



New Zealand Bowhunters Society

Big Game Claim Form

Animal

Use this form for all Big Game Animals, only claims on the official form will be accepted. Claims must be received by the Game Recording Officer **within 30 days** of the kill. All forms must have at least one witness. See rules of fair chase on back of form.

Type of Animal: _____ Sex: _____

Hunting Locality: _____

Date Shot: _____ Dressed Weight (Pigs only): _____ kg

If a Stag, number of points on antlers: Left _____ Right _____

Are antlers/tusks/horns available for official measuring? Yes No

At what distance was the animal first hit? _____ metres

How far did the animal travel after being hit? _____ metres

Where was the animal first hit? Heart Lung Spine Neck Head Liver

Other (state): _____

Did Broadhead pass completely through the animal? Yes No

If animal was dispatched other than with arrows specify: _____

Arrow Type: Carbon Aluminium Wood

Broadhead Type: _____ No. of cutting edges: _____

Bow Type: Compound Recurve Longbow

Bow Make and Model: _____ Draw Weight: _____ kg

Accessories Used: Sights Release Aid Peep Other (state): _____

APPLICANT:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Signature _____ I signify that this animal was taken according to the rules of fair chase on the back of this form

WITNESS 1:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Signature _____

WITNESS 2 (or sponsor for junior members)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Signature _____

OFFICE USE ONLY Date Received _____ Date Ratified by Committee _____

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Rules of Fair Chase – Big Game Animals

Game must not be restricted in any way that gives the bowhunter an unfair advantage (eg water, mud, snow, traps, snares, fences or yards). This includes Hunting Ranches or Safari Parks where the game is restricted.

Game must not be shot with the use of projected artificial light, such as spotlight or vehicle headlamps.

Game must not be shot from a power vehicle or boat or aircraft.

Game must not be taken with the use of a power vehicle, boat or aircraft for herding or driving or directing.

Game must not be protected, nor held in Game Reserves, Sanctuaries or Deer Farms.

Game must not have been bred in captivity.

The use of poison, exploding arrowheads, tranquillisers or the direct assistance of firearms is prohibited.

Young animals still reliant on their mothers are not to be taken.

Hunting with dogs is prohibited. However a dog may be used to find a lost animal and if found dead the animal can be claimed.

Game must not be taken under any condition considered by the NZBS Committee as unsportsmanlike.

No member to carry a bow in DoC Lands or National Parks, or any other reserves without a permit from the appropriate authority.

Code of Ethics and Game Award rules apply at all times.

Record Book

To be eligible for the Record Book all trophies must be claimed on the appropriate claim form with all details filled in and at least one witness. Note that this applies to all entries including Goats. The claim must be ratified by the NZBS Committee before the trophy is eligible to be entered.

The Record Book will contain the details of the top ten trophies for each Big Game animal species recognised by the NZBS (except Wallabies) and for Goats. Where there are less than ten for any particular species the trophy must meet the following requirements for inclusion: Deer – at least 2 pts per antler (ie spikers excluded). Douglas score measurement rules will be used for all Record Book entries as per Rules 1.8.

All entries must be presented in a clean and acceptable condition at the first NZBS Tournament after the claim has been passed by the Committee. However the actual measurement may be done prior to the Tournament if authorised by the Committee (eg when the trophy is to be mounted).

Where the Record Book or game trophy entries (antlers horns & tusks) fail to reach the Tournament due to unforeseen circumstances such as shipping/airline breakdown or strike, the AGM has the power to accept these entries. This only applies if a genuine effort has been made to get the entries to the Tournament.

The Record Book will be updated each year immediately after the Tournament and the changes notified to the next Committee meeting and noted in the minutes.

Photographs of the trophy are compulsory for the Record Book. These may be taken at any time (eg when the Trophy is on display at the Tournament) but every effort should be made to provide photographs of the game animal itself.