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“VENADO MACHO” DEER CONTEST

2014-2015 RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Hunters must be licensed to hunt in the state of Texas or Mexico.
2. Entry fee will be $25.00. Eligible, participant must be registered in the “Venado Macho” Deer Contest **BEFORE** the animal is harvested.
3. A person may register personally or may be registered by another person. A person is considered registered the day that the entry fee is received by Freer Deer Camp.
4. All winners or their representative MUST attend the **“VENADO MACHO” DEER CONTEST AWARDS CEREMONY IN THE SPRING TO RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS.** Jackets will not be purchased for those not attending.
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 or Mexico, for Mexico entries.
6. Each participant must enter their own kill and the antlers must be attached to the body of a freshly killed whitetail deer or sufficient portion of the head, neck and cape of a freshly killed white tailed deer, or skull plate antlers within a seven day time period from time of kill. The participant must have killed the deer in the State of Texas with the only exception being Mexico entrants. Exception: If the participant is unable to bring his harvested animal in person, the animal will only be allowed if person transporting animal has properly completed Wildlife Resource Document (WRD) which includes signature, within the allowed seven day period. Animals killed on the last day must be entered no later than 7 PM of the second day after close of regular season 2014- 2015, and must have an entry registration stub. Scoring will be done during normal business hours.
7. For all animals other than bucks, killed on the last day of late antlerless-spike season, and must have an entry registration stub. Scoring will be done during normal business hours.
8. All animals must be scored by an official Freer Deer Camp, Inc. scorer. Official scorers are designated by Freer Deer Camp, Inc. Contest Committee.
9. Entries must be scored in Freer, Texas. At the official “VENADO MACHO” Deer Contest scoring headquarters of Freer Deer Camp, Inc.
10. Boone & Crocket scoring guidelines will be used to determine scores for all bucks.
11. The “VENDADO MACHO” Deer Contest will accept entries harvested from Special Land Management Permit areas. Dates accepted will be October 1-31, 2014, for categories pertaining to Special Land Management Permits. This will apply rifle, pistol and archery hunting. After regular hunting season has begun all Special Land Management Permit deer harvested will go into the OPEN DIVISION if there is a Tattoo or Tag in the ear(s). If a deer is brought in with an MLD TAG with NO CAPE, IT WILL go into the OPEN DIVISION. A Cape must be provided to prove there were no tags or tattoos.
12. All photographs and official score cards become the property of the “VENADO MACHO” Deer Contest, Freer Deer Camp, Inc., and may be used for future promotions.
13. Any tax obligation incurred as a result of prizes awarded herein will be the responsibility of the recipient of that prize.
14. The “Venado Macho” Deer Contest reserves the right to substitute prizes for other prizes of equal or greater value. Freer Deer Camp, Inc., and its committee prior the “Venado Macho” Deer Camp Contest will not be held responsible for prizes given by outside vendors/sponsors.
15. The “Venado Macho” Deer Contest Rules Committee has the right to declare any entry ineligible if it was not harvested legally or by fair chase or in accordance to the contest’s Rules and Regulations.
16. Winners may be asked to submit to a polygraph test to maintain the integrity of the contest.
17. The “Venado Macho” Contest Rules Committee reserves the right to re-score any entry. The rules committee has the right to reserve score decision.
18. All decisions of the Rules Committee of the “Venado Macho” Deer Contest are final.
19. Freer Deer Camp Reserves the right to refuse any entry at any given time.
20. Special Land Management (MLD) Division-Only deer taken during the Special Season before hunting season and after the regular season will be allowed in this category.
21. Mexico Division- All deer harvested in Mexico will remain in this category.
22. Open Division- All deer that have been handled by man or tagged will only be allowed in this category.
23. Best Hunting Video- All video’s must be submitted to the “Venado Macho” Contest Committee. It will be their discression as to whom the winner will be.
24. First Buck Categories- For Youth and Adults who have taken their first buck, either by bow or gun.

