

Boars of Texas Competition Rules

Registration:

1. **Registration and payment must be received no later than February 3, 2017 at 5:00pm.**
2. You may register by:
 - a. Downloading your entry form, located on the home page of www.BoarsOfTexas.com, and mailing it, along with payment, to 1605 Mattie Lane, Caldwell, TX 77836.
 - b. Stopping by Homeyer Feed in Caldwell, TX **any day they are open**, Monday through Saturday, **from now until no later than Friday, February 3rd at 5:00pm.** This is an official drop off point for in-person entries and payment. Entry forms are also available on location if you didn't bring one.
 - c. Payment may be made through US Postal Money Order, Walmart's Moneygram service, Walmart to Walmart, Western Union, Cash, or Check, but **NO CHECKS mailed or accepted after January 23, 2017.**
3. Team members are NOT REQUIRED to be present for registration.
4. The registration fee is \$500 dollars per team, non-refundable, and it includes entry into the side pots for the Largest Boar, Largest Sow, and Longest Stringer.
5. Teams consist of 1-4 people and you cannot be a member of multiple teams.

Hunt Rules:

1. This year the Boars of Texas Hog Hunt will be a live hog weigh-in only.
2. This contest is open to all legal hunters utilizing dogs for the purpose of harvesting feral hogs while hunting within the state of Texas.
3. Hunters competing in the Boars of Texas Hog Hunt are not restricted to being Texas residents as long as they are hunting legally within Texas.
4. Hogs must be dog caught or bayed up at the time of being hand caught, and must not be roped, run over, or trapped first. Aircraft may not assist the team in any way.
5. Members of the team who are out hunting, must hunt together with one pack of dogs at a time. 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.
6. If a team member is no longer able to compete, substitutions cannot be made after 5pm on February 3rd.
7. Team members are the only ones permitted to actively participate in the hunt. Spectators can accompany as observers or to assist team members in retrieving TIED/HOBBLED HOGS ONLY.

8. 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.
9. Barr Hogs will not count in the main five hog stringer, but will be counted in the longest stringer side pot, so bring them in.
10. The contest will start on February 3, 2017 at 5:00pm and will end at weigh-in on Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 12:00pm (noon). You must be in line by then.
11. Weigh-in will be at the Burleson County Fairgrounds, located on Highway 36 South in Caldwell, TX from 9:00am - 12(noon) on Sunday, February 5th ONLY.
12. An official time keeper/end of line Judge will determine the close of weigh-in.
13. No hogs arriving after the close of weigh-in will be considered for the contest regardless of excuse, calling ahead, or any other unforeseeable circumstance. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
14. Hogs harvested outside of the official contest duration will not count.
15. All contestants must bring their hunting license to the weigh-in.
16. Placing teams are subject to lie detector examination and are responsible for their own ability to successfully complete such examination. Refusal of lie detector testing will result in the immediate disqualification of the team.
17. Any contestant found to be cheating, attempting to cheat, or in violation of any pertinent Texas Game Law, will cause the disqualification of the entire team and forfeiture of any and all entry fees, raffle or wild card chances, and any wild hogs which were weighed-in at the hunt. The perpetrator and/or team may also be banned from future contests. Wild card winners are also subject to lie detector examination.
18. **TO WIN.** The team with the greatest total weight of up to their five heaviest hogs over 100 pounds wins the main competition. You are not required to have a five hog stringer in order to weigh-in. It is possible to win the main competition with less than a full stringer. Bring in all hogs that you think will reach the minimum weight for chances at the side pots too.
19. The Team Captain must be present at weigh-in. The captain has the option of standing in the weigh-in area to witness his or her team's hogs being weighed, but please be courteous of the contest officials and the space they need to conduct the weigh-in.
20. **PAY OUT.** 1st place will be awarded \$5000, a set of buckles, a set of Wild Boar USA cut vests, cut collars, and leads. 2nd place will be awarded \$4000. 3rd place will be awarded \$3000. Included in your entry is a chance to win three additional side pots for Largest Boar (\$2500), Largest Sow (\$2500), and Longest Stringer (\$2500). If your team has turned in ANY QUALIFYING HOG(s), it will also receive a single red raffle ticket, to be turned in at the Boars of Texas table, for an additional **Wild Card** drawing in the amount of \$500. The Wild card will be drawn after the lie detector testing of placing teams - team member(s) must be present to win.

21. **BUT I DIDN'T CATCH ANYTHING.** If you have entered the contest and show up to the weigh-in, hogs or not, please check your team in at the weigh-in station, so that each of your team members may receive their free blue raffle ticket set. Take the portion with the space for your name (no need to fill it out) and turn it in at the Boars of Texas table for either a free Boars of Texas Hog Hunt cap or shirt (extra apparel may be purchased). You will then be automatically entered into the free hunter raffle for a chance to win additional prizes. The hunter raffle will take place after the awards and you must be present to win – some items may be raffled off during lie detector examinations.
22. **ALL HOGS MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION** to count. Good condition means each hog must be able to walk out of the trailer and across the scale under its own power.
23. **ALL HOGS** weighed in at the contest, will be considered property of the contest and loaded on a trailer for shipping.
24. In order to increase efficiency, please have your animals sorted prior to weigh-in. If you aren't unloading all of your hogs, have them segregated behind a secure gate and make sure you communicate this with the chute crew. We will not sort or reload your animals.
25. **HELPFUL TIPS.** Food and water should be provided to captive hogs, but any forced feeding, water pumping, or foreign objects added to increase weight will be considered cheating. When possible; try to get dogs off quickly, remove hobbles as soon as you can, keep hogs in a secure area away from extra stimulus so they can keep calm until weigh-in, and in some cases you may even want to keep more aggressive hogs separated to prevent added injuries due to fighting. You may treat wounds, but not with medications that interfere with the immediate slaughter and human consumption of the animal. Some of these suggested measures may be impractical, but anything you can do to help keep these hogs alive and stress free will only increase your chances of a good payday.
26. **TIES.** In the event of any tie, the team that checked in first will be given rank above the team it is tied with.
27. There will be no alcohol permitted and no display of weapons (guns or knives) on one's person on the weigh-in premises.
28. Dogs must be leashed, kenneled, uninjured, and have proof of current rabies shots to be allowed on the premises.
29. Anyone behaving in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner will be asked to leave.
30. 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.