

# Tu-Mile Sportsmen's Association

## Big Buck Contest

### Rules and Regulations

**CONTEST:** Registration begins September 15, 2026  
Contest ends January 18, 2027 at 12:00 AM

### **MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION**

1. You must harvest your animal in Walker, Madison, Grimes, Trinity, Polk, Houston or Montgomery County.
2. In store or mailed Registration is \$25.00 per hunter, including youth.  
One youth registration is free with a registered adult
3. Online Registration is \$40.00 per hunter, including youth.  
One youth registration is free with a registered adult.
4. All participants must register for the Tu-Mile Big Buck Contest **BEFORE** harvesting their animal in order to be eligible for the contest. **Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS.**
5. A hunter is considered registered for the Tu-Mile Big Buck Contest at the exact time that payment is received online, in person, or when mail is received.
6. All registered hunters are eligible to win only **one** category per animal harvested and a county. Hunter may select the category they wish to enter when the animal is presented. Additional animals are eligible to qualify the hunter in all categories. A hunter can enter as many animals as they want but they must have paid a registration fee for each animal entered.
7. All registered hunters must comply with the rules and regulations set forth by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
8. A hunter must have a valid Texas hunting license.

### **SCORING**

1. Scoring will be done at Walker County Ace Hardware, 1006 11<sup>th</sup> Street, in Huntsville.

Monday 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon

Tuesday thru Friday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM-3:00 PM

**Please call ahead to let them know you are coming..... 936-295-7751**

2. In the event that a registered hunter is unable to bring their animal to the Tu-Mile/Walker County Ace Hardware headquarters to be scored, scoresheets from a certified TBGA scorer will be accepted. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PAPERWORK IN A TIMELY MANNER. SCORESHEETS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE CONTEST HAS ENDED ON January 18, 2027 at 12:00 AM.

3. In the event that a faxed or emailed scoresheet is questionable, Tu-Mile Sportsmen's Association reserves the right to request that the hunter's deer be brought to the Tu-Mile/Walker County Ace Hardware headquarters to be re-scored by one of our own scorers.

4. In the event that a harvested animal is in question, Landowners or Biologists may be asked to sign and provide verification that the deer entered in the Tu-Mile Big Buck Contest is a native whitetail deer, was not at any time involved in a breeding program, or subsequently released.

5. All scoresheets and photographs of registered entries and their animal become property of the Tu-Mile Sportsmen's Association Big Buck Contest, and may be used for future promotions and/or advertisements.

### **WINNERS**

1. At the end of the contest, hunters will be declared winners once all score sheets and categories have been reviewed and finalized. An announcement will be made via website/social media that the contest has been finalized and which hunter is declared a winner.

2. Tu-Mile Sportsmen's Association reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value.

3. All shipping cost will be paid by the winner in the event they cannot attend the Tu-Mile Big Buck Contest award ceremony. We strongly encourage all winners to attend the award ceremony or have someone there to accept on their behalf.

4. Winners have 90 days from the date of the award ceremony to pick up their prizes.

5. At the discretion of the contest officials, any participant may be required to take a polygraph test if a possible rule violation is suspected.

## CONTEST

1. Points must be a minimum of one inch (1") in length.
2. The spread is determined by measuring the inside width of the main beams.
3. Trapped, penned, brood, or tagged bucks are not eligible for High Fence, Low Fence, Archery, Ladies, County, or Youth Divisions. A buck with a tattoo or an ear piercing from a tag are not eligible.
4. Skull mounts will not be accepted.
5. In the event of a tie, Tu-Mile Sportsmen's Association will provide prizes for each entry.

## DIVISIONS

Youth Division is for youth 16 and younger as of September 15, 2026. All youth participants will automatically be register for a special youth gun drawing. Buck must be taken under low fence. A youth must compete in the Youth Division Only but can win their county.

**All registered youth will automatically be entered in a youth gun drawing.**

**Youth Big Buck**-(Boy and Girl) largest gross scoring buck submitted by a youth

**Youth First Buck**-(Boy and Girl) largest gross scoring buck that is the youth's first buck

**Youth Largest Spike**

**Youth Widest Spread**

**Youth Longest Tine**

**Youth Longest Main Beam**

**Youth Freak Horns**

Archery Division is open to any age hunter that harvest an animal with a compound bow or a re-curve bow Any animal harvested with a crossbow will be placed in the rifle division. Buck must be taken on low fence property.

**Archery-Largest Buck**-payout to top entry only

**High Fence Division** is open to any hunter harvesting a deer by rifle or bow on property surrounded by a high fence. The buck is not eligible if it was trapped, penned, a brood sire, or has a tattoo or ear piercing from a breeder tag. **The buck must have been born and matured on the property it is harvested from.**

**High Fence-Largest Buck**-payout out to top entry only

**Low Fence Division** is open to any hunter, male or female, harvesting a deer by rifle or bow on any property that is not surrounded by a high fence.

**Low Fence-Largest Buck**-payout to top entry only

**Best 8-Point Buck**-payout to top entry only

**Best 10-Point Buck**-payout to top entry only

**Ladies Division:** is open to any female hunter over the age of 16, as of September 15, 2026, And harvest a deer by rifle or bow on property that is not surrounded by a high fence.

**Ladies Division**-payout to top entry only

**County Division** is open to all hunters, male or female, that hunt in Walker, Grimes, Madison, Trinity, Houston, Polk, or Montgomery County. Winner will be the hunter that harvest the highest gross scoring buck in each county under low fence surroundings. **These winners may also win one other Division with the same buck.**

**Walker County-Largest Buck**

**Montgomery County-Largest Buck**

**Madison County-Largest Buck**

**Grimes County-Largest Buck**

**Houston County-Largest Buck**

**Trinity County-Largest Buck**

**Polk County-Largest Buck**

## **PRIZES**

1. All division winner - will receive prizes as provided with the registration packet
2. Winner will be paid for the top entry in the Archery, High Fence, Low Fence (all three Sub- divisions) and Ladies Division.

First Place- \$500.00 each

County winners will receive \$500.00

The youth winners will receive a \$500.00 gift certificate to Able Ammo to select the firearm of their choice.

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**2026-27 Registration**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If Youth: Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Each entry is for one harvested animal....you must have a entry for every animal you intend to enter in the contest if you plan to enter more than one harvested animal.**

I certify that I have read the rules of the Tu-Mile Sportsmen's Association Big Buck Contest, that I will abide by those rules, and that I will be honest in every aspect of my participation in this sporting contest.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter: \_\_\_\_\_

In Person: Walker County Hardware 1006 11<sup>th</sup> Street Huntsville

Online Registration: [www.tumilesportsmen.com](http://www.tumilesportsmen.com)

Mail Registration: Tu-Mile Sportsmen's 516 Elkins Lake Huntsville, TX 77340

Office use: In Person(\$25 ea) \_\_\_\_\_ Online(\$40 ea.) \_\_\_\_\_ Mail(\$25 ea.) \_\_\_\_\_

Paid: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Number of entries paid for \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_