



North Carolina Bowhunters Association

-Official Records System-

Aims and Goals

- To provide a source of information on bowhunting for use by the general public.
- To serve as a means of communication between the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and North Carolina Bowhunters by providing current data on bowhunting in the State of North Carolina.
- To recognize bowhunters who take outstanding specimens of game animals found in North Carolina, with bow and arrow.
- To help create an atmosphere of cooperation and unity among North Carolina Bowhunters.
- To promote and perpetuate responsible bowhunting in the State of North Carolina.

It shall be the duty of the records chairman to designate and appoint members of the records committee and official measurers in strategic locations around the State of North Carolina. And too record for history, trophy game animals taken with bow and arrow within the boundaries of the State of North Carolina.

Operations

Entries:

The Records System will consist of one class of membership; The "Trophy Class".

- **Trophy Class Entries:** The objective of Trophy Class entries will be to recognize outstanding game animals taken with bow and arrow in the State of North Carolina.

Requirements for acceptance:

- A. Any game animal taken with bow and arrow within the State of North Carolina, that meets the rules and requirements established by the Records System will be eligible if the entry meets or exceeds the minimum score set by the Records Committee.
- B. Entries must be scored by an official measurer, certified by the Records Chairman. (Exception: Bowfishing entries as noted on the bowfishing and bird scoresheet.)
- C. Entries must be accompanied by a Fair Chase Affidavit and a Kill Data Form.
- D. Entries should, if at all possible, be accompanied by a photograph of the animal and the bowhunter together, preferably taken at the time of harvest.
- E. Entry must be accompanied by an official North Carolina Big Game Kill Report Card (or photo-copy of same) which serves as possession permit; or be able to supply a "Validation Number" issued by the NCWRC when checked in by telephone.

Processing of entries:

- A. Bowhunter inquiring about an entry for the Records System will be referred to the nearest official measurer by the Records Chairman.
- B. The official measurer will make an official measurement only after a sixty (60) day curing period has elapsed. This period shall not include any time the trophy was stored in a freezer, or outside in freezing weather. If a skull, it must be boiled out, clean and free of all adhering flesh, insects, etc., before it will be scored.
- C. Upon acceptance, the entrant will be awarded a "Trophy Class Certificate", which will be of

quality design so as to be attractive and suitable for framing.

D. The entry will then be entered into the "All-Time Records Lists."

E. There will be no registration or entry fee for entering any animal into the "NCBA All-Time Records Lists". However, the Records System may accept donations from entrants who wish to contribute to the Records System to help defray operating costs. (Note: There will be a \$5 fee, per certificate, to non-NCBA members.)

Trophy Class Animals:

Species	Minimum Score
Typical Whitetail Deer	100
Non-Typical Whitetail Deer (one Abnormal Point X 1" long)	110
Typical Velveted Whitetail Deer	110
Non-Typical Velveted Whitetail Deer	120
Whitetail Doe Deer (Skull Measurement)	14
Wild Boar (Skull Measurement)	No Minimum (Weight, Sex information Requested)
Black Bear (Skull Measurement)	16 (Weight, Sex information Requested)
Typical Wild Turkey (Beard & Spur Measurement)	No Minimum
Non-Typical Wild Turkey (Beard & Spur Measurement)	No Minimum

Special Animals:

All measured by the Skull Measurement method, except for birds as shown on scoresheet. For Unofficial Categories include (Weight, Sex information requested; NOTE Type of bow used; ie: Compound w/ % letoff, Traditional)

Species	Minimum Score
Bobcat	No Minimum
Beaver	No Minimum
Coyote	No Minimum
Groundhog	No Minimum
Feral Hog	No Minimum
Raccoon	No Minimum
Grey Fox	No Minimum
Red Fox	No Minimum
Tundra Swan	Required Measurements : Total Length (Bill to Toe) and Wingspan (Longest)
Canada Goose	Required Measurements : Total Length (Bill to Toe) and Wingspan (Longest)
Unofficial Species	
Opossum	No Minimum
Nutria	No Minimum

Crow	Required Measurements : Total Length (Bill to Toe) and Wingspan (Longest)
Snow Goose	Required Measurements : Total Length (Bill to Toe) and Wingspan (Longest)
Wood Duck	Required Measurements : Total Length (Bill to Toe) and Wingspan (Longest)

Instructions for Tundra Swan and Canada Goose:

A "witness" to the measuring is required. Lay bird on it's back on ground. "Extend" wings and hold at outermost joints. Don't pull or stretch feathers! "Extend" birds "Bill" and "Feet"(toes.) Take measurements to nearest 1/8th inch. Weight is also desired. Note whether bird was taken "In Flight" or on the "Ground." NOTE type of bow; ie: Compound w/ % letoff, Traditional. Date, Time and County of kill is also required. This is all that's required. Contact the Records Chairman or any official NCBA measurer to obtain an official scoresheet.

