



CIC Trophy Measuring Rules and Regulations

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Article 1 - Trophies

- 1.1. Hunting trophies within species-specific socio-biological limits are the result of sound and sustainable wildlife management and evolutionary processes. The **International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC)** considers hunting trophies as indicators of healthy and well-structured wildlife populations and the diversity of adaptive gene pools within these populations.
- 1.2. Trophies are defined as the antlers, horns, tusks, skulls, skins, furs etc. of game species which occur in a wild state as part of self-sustaining populations. Trophies in the context of the **CIC Trophy Evaluation System (TES)®** are defined as:
 - 1.2.1. The horns and antlers of *Cervidae*, *Bovidae*, *Antilocapridae*, *Rhinocerotidae*;
 - 1.2.2. The tusks of *Suidae*, *Tayasuidae*, *Elephantidae*, *Hippopotamidae*, *Moschidae*, *Tragulidae*, *Odobenidae*;
 - 1.2.3. The skulls and skins of certain *Felidea*, *Ursoidea*, *Canidae*, *Castoridae*.
- 1.3. A trophy is a complex structure with several objective three-dimensional and subjective aesthetic traits. The CIC recognizes that neither measurements (linear, volume and mass) nor subjective assessments of colour and shape fully express the complexity of species-specific and biologically significant attributes. Hence, the **TES** excludes only atypically malformed trophies from scoring.

Article 2 - Organization

- 2.1. The **CIC Trophy Evaluation Board (TEB)**[®] is part of the **CIC Division Applied Science** and cooperates and coordinates its work with CIC Headquarters, National CIC Delegations, CIC Coordination Forums, official National Hunting Associations and National Trophy Evaluation Associations registered with the CIC.
- 2.2. The core members of the **TEB** are **Senior International Trophy Judges (SITJ)**[®]. The **SITJ** are persons who have demonstrated considerable and exceptional knowledge in trophy evaluation and the **TES**. Only CIC experts, experts of CIC Delegations, and CIC members in good standing, including individual members and official representatives of other categories of CIC membership except sponsor members can be appointed to this office by the **CIC Executive Committee** upon proposal from National CIC Delegations, National Hunting Associations or National Trophy Evaluation Associations. Such nominations must be substantiated by the proposing body. The **SITJ** are appointed for a period of six years, which may be extended at the discretion of the **CIC Executive Committee**.
- 2.3. The **TEB** consists of all **SITJ**. The CIC division presidents and a representative of the CIC Headquarters are *ex-officio* members. The **TEB** may co-opt qualified scientists on a permanent or project related basis. The **TEB** elects two co-chairs for a period of three years, which can be extended if the majority of the **TEB** so decides.
- 2.4. The **TEB** may appoint **National Trophy Evaluation Boards (NTEB)**[®] upon proposal of the National CIC Delegation. The **TEB** may also appoint qualified CIC members as **National Trophy Evaluation Representatives (NTER)**[®] in countries without an established CIC delegation.
- 2.5. The National CIC Delegations, the National Hunting Associations or the National Measuring Associations may recommend the appointment of qualified individuals as **Certified CIC Measurers**[®] and will ensure and stand responsible that such candidates are familiar with and adhere to the CIC Trophy Measuring Rules and Regulations and the measuring instructions published by the CIC. The **TEB** will appoint these recommended individuals as **Certified CIC Measurers**[®].

The **TEB** appoints other individuals as **Certified CIC Measurers**[®] after they have successfully participated in a CIC-approved training course according to the CIC Trophy Measuring Rules and Regulations and the measuring instructions published by the CIC.

- 2.5.1. **Certified CIC Measurers**[®] are appointed for a period of 3 years which may be extended for periods of 3 years at the discretion of the **TEB** or upon proposal of the national entity;
- 2.5.2. The certification covers all or a restricted number of trophy categories, depending on the training and experience of the measurer to be certified;
- 2.5.3. Each **Certified CIC Measurer**[®] receives a credit card size identification card, valid for three years, and issued by the CIC Headquarters against a payment of a fee of 50 Euro.
- 2.5.4. **Certified CIC Measurers**[®] must keep current about the valid CIC trophy evaluation methods. The **TEB**, when needed in cooperation with the national entity, may require participation in refresher training courses from time to time;
- 2.5.5. **Certified CIC Measurers**[®] cannot act for and on behalf of the CIC without appropriate written authorization;
- 2.5.6. The **CIC Headquarters** maintain a current register with full contact details of all **SITJ** and **Certified CIC Measurers**[®]. This list is published on the CIC website.

- 2.5.7. **Certified CIC Measurers®** should be, but do not have to be a member of the CIC. If not a CIC member, a certified measurer must be a member in good standing of a national hunting association which holds a full and current CIC membership.