**\*\***All entrants will be responsible for proof of their “Venado Macho” entry.

\*\*All Pictures of Contest animals taken become property of the Freer Deer Camp & Sportsman Taxidermy, Inc. These pictures will be displayed on the Freer Deer Camp website [www.freerdeercamp.com](http://www.freerdeercamp.com) and other websites decided by “Venado Macho”

**\*\*The “Venado Macho” Deer Contest will officially end for each season on the last day of January.**

 Mexico divisions Rules & regulations

1. All before mentioned rules and regulations will remain in place for Mexico participants.
2. Each participant must register his/her white-tail antlers in person within 48 hours after close of the General White-tail season in Mexico or within 7 days of harvesting.
3. Winners will be based on full gross score, as recognized by the Boone & Crocket measuring system, except where otherwise noted no deducts from any kind will be taken from the animals gross score. No deductions will be made for non-typical points, lack, or symmetry, or in any other area considered a deduction by the Boone & Crocket scoring system.
4. Typical Meaning any deer with all normal points, Produced off the main beam, whether 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, points etc.
5. Non typical any deer with abnormal points, meaning any point that comes off of another horn on the main beam, a drop, kicker, etc.
6. A TIE for any buck category will be broken by netting gross score. TIES for all other categories will be given to the earliest entrant brought in for scoring.
7. ANY “IN VELVET” bucks entered will be subject to a 3% deduction in order to be entered in the contest. If the hunters chooses, he may have the velvet removed and will not be subject to the 3% deduction, however the velvet must be removed and the deer measured within seven days of the date the deer was harvested.
8. AN ENTERANT CAN BE A WINNER IN ONLY ONE CATEGORY WITH THE SAME ANIMAL. If a hunter should qualify to win an award in more than one category, the “Venado Macho” Deer Contest Committee, will choose which category his or her entry will be entered 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 given time during the contest. The contest committee will place all entrants in a category that provides the entrant the best opportunity to win.
9. “Tame” or “Pet” animals may not be entered into the contest even if the animal is free ranging. “Tame” or “Pet” refers to having been associated with humans to such a degree that they have lost their natural fear. Whether an animal is “Tame” or “pet” will be determined by the Freer Deer Camp, Inc. Committee.
10. No animal that has ever resided outside the State of Texas (or Mexico for the Mexico category) will be eligible for the contest. NO NORTHERN VARIETY DEER OF CROSS-BRED VARIETIES THEREOF WILL BE CONSIDERED LEGAL.
11. Any deer moved from its original conception point within the State of Texas must have been removed before April of its second year to its final destination where it was harvested. After April of its second year the animal can never be moved again and never contained IN AN AREA OF LESS THAN 640 ACRES TO QUALIFY FOR THE CONTEST.
12. IN ALL WEIGHT CATEGORIES, ANIMALS WILL BE WEIGHED “DRESSED”. “Dressed” is defined as the entire carcass with all entails removed, including the heart, liver, lungs, etc. ALL ANIMALS MUST BE WEIGHED AT THE OFFICIAL “VENADO MACHO” DEER CONTEST SCORING HEADQUARTERS IN FREER, TEXAS.
13. Animals killed by a bow/pistol are not restricted from other divisions/categories unless indicated.
14. FOR AN AREA TO BE CONSIDERED A LOW FENCED AREA, it may have at least a 1500 yard stretch of perimeter fence that does not have a 7-foot high fence, or any fence that could not be considered ‘captive” to white-tailed deer
15. All references to “Deer” refer to white-tailed deer only.

\*\* **All winners or representatives will be required to attend the Awards Ceremony in order to receive prizes. Nothing with winners name will be ordered if winner or representative is not attending.**

\*\* ALL ENTRANTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROOF OF OWN “VENADO MACHO” DEER CONTEST ENTRY.

\*\*ALL PICTURES OF CONTESTANT ANIMALS TAKEN BECOME THE PROPERTY OF FREER DEER CAMP & SPORTSMAN TAXIDERMY, INC. THESE PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE FREER DEEER CAMP WEBSITE. [www.freerdeercamp.com](http://www.freerdeercamp.com)

\*\* NO ENGRAVED ITEMS OR JACKETS WILL BE ORDERED UNLESS THE WINNERS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ATTENING THE AWARDS BANQUET IN APRIL. LETTERS OF NOTIFICATION TO ALL WINNERS ARE SENT OUT TWO WEEKS AFTER THE CLOSE OF DEER SEASON.