern variety or crossbred varieties will be considered eligible.

- 17. Winners may be asked to submit to a polygraph test to maintain the integrity of the contest.
- 18. In all categories, the animals will be weighed 'dressed'. 'Dressed' is defined as the entire carcass with all entrails removed including heart, liver, lungs, etc. All animals must be weighed at the 'Official Cola Blanca Big Buck Contest' scoring headquarters in Laredo, Texas.
- 19. First place winners in all buck categories are required to display their trophies at the Cola Blanca Awards Night Banquet in Laredo, TX to claim their prize. The winning hunter is encouraged to attend and must notify the Laredo Chamber of Commerce at 800-292-2122 if he or she has asked someone else to present the winning entry. Winners in weight categories are encouraged to bring a mount of their winning animal or photo to be displayed at the awards banquet, but it is not required. In the event that a first place winner does not have his or her winning entry displayed, the prize(s) will be forfeited back to the Cola Blanca Big Buck Contest, except for any personalized item such as a 'winner's jacket'. Original standings will remain the same. First place winners from outside of the state of Texas are strongly encouraged to display their trophies at the Awards Night Banquet, but it is not required in order to receive their prizes. All shipping charges for the shipment of prizes will be incurred by the winners.
- 20. The Cola Blanca Contest Rules Committee reserves the right to re-score any entry. The rules committee has the authority to reverse the scoring decision.
- 21. All females, 17 years or older at the time of kill, are required to compete in the Women's Division. All males, 17 years or older at the time of kill, are required to compete in the Men's Division. Males and females under 16 must compete in the Youth Division.
- 22. No trapped animals can be entered into the Cola Blanca Big Buck Contest.
- 23. Males and females ages 16 and under can compete in the Youth Archery Division unless otherwise indicated.
- 24. All hunters, 60 years or older at the time of kill, are eligible to compete in the Senior Division.
- 25. Animals killed by a bow are restricted from competing in other divisions/categories except for high/low division: Best 9 Point, Mr. Mass, Best Senior Buck, Most Points, Longest Droptine, Hunter's Club, Big Buck Club, 160+ Club, and Best County. An example of this is the men's category which is limited to rifle hunters only.
- 26. For an area to be considered a low fenced area it must have at least a 1 mile stretch of perimeter fence that is 5-foot high or less, and does not have a fence that could not be considered or configured to be "captive" or "deer proof" to white-tailed deer, i.e., would be a 7-foot or higher fence or placed at an angle to achieve this effect. This requirement to be considered a low fenced area also excludes properties that have inner fences offset from the perimeter fence that has the above high fence configuration or effect.
- 27. A high fenced area must have contained at least 640 acres and there can be no cross fencing 5 feet or more or any fence that could be considered captive to white-tailed deer within the high fence perimeter or property.
- 28. All references to "deer" refer to white-tailed deer only.
- 30. All photographs and official score cards become the property of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce and may be used for future promotions.
- 31. Any tax obligation incurred as a result of any prize awarded herein will be the responsibility of the recipient of that prize.
- 32. The Laredo Chamber of Commerce Webb County Cola Blanca Big Buck Contest reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value.
- 33. Only Cola Blanca Officials are allowed to be with the scorer during the time that entries are being scored.
- 34. All decisions of the Rules Committee of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce Webb County Cola Blanca Big Buck Contest are final.

- 35. THE COLA BLANCA CONTEST COMMITTEE HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST AND BE PROVIDED ACCURATE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING THE HARVEST, SOURCE, HISTORY AND GENETIC MAKEUP OF DEER ATTEMPTED TO BE ENTERED IN THE CONTEST. IT IS THE BURDEN AND OBLIGATION OF THE HUNTER/ENTRANT TO PROVIDE COMPLETE INFORMATION, ACCESS AND ALL PROOF REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF THE ENTRY IS ELIGIBLE AND THE FAILURE TO COMPLETELY COMPLY AND PRODUCE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IN A PROMPT AND TIMELY FASHION SHALL RENDER THE ANIMAL INELIGIBLE FOR ANY CATEGORY. THERE WILL BE NO APPEAL FROM A DECISION BY THE CONTEST COMMITTEE.
- 36. BECAUSE THIS CONTEST IS RESTRICTED TO NATIVE TEXAS, WILD, FREE-RANGING DEER, IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF THE ORIGIN OF THE ENTRY BY RANCH AND LANDOWNER, ALTHOUGH IF REQUESTED, IT SHALL NOT BE POSTED. THIS IS TO ENSURE NO PENNED RAISED, NORTHERN CROSSED, SCIENTIFIC BREEDER DEER OR THEIR OFFSPRING, RELEASED OR NOT OR ARTIFICIALLY ENHANCED DEER ARE ENTERED AND TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE COLA BLANCA BIG BUCK CONTEST.
- 37. All shipping costs will be incurred by the winner if his/her awards are shipped.
- 38. All winners have 90 days from the Awards Banquet date to either pick up or request the shipping of their prizes at their own expense.

#### **Mexico Division – Rules & Regulations**

- 1. All rules and scoring will apply except the following:
  1. A) Each participant must be licensed to legally hunt in Mexico.
  2. B) Fresh antlers attached to a sufficient portion of the unbroken skull along with importation documentation are required for scoring. A cape is not required for Mexico Division entries.
  3. C) Each participant must register his/her whitetail antlers no later than 8:00 PM the day after the close of the General Whitetail season in Mexico
  4. D) Mexico harvested deer are only eligible to be entered in the Best Mexico Overall, Youth Overall High or Low Fence, Longest Droptine, Best Senior Buck, Most Points, Best Handgun and Mr. Mass categories. ANGADI score sheets will be allowed to be submitted and will be accepted to enter into the contest. Hunters will be required to register before the animal is harvested to be eligible
- 2. Each participant must furnish a color photograph of the hunter with the whitetail buck; suitable for publication, within (15) days of the date the deer was killed.

