

Competition Rules

Registration:

1. Registration must be received before the hunt starts on January 27, 2012 at 5:00pm.
2. You may register by:
 - a. Mailing the entry form, along with entry fee, to PO Box 1147, Caldwell TX 77836.
 - b. Stopping by Homeyer's Feed Store in Caldwell, TX no later than Friday, January 27th at 5:00PM. A rep will be there from 3-5pm on the last day of registration.
3. The entire team DOES NOT need to be present for registration.
4. The registration fee is \$200 dollars per team and is non-refundable.
5. Teams consist of 1-4 people and you cannot be a member of multiple teams.
6. If entering into additional side pots for Heaviest Boar, Heaviest Sow, and Largest Stringer, within your division, then include an additional non-refundable \$100 dollars.

Dog and Knife Rules:

1. During the hunt, the hog must be dog caught prior to human handling, and must not be roped, run over, or trapped first.
2. Dog and Knife teams are able to catch the hog alive for holding until check-in, if desired, but must be presented in field dressed, eatable condition at the time of check-in, and the hog still MUST NOT BE SHOT.
3. If, when hunting, the hogs and dogs split resulting in multiple bays, hunters are allowed to split up to harvest the wild hogs, but must regroup as soon as possible to resume the hunt.

Dog and Gun Rules:

1. No shooting from any type of vehicle, be it on land, air, or water.
2. The hog must be bayed by at least one dog before being shot, but if the bay dogs happen to catch the hog, it may be taken by other means.
3. Catch dogs may not intentionally be used in the Dog and Gun Division.
4. No shooting running hogs.
5. Multiple hogs may be shot if bayed up in a group, but once the hogs break, the bay must be reestablished before harvesting can resume.
6. Hogs that are shot before being bayed up by one or more dogs DO NOT COUNT.

General Rules:

1. This contest is open to all legal hunters utilizing dogs for the purpose of harvesting feral hogs while hunting in Texas.
2. Team members must hunt together with one pack of dogs at a time. If a team member isn't able to continue the hunt, substitutions cannot be made after 5pm on January 27th.

3. Team members are the only ones permitted to actively participate in the hunt. Helpers can accompany as observers or to assist team members in retrieving DEAD HOGS ONLY.
4. If, when hunting, the hogs and dogs split resulting in multiple bays, hunters are allowed to split up to harvest the wild hogs, but must regroup as soon as possible to resume the hunt as one pack.
5. For the purposes of this hunt, hogs are defined to be feral, free-ranging, wild hogs which have not been previously held, trapped, pen raised, and released for the purposes of being hunted in this contest and must not have been hunted from within a game fence.
6. The contest will start on January 27, 2012 at 5:00pm and will end at check-in on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 12:00pm (noon). You must be in line by then.
7. Check-in will be at the Burleson County Fairgrounds located on Highway 36 South in Caldwell TX from 9:00am - 12(noon) on Sunday, January 29th ONLY.
8. An official time keeper/end of line Judge will determine the close of check-in.
9. No hogs arriving after close of check-in will be considered for the contest regardless of excuse, calling ahead, or any other unforeseeable circumstance. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
10. Hogs harvested outside of the official contest duration will not count.
11. The Team Captain must be present at check-in.
12. All contestants must bring their hunting license to check-in.
13. Failure or Refusal of Lie Detector Test will result in immediate disqualification of team.
14. Any contestant found to be cheating, attempting to cheat, or in violation of any Texas Game Law will cause the disqualification of the entire team and forfeiture of any and all entry fees. The perpetrator and/or team may also be banned from future contests.
15. The team with the greatest total weight of their five heaviest field dressed hogs over fifty pounds wins their respective division.
16. 75% of the entry fees will be paid out. The number, and amount, of paying places (up to three per division) will be determined by the number of teams and any other added money. Side pots will pay one money per category per division. Make sure you leave the hog's anatomy intact for contest purposes. **ALL HOGS MUST BE IN EATABLE CONDITION** to count, and are the property of the contest after check-in.
17. There will be no alcohol permitted and no display of weapons (guns or knives) on one's person on the check-in premises.
18. Dogs must be leashed, kenneled, uninjured, and have proof of current rabies shots to be allowed on premises.
19. Anyone behaving in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner will be asked to leave.
20. Complaints or objections can be made in the form of a written grievance and submitted to the contest officials before the announcement of the winners, which will take place after the weigh-in and review of qualifying teams. Once the final decision of the contest officials is made, the decision stands.