Bowfishing:

Species	Minimum Score
Carp (Grass)	20 Pounds
Carp (Common)	12 Pounds
Longnose Gar	10 Pounds
Bowfin	5 Pounds
Southern Ray	30 Pounds Required Measurements: Total Length and Wingspan
Unofficial Species	
Carp (Buffalo)	No Minimum
Tilapia	No Minimum

Note:

Minimum scores are not set in some classes due to lack of established trophy class standards, or because of the difficulty in harvesting particular species of game. Minimum standards may be set at any time by the Records Committee. Bowhunters may receive only one certificate each calendar year for each specie of "Special Animal" and "Fish". This normally would be their highest scoring entry in each "Special Animals" or "Bowfishing" category. The only exception is for the "First Kill" of each specie for each individual bowhunter. There is no limit to the actual number of entries that can be scored and entered into the "All-Time Lists" each year, but only ONE certificate will be awarded for each specie to each bowhunter.

Scoring Systems

Guidelines for scoring:

1. The scoring system to be used on **big game** will be based on the scoring system developed by the Boone & Crockett Club with the exception of Wild Turkeys and Fish. The Boone & Crockett score forms for whitetail deer will be used for the scoring of antlered deer. The skull measurement system as developed by the Boone & Crockett Club will be used for measuring

whitetail doe deer, Black Bear, Wild Boar, and all species in the "Special Animals" categories.

2. Entries must meet the definitions of Bows, Arrows and Broadheads as set forth by the Pope and Young Club. (*NOTE: Beginning January 1, 2004, NCBA will accept entries taken with compound bows with let-off that exceed 65% A.M.O. standard let-off. These entries will be designated in the records listings with an asterisk (*). Traditional bowkills will be designated with the small letter "t". All entries with no designation indicates the animal was harvested with a compound bow having 65%, or less, let-off.)
3. New "State Record" Big Game animals must be "Panel Judged" by a minimum of three (3) NCBA measurers of which ONE must be Pope & Young certified.
4. Wild Turkeys will be scored on a basis of beard length and spur measurements.
5. **Measuring Deer Antlers:**
 - a) Deer antlers for Big Game categories "a" and "b", Typical and Non-Typical Whitetail Deer, may not have any velvet remaining on the antlers during official measuring. The velvet may be removed (completely) by the entrant, and the trophy will meet this requirement.
 - b) Deer antlers for Big Game categories "c" and "d", Typical and Non-Typical Velveted whitetail deer, may be scored and entered if any part, or all velvet remains on the antlers. There will be no penalty for any velveted entries in these categories. However, the minimum score requirements are approximately ten percent (10%) higher than for corresponding "Hard-Horned" categories. Non-Typical entries must have at least one legitimate "abnormal" point to qualify as non-typical. The hunter may choose to enter the animal in either the typical or non-typical category. His decision is final.
6. All entries in to the Trophy Class must be scored and submitted by an official measurer appointed by the Records Committee Chairman. (Except for fish!)
7. The use or aid of any form of drug, tranquilizer, poison, cross-bow or firearm will prohibit the entry of any game animal, special animal, or fish into any category or competition of the records system.
8. Found or picked up animals are not eligible for any competition. An animal is defined as "found" when recovered by the hunter, or any other person, after the search for the animal has been abandoned.
9. Antlered game animals that are mounted are eligible, but the Records Committee reserves the right to inspect the skull plate of these mounts if considered necessary. When possible, all animals should be left unmounted until official measurement has been made.
10. Entries having split or damaged skulls or skull plates which prevent accurate scoring will not be eligible for the Records System or any competitions sponsored by the NCBA.
11. The Records Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any bowhunter's game animals if the animal was taken under any circumstances considered unsportsmanlike, but not specifically stated in the rules and regulations of the Records System.
12. According to NCBA By-Laws, any NCBA member, or potential member, caught and convicted of any willfully committed game violation is subject to having his/her membership terminated, and potential members may be refused membership in the NCBA for similar cause. In conformity with this line of thought, current or potential entries by person(s) who have had their NCBA membership terminated or refused for the conviction of any willfully committed game violation will also be denied entry of any animals into the NCBA "All-Time Records System."
13. Any entry meeting the qualifications of the Records System will be eligible for the "All-Time Records List". Any bowhunter who enters, or attempts to enter, an illegal or fraudulent kill into the Record System, or into any NCBA competition; or any altered trophy kill (antlers or skull); shall have that entry disqualified, and any and all other entries by the same bowhunter in the past, present, and future will be ineligible for listing and awards and recognition of any sort by the NCBA and the NCBA Records System. (*NOTE: This ruling was reviewed and unanimously reaffirmed at an Executive Council meeting held on 1/26/2002 at the Woodleaf, NC Recreation Center. Members at the meeting also added that appeals to the E.C. to lift the suspension/ineligibility would not be addressed.)

