



New Zealand Bowhunters Society

Big Game Claim Form

Animal

Use this form for all big game animals and for goats and wild sheep that may be eligible for the record book. 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 and a photograph is mandatory for record book applications. See rules of fair chase on back of form.

Type of Animal: _____ Sex: _____

Hunting Locality: _____

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

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

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

(only required for annual DOC Trophy entries
or for Red deer big game awards)

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 or _____ lb

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 shot with the use of night vision optics, thermal imaging equipment or unmanned aerial vehicles (drones)

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 this claim form with all details filled in and at least one witness. Note that this applies to all entries including goats and wild sheep. 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 and wild sheep.

Douglas score measurement rules will be used for all record book entries as per rules 1.8 in our constitution.

All entries must be presented in a clean and acceptable condition at an 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).

For Douglas score measurement, antlers must be attached to the full upper skull and pig tusks must be drawn.

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.

DOC Permit Number

This is only required for entries in the annual DOC Trophy competition for best deer, or for those wishing to claim a big game award for a Red deer shot on public conservation land.

Send all claim forms to:

NZBS Game Recording Officer, Dave Gousmett, PO Box 11277, Ellerslie, Auckland 1542

or email them through our website: <http://www.nzbhunters.co.nz>