



86th ANNUAL VPSA VIRGINIA BIG GAME CONTEST - RULES



1. Each entry is \$20. VPSA Members receive 3 free entries. Must have been a member at time of harvest. All historical entries are charged a \$20 registration fee (including VPSA members).
2. Will hold 4 contests with the following categories. VPSA members only, Eastern Regional, Western Regional and Virginia State Championship. Trophies and awards will be given for each category for each of the 4 contests. Each entry must have a valid DWR confirmation number to be entered.

3. Overall Categories include:

CLASS 1-GUN - 12 POINTS & ABOVE

CLASS 2-GUN - 9, 10, 11 POINTS

CLASS 3-GUN - 7 & 8 POINTS

CLASS 4-6 POINTS & UNDER

CLASS 5-ARCHERY-12 POINTS & ABOVE

CLASS 6-ARCHERY-9, 10, 11 POINTS

CLASS 7-ARCHERY-7 & 8 POINTS

CLASS 8-ARCHERY-6 POINTS & UNDER

CLASS 9-BLACK POWDER-12 POINTS+

CLASS 10-BLACK POWDER-9, 10, 11 POINTS

CLASS 11-BLACK POWDER-7 & 8 POINTS

CLASS 12-BLACK POWDER-6 PTS & UNDER

****Archery and crossbow are in the same class, all other weapons fall into the gun class except black powder****

4. **BLACK BEAR:** One class – We encourage bear mounts but must have bear skull to be entered.
5. **WILD TURKEY:** One class, **NO FROZEN ENTRIES**. We encourage turkey mounts but must have turkey feet, beard, and weight card to be entered. ****Note beginning in 2025 turkeys can be self-certified, but a weight card must accompany the turkey and be signed by the hunter and a witness, it is recommended that any turkey weighing more than 21 pounds be weighed on a certified scale****
6. **YOUTH CLASS:** One class for Deer, Bear, and Turkey. Hunter must be UNDER 16 YEARS of age at time of harvest. All youth entries are automatically entered into the Overall Contest Categories.
7. **WOMEN'S CLASS:** One class for Deer, Bear, and Turkey. Hunter must be female on birth certificate. All Women's Class entries are automatically entered into the Overall Contest Categories.
8. **HISTORICAL CATEGORY:** VPSA will issue certificates with scores for the historical category. No DWR confirmation numbers are required for this category.
9. **VPSA/DWR VIRGINIA BIG GAME CITATIONS:** VPSA and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources will award citations with minimum scores: Bear = 20, Deer = 140, and Turkey = 50.
10. **PREREGISTRATION:** Recommended and encouraged. Preregistration begins on 01 JULY 2025 and ENDS on 25 JULY 2024. Preregistration is not mandatory as you can still register in person the day of the event. Onsite Registration will be open Friday August 1st from 12-6 PM and Saturday August 2nd from 9-4 PM. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4PM on August 2nd.**
11. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Entries must have been bagged in Virginia with legal sporting equipment during the 2024-2025 season. Historical entries must also be from Virginia and can be from any year.
12. **DETERMINING SCORE:** The VIRGINIA SCORING SYSTEM will be used with antler measurements for deer, skull measurements (including lower jawbone) for bear, and spur, beard, and weight measurements for turkey.
13. Any violation of these rules, any wrongdoing, or any appearance of wrongdoing will result in your disqualification from the contest. Legal issues will be referred to the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Law Enforcement for further investigation.

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NO EXCEPTION TO ANY OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS.

