

CENTRAL DEWITT COUNTY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
2025-2026 BUCK CONTEST RULES

1. Eligible Properties:
 - a. Bucks must be harvested on property enrolled in the Central DeWitt County Wildlife Management Association. It is the hunter's responsibility to ensure the property hunted is enrolled and dues are current.
 - b. Entries from all contest divisions must be taken on low fence, free range properties. High fences are not allowed. Properties with high fences on more than two sides of property, regardless of the condition of the fence, are also not allowed. If a contestant is uncertain if his property qualifies as a low fence, free range property, the Association Officers must reach a unanimous agreement concerning the property prior to the contest deadline.
2. Eligible Hunters: Any hunter that has completed an entry form and paid entry fees by the appropriate deadline. CDCWMA membership is not required if hunting on a CDCWMA mapped property.
3. Division Specific Rules (see entry form for CDCWMA definition of Youth Contestant):
 - a. Archery: Bucks must be harvested on low fence, free range properties with a bow and arrow:
 - i. During the Archery Season or during the General Season.
 - ii. For the purposes of the CDCWMA Buck Contest, bow and arrow is defined as compound bows, longbows, crossbows, or recurve bows.
 - b. General: Buck must be harvested on low fence, free range properties with a firearm:
 - i. During General Season
 - ii. For the purposes of the CDCWMA Buck Contest, firearms are any legal firearm listed in the TPWD Hunting Annual under Legal Means - Firearms
 - c. Youth: Youth hunters compete in the Youth category unless they are using a bow only (see above 3.a Archery). Youth hunters participate in the General Season and are allowed to use any legal firearm to harvest a buck appropriate for the Season and as defined by TPWD. Entries are not allowed from any late Youth season.
 - d. Wild Hog: Wild Hogs must be taken from February 17, 2025 through Feb 19, 2026 by any legal means. Retain a tail from each hog harvested and present them frozen or in a refrigerated state at the Awards Banquet. Open to any member, their immediate family, or participant in Buck Contest under the Youth, Archery, or General Divisions. Prizes will be awarded based on the quantity of hogs entered per contestant.
4. Spike Buck Drawing: A Spike Buck is entered in lieu of an entry in the Archery or Rifle Division. All Spike Buck entries will be put into a random drawing for the prize. A Spike Buck is defined as a legal buck with at least one unbranched antler. Two spikes can be entered. Each Spike must be brought to the awards ceremony to be entered in the drawing.
5. No Buck Drawing: Contestants who entered the Buck Contest attending the **Awards Banquet (Feb 21)** that did not harvest a buck deer in DeWitt County will be placed in a special drawing.
6. Entry Fees: A contestant may enter more than one Division (Archery or General); however, there is a \$20.00 entry fee for each division (except Wild Hog), and a contestant can claim **ONLY ONE PRIZE FROM THE ARCHERY OR GENERAL DIVISION**. Make checks payable to the Central DeWitt County Wildlife Management Association.
7. Entry Form Deadlines: Entries must be postmarked no later than the day prior to the start date of each season:
 - a. Youth October 24, 2025
 - b. Archery: September 26, 2025
 - c. General: October 31, 2025
 - d. Youth Bow September 26, 2025
8. Submitting Your Entry Form: Entries are accepted via USPS to: CDCWMA, PO Box 776, Cuero, TX 77954
9. Scoring Buck Entries:
 - a. Notification of the Association of a harvested animal for scoring will require that an email be sent to cdcwma@gmail.com within 72 hours of the Harvest of an Animal. Designation of Youth, Archery or General will be provided to the association at that time along with the number of points in excess of 1" long and the inside beam measurement. Additionally within the 72 hour period, a photograph of the deer and hunter must be submitted, **NO EXCEPTIONS**, to the association so that it can be posted on the CDCWMA website and Facebook. Dates will be arranged for official scoring of the antlers at a location central to the Cuero area. Jaw bones must be present at the time of the scoring without exception. Hunting license must be shown at time of measurement to verify date of kill and CDCWMA property name the deer was taken on. All scoring of antlers and final tabulation of the winners will be completed on the 11th day following the end of the General Gun Season. (This excludes muzzle loading and extended youth.) Not applicable to spike buck deer.
 - b. Bucks must be scored, as directed by the Contest Committee, within 10 days of the close of the General Season.
 - c. Bucks will be scored by a combination of the Gross Boone and Crockett Score with points added or deducted for age as follows:

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3.5	-5
4.5	0
5.5	+5
6.5+	+10

10. Claiming Prizes: Antlers must be present at the awards ceremony to place in the Divisions or Drawings and receive prize (No Exceptions). Antlers must be clean and odor free!