



# New Mexico Big Buck Tournament



## Purpose

### Recognize:

- Quality New Mexico Whitetail and Mule Deer
- Outstanding Deer Management Ranches

### Provide:

- Harvest Data to Landowners/Managers and Hunters to be used to improve quality
- Educational Opportunities for Youth Development in Wildlife Management Area
- Contestants will receive a written account of antler score, age and weight with individual scorers' signature and witness.
- Sponsors will be recognized through signage on prizes and signs at Check Station
- Local media will be informed of the contest, updated with standings, and winners, sponsors and landowners at the closing of the contest.
- Promote economic impact to Grant County.

### Rules:

1. Entry Deadline: Postmarked or received one day prior to opening day of hunt.
2. Entry Fee: \$25.00 (make check payable to Grant County 4-H Council, 2610 N. Silver St., Silver City, NM 88061).
3. Deer must be legally harvested and tagged in any unit in the state of New Mexico **with cape attached showing evidence of shot wound** during Bow, Muzzleloader or Rifle seasons that start September 1, 2008 and end January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
4. Deer will be checked in at Edwards Taxidermy, **during daylight hours only**, and within **5 days of harvest**.
5. All game will be scored by an official scorer using the Safari Club International Scoring system.
6. Top placing animals will be rescored by a third party individual before prizes will be awarded.
7. If under 18 years of age as of January 1, 2009, parent and guardian must be present to claim prize.
8. If a youth shoots one of the top 5 deer, he will no longer be eligible for the youth prizes.
9. Any game animal left at the check station will be the responsibility of the contestant.
10. Mule Deer, Coues whitetail deer will be eligible for the contest.
11. Coues whitetail deer scores will be multiplied 1.76 the equivalent to mule deer.
12. Tie-breakers: 1<sup>st</sup> # of points, 2<sup>nd</sup> largest inside spread of main beams, 3<sup>rd</sup> total mass.
13. Winners will be subject to Polygraph test before prizes awarded.

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## **Proposed Prizes:**

1<sup>st</sup> - Arctic Cat ATV – 366 with camo cover

2<sup>nd</sup> – Edwards Taxidermy Full Shoulder Mount

3<sup>rd</sup> – Rifle

4<sup>th</sup> – Rangefinder

5<sup>th</sup> – Meat Processing from Paul Lott of Santa Clara, NM

## **Top Scoring Youth**

1<sup>st</sup> – Belt Buckle

2<sup>nd</sup> - Meat Processing from Paul Lott of Santa Clara, NM