

Central Dewitt County Wildlife Management Association 2026-2027 Big Buck Contest Awards



1. "Youth" is defined by the CDCWMA as any participant 16 years of age or younger on Oct 30, 2026. Any participant 17 years of age or older on Oct 30, 2026 will be in the adult divisions.
2. General Archery Contest is for Compound Bow, Longbow, or Recurve Bow. Crossbow Contest is crossbow only!
3. General Contest is for GUNS! For the purpose of this contest, firearms are any legal firearm listed in the TPWD Hunting Annual
4. There are men's and women's divisions for the general division with identical awards.
5. Because this is a big buck contest and there are so many potential awards, a total score cutoff has been established at no less than 100 contest points (gross B&C +age adjustment)
6. Make your check payable to: CDCWMA PO Box 776 Cuero, TX 77954
7. Entry Form Deadlines: Entries must be postmarked no later than the day prior to the start date of each season:

a. Youth	October 29, 2026	b. Both Archery: October 2, 2026
c. General:	November 6, 2026	d. Youth Bow October 2, 2026
8. Archery bucks can be entered during archery season as well as the general (gun) season.
9. Youth bucks taken in the late youth season are not eligible. Early youth season is eligible.
10. Eligible Properties: 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.
11. 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.

12. 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/her 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.
13. No Buck Drawing: Contestants who entered the Buck Contest attending the Awards Banquet (Saturday Feb 20,2027) that did not harvest a buck deer in DeWitt County will be placed in a special drawing.
14. 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.
15. ONLY ONE buck may be entered in the contest and only one PRIZE FROM THE ARCHERY OR GENERAL DIVISION.
16. 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.
17. Bucks must be scored, as directed by the Contest Committee, within 10 days of the close of the General Season.
18. Bucks will be scored by a combination of the Gross Boone and Crockett Score with points added or deducted for age as follows: (NEW!!)

Age	Points +/-\
3.5	-10
4.5	-5
5.5	0
6.5+	+5

19. 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!

AWARDS BANQUET IS AT CUERO VFW HALL ON SAT, FEB 20

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM MEAL AT 6 PM AWARDS AFTER MEAL