

HUNTER CHECKLIST
For Trophy submittal to the Longhunter Record Book

*The Longhunter Muzzleloading Record Book is open to all interested hunters. Animals must be taken by muzzleloading guns under rules of fair chase during legal hunting seasons. **The Longhunter reserves the right to reject any trophy that fails to fully satisfy entry requirements.***

1. If you feel you have taken a trophy animal with a muzzleloader, a 60 day (after date of kill) drying period is required before the trophy can be officially measured.
2. Trophy entries are scored using the Boone & Crockett Club copyrighted official scoring system for North American big game trophies. Interested hunters are encouraged to make preliminary measurements of their trophies by the use of a score chart and a 1/4 inch wide flexible steel measuring tape to determine if an official entry measurement is warranted.

Cougar and bear trophies must be completely clean and dry before official measurements can be taken.(See skull preparation on back of scoring sheet for these species).
3. Should preliminary measurements show that the trophy is above or near the minimum score, the trophy should be submitted to an official Longhunter measurer for an official trophy scoring. Measurers are located throughout the United States and Canada. A list of measurers is available from the Longhunter and is included in the hunter trophy packet.
4. Make an appointment with an official Longhunter measurer at the measurer's convenience. Take the trophy to the measurer at the agreed time (please understand that measurers are devoted to trophy scoring and record keeping but are also volunteers, so their time is both scarce and valuable). Accurate trophy measurement may take the measurer hours to accomplish. **Please be prepared to leave your trophy with the measurer** in order to allow adequate time to complete the measurement and scoring.
5. If the official Longhunter measurer determines that you do have a trophy that makes the Longhunter Record Book minimum requirements, sign the Longhunter fair chase statement (**your signature must be witnessed by the measurer or a notary**). The Longhunter Field Report/Hunter information sheet must be filled out completely also. Failure to complete these forms will result in the rejection or delay of your trophy application to the Longhunter for the record book.
6. Each Trophy application must be accompanied by a minimum of **three(3) photos: trophy front view and trophy right and left side views. All cougar and bear skulls must have four(4) photos of clean skull: top, front, right and left side views.** Black and white or color photos are acceptable **NO SLIDES** are accepted. Photos must be clear and close-up of all angles (see photo tips below).
7. Mail the completed application to the Longhunter (please make copies of #3 and #4 below for the measure's files). All trophy applications must include:

1. Original copy of official score chart (scored and signed by a Longhunter measurer).
 2. Completed Longhunter Field Report/ Hunt information Sheet
 3. Signed and witnessed Longhunter Fair Chase Statement(must be witnessed by measurer or notary).
 4. Photos (**no slides**) of trophy' front, left and right sides. Bear and Cougar entries must have photos of clean dry skull from top, front, right and left sides.
 5. A copy of your hunting license and game check tag.
 6. Application fee of \$25 US funds (Visa, MC and Discover cards are accepted.)
8. Once the application comes to the Longhunter, it will be checked for completeness, accuracy, classification, and boundaries. An acknowledgment letter will be sent to the hunter upon receipt of the application. The process of checking the entry can sometimes be lengthy. If additional information is needed or any questions arise concerning the entry the applicant will be notified. When the trophy is approved the hunter will be sent a trophy certificate.

Thank you for your interest in The Longhunter Muzzleloading Big Game Record Book Program.

TROPHY PHOTO TIPS

1. Photos need to be clear and close-up of all three(3) angles,(four photos for bear and cougar skulls). All photos must be of such clarity The Longhunter record examiners can make an accurate point count from the photos or identify any abnormal or non-typical points as well as other trophy measurement considerations not reflected on the score chart.
2. Proper backgrounds enhance the trophy photos. Light backgrounds highlight horns and antlers, while skulls stand out against tan backgrounds. A photo o a skull being held by a hand is **useless**.
3. Cougar and bear skulls need to fill up the entire frame. A forty five degree angle from above the skull is best when taking the front view of the skull.