#### **Category Rules**

- 1. Bucks can be harvested by rifle, bow, black powder, handgun or crossbow if the crossbow is considered a legal weapon in the county where the kill was made. The winner is determined by its gross Boone and Crockett score except where noted. The deer can come from anywhere in the state of Texas.
- 2. Best Overall Mexico Buck category the deer must come from the country of Mexico. It can be harvested by rifle, bow, blackpowder, or handgun. The winner is determined by its gross Boone and Crockett score.
- 3. Longest Droptine – The deer can come from either Texas or Mexico and from a high or low fence area. Only one droptine will be scored to compete for this category. This category is not intended for third beamed or tines that have been bent and grown below the beam. To be considered a droptine, the tine must original from the bottom half of the main beam at or past the G-2 and grow in a downward direction.

- 4. Mr. Mass – The deer can come from either a high or low fence area in Texas or Mexico. The winner is determined by the greatest total of the (H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4) scores from both main beams, using the B&C guidelines.
- 5. Best Youth Rifle Buck (16 and under) – The deer can come from a Texas/Mexico high or low fence ranch but must be harvested by a youth whose age is from 16 and under years old at the time of kill.
- 6. The Best Webb, Zapata, La Salle Buck – The deer can come from a low or high fence area but must be harvested in the respective county. The hunter does not have to reside in the respective county. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 placing bucks harvested in the respective county using the gross Boone and Crockett scoring system.
- 7. Best 8 Point Typical – Deer entered in this category must have 8 and only 8 scorable typical points that are one inch or longer. Small bumps and points that are less than one inch do not count as ‘scorable’ points, they must be one inch or longer for B&C scoring and for this category. However, if a deer has any obviously pre-existing points but are not scorable due to breakage and the remaining points total 8, this deer is not eligible for this category (i.e., a 10 point deer with 2 broken brows or G-2’s are not eligible for this category). An 8 point typical point frame for this category may not have abnormal or non-typical points that are one inch or longer.
- 8. Best 9 Point Typical – Deer entered in this category must have 9 and only 9 scorable typical points that are one inch or longer. Small bumps and points that are less than one inch do not count to be ‘scorable’ points, they must be one inch or longer for B&C scoring and for this category. However, if a deer has any obviously pre-existing points but are not scorable due to breakage and the remaining points total 9, this deer is not eligible for this category (i.e., a 10 point deer with a broken brow or G-3 is not eligible for this category). A 9 point typical point frame deer for this category may not have any abnormal or non-typical points that are one inch or longer.
- 9. 160+ Trophy Club – The Cola Blanca Contest will award all whitetail buck entries scoring 160 or more gross B&C that do not place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any of the buck categories a jacket embroidered with the Cola Blanca and sponsor logo. Entries placing in other categories of the contest are not eligible for this award. The awarded jackets will have 160+ Trophy Club, 170+ Trophy Club, 180+ Trophy Club, etc. embroidered on their jacket respectively.
- 10. 150-159 7/8 Big Buck Club – The Cola Blanca contest will award all whitetail buck entries scoring between 150 and 159 7/8 gross score that do not place in any 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any of the buck categories a jacket embroidered with the Cola Blanca and sponsor logo. Entries placing in other categories of the contest are not eligible for this award.
- 11. 140 to 149 7/8 Cola Blanca Hunters Club – The Cola Blanca Contest will award all whitetail buck entries scoring 140 to 159 7/8 gross B&C that do not place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any of the buck categories a shirt embroidered with the Cola Blanca and sponsor logo. Entries placing in other categories of the contest are not eligible for this award.
- 12. Best Whitetail Photo – Any photographer, amateur or professional of any age is eligible. Entrants are individual photographers only. (no teams) The Cola Blanca Contest will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes to the best whitetail photos submitted during the general hunting season. The photos can be taken anywhere in Texas and Mexico until the end of Mexico hunting season. No photos of penned or scientific deer are eligible for this category. All contest entries must be registered in the Cola Blanca contest. Every contestant is allowed to enter a maximum of 2 photos. Entries are to be either mounted 35mm color slides or high-resolution digital images. All photos entered become property of the Cola Blanca Contest and may be used in any Cola Blanca events or publications. Designated Cola Blanca committee members will serve on a 4 person panel to judge contest entries. PLEASE SUBMIT DIGITAL IMAGES IN 300 DPI, JPEG FORMAT.
- 13. OVERALL HANDGUN – Any deer harvested with a pistol with or without a scope is eligible. No deer harvested with a pistol with a shoulder stock or a barrel over 10” is eligible in this category.

The Cola Blanca Big Buck Contest Committee reserves the right to cancel/remove a category without prior notice.

## **Tie-Breaker Rules**

In the case of a tie, the following measurements will be used accordingly until a tie is broken: Best overall score, the total length of both main beams, widest spread, most points, and best H-1. Tie breaker for spikes is based on total length of both spikes, widest spread, and best H-1. The tie- breaker for heaviest doe, javelina, and the hog is based on the earliest date of entry scoring.

Dates for the 2016-2017 Cola Blanca Big Buck Contest are as follows:

General Season

South zone: Nov. 5, 2016 – Jan. 15, 2017

Special Late Season

North zone: Jan. 2 – 15

Archery Season

Oct. 1 – Nov. 4

Bag Limit: 5 deer, no more than 3 bucks, all seasons combined.

Mexico dates printed on Mexican Hunting License issued through ANGADI.

Additional rules may be added to support new categories that are added by contest sponsors. All categories and rules will be listed in the contest guidebook website.