14. Hunters who have taken any Big Game animal that meets NCBA Trophy Class requirements may be required to submit to a polygraph test. The hunter will be notified in writing and given the opportunity to take the test within a specified time. If the hunter fails to respond to the letter of follow through with the test, any and all past, present and future entries into the NCBA "All-Time Records" are subject to be dropped from the listings.

Entries:

All entries must be taken under the rules of "Fair Chase", and accompanied by a "Fair Chase Affidavit" and a "Kill Data Form" or "Confirmation Number." The term "Fair Chase", as defined by the Records System, shall not be held to include the taking of game under the following circumstances:

1. Helpless in, or because of, snow.
2. Helpless in water, ice, or trap.
3. While confined by any type of "Game-Proof Barrier", or fence.
4. In defiance of the regulations governing harvesting of game animals, fish, etc.
5. Taking of game animals defined as such by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission by means of, or use of a spotlight, lantern, etc., at night. (ie: Deer, Bear, Boar, Turkey)
6. Taking of any game animal from any power boat or power vehicle.
7. By the use of any aircraft for herding, driving, landing alongside of any animal or herd; or using aircraft to communicate with a hunter directly on the ground.
8. Taking animals with the use or aid of any form of drug, tranquilizers, poisons, or firearms.
9. By any means or methods considered to be unsportsmanlike by the Records Committee.
10. By the use of any bow or arrow with any device attached to it which contains any electronic circuitry, such as: lighted sight pins, electronic or laser sights, electronic homing devices in arrows, video cameras, etc. (Note: A spotlight attached to the bow may be used while bowfishing at night.)
11. While inside escape-proof fenced enclosures, of any size land area.

NOTE:

1. Beginning January 1, 2004, NCBA will accept entries taken with compound bows having let-off that exceeds 65% A.M.O. let-off standard. These entries will be designated in the records listings with an asterisk (*). Traditional bowkills will be designated with the small letter "t". All entries with no designation indicates the animal was harvested with a compound bow having 65%, or less, let-off. Entries from Female and Youth Bowhunters will be designated by a "+" for Females and a "y" for Youth
2. Beginning January 1, 2011, NCBA will accept entries taken with the use of Lumenocks and Lighted Sight Pins.

Drying of All Entries (Except Fish!):

1. All entries must be allowed to dry (cure) under natural atmospheric conditions for a minimum of sixty (60) days. All adhering flesh, membranes, and cartilage must be completely removed from skulls before official NCBA measurers will be required to measure them. Natural atmospheric conditions do not exclude being within the confines of a building, such as the residence, or out-building of the bowhunter. But, any time that an entry is kept in a freezer, or in freezing weather in a preserved state, shall not be included in the sixty-day drying period.

Changes in the Records System:

1. Any MAJOR changes in the organization, operation, or rules of the Records System must be approved by the Executive Council of the North Carolina Bowhunters Association.

Membership Requirements:

1. A bowhunter and potential entrant, is not required to be a member of the NCBA to enter a kill into the records system; or to be eligible for "Trophy Class" recognition.