2.6. Tasks of Certified CIC Measurers® and Senior International Trophy Judges®

- 2.6.1. Only individuals with a current valid appointment as a **SITJ** in accordance with paragraph 2.2, or as a certified measurer in accordance with paragraph 2.5, may evaluate trophies on behalf of the CIC.
- 2.6.2. Trophy evaluation may be done individually with appropriate assistance or in a team. Trophies which potentially qualify within the top 5 per cent of a trophy category at national level require measurement by a team of at least two **Certified CIC Measurers®**, one preferably being a **SITJ**;
- 2.6.3. A panel of at least three **SITJ** of different nationality and nominated by the **TEB** will mediate in any dispute. The findings of this panel are final;
- 2.6.4. The **SITJ** and **Certified CIC Measurers®** may not charge any fees for evaluation of trophies; however, they are entitled to be reimbursed for travel and other reasonable expenses.
- 2.7. Contraventions of the **Statutes of the CIC®**, the valid **CIC Trophy Measuring Rules & Regulations®** and instructions from the **TEB**, as well as convictions of violations of legally binding national and/or international hunting and wildlife regulations may result in the immediate loss of **Certified CIC Measurer®** status. Any actions, behaviour or public statements by a **SITJ** or certified measurer which in the opinion of the **TEB** is likely to bring the CIC itself, or the CIC system of trophy measurement, into disrepute will also cause the immediate loss of **SITJ** or **Certified CIC Measurer®** status.

Article 3 - Tasks of the CIC Trophy Evaluation Board (TEB)

- 3.1. The CIC Executive Committee assigns the supervision and administration of the correct and authorized use of the **TES** as well as the training and certification of **Certified CIC Measurers®** at international and national levels to the **TEB**.
- 3.2. The **TEB** duly considers emerging new knowledge and changing circumstances and may adapt systems and interpretations in accordance with the Statutes of the CIC.
- 3.3. The **TEB** creates and maintains standard CIC-authorized training and testing material to safeguard the proper training of **Certified CIC Measurers®**. The **CIC Manual on Trophy Measuring®** (formerly CIC Red Book) is the official manual describing the measurement methods. This manual is currently under extensive editorial revision and will be published in 2013 in the official CIC languages.
- 3.4. The **TEB** selects and appoints qualified CIC Training Experts.
- 3.5. CIC training and certification courses are organized by the **TEB** in cooperation with the respective national CIC Delegation or National Hunting or Measuring Association(s);
- 3.5.1. Training and certification courses are subject to a participation fee determined by the organizer in cooperation with the national CIC Delegation or National Hunting or Measuring Association. Training materials are available in four official CIC languages at a reasonable price from CIC Headquarters.
- 3.5.2. The CIC Training Experts who conduct the training will be remunerated by the organizer; this includes travel, accommodation and subsistence as well as honorarium.

- 3.6. The **TEB** will cooperate with an appropriate scientific institution to establish and administer a **Central CIC Trophy Data Base (CTDB)**® with English as principal language.
- 3.6.1. The **TEB** will endeavour to incorporate important historic trophy data, especially all eligible Gold Medal trophies and exceptional historical trophies in the **CTDB**.
- 3.6.2. All **Certified CIC Measurers**® will periodically send copies of all score sheets for trophies achieving **CIC Gold Medal Level** to the **CTDB**.
- 3.6.3. The **TEB** delegates the collection and management of data for endemic species listed hereafter to the respective national CIC Delegations or other appropriate National Entities. The appointees will provide the **CTDB** annually with an electronic list of gold medal trophies evaluated during the period. The lists must include all measured parameters and the total CIC point value.
- 3.6.3.1. **CIC Delegation Spain:** Spanish Red Deer, Andalusian Roebuck, Cantabrian Chamois, Pyrenean Chamois (Spanish populations), Spanish Ibex
- 3.6.3.2. **CIC Delegation France:** Pyrenean Chamois (French populations)
- 3.6.3.3. **CIC Delegation United Kingdom:** Scottish Red Deer, Muntjak (UK populations) and Chinese Waterdeer (UK populations)
- 3.6.3.4. **CIC Delegation Norway:** Atlantic Red Deer
- 3.6.3.5. **CIC Delegation Sweden:** Swedish Red Deer
- 3.6.3.6. **CIC Delegation Romania:** Carpathian Red Deer, Carpathian Chamois
- 3.6.3.7. **CIC Delegation Russian Federation:** Kuban Tur, Daghestan Tur, Isubr Red Deer, Yakut Moose, Kolyma Moose, Ussuri Moose, Snow Sheep

Article 4 - Medals, Award Certificates and Fees

- 4.1. The national CIC Delegations and/or national hunting associations will determine according to their national traditions and customs, whether they will introduce and/or continue awarding **National CIC medals (bronze, silver and gold)** and/or **National CIC certificates**. The award criteria (point values) for each category are stipulated in the new edition of the **CIC Manual on Trophy Measuring**® which will be published in 2013.
- 4.2. All **National CIC Awards** are produced and distributed on own account and under exclusive responsibility (content and cost) of the national CIC Delegations and/or National Hunting or Measuring Associations. National medals and certificates will be designed nationally and may feature the official CIC Logo and a national logo. Whenever the CIC logo and name are used, their usage is subject to conditions as defined by the CIC Headquarters; designs must be deposited with the CIC Headquarters.
- 4.3. Starting 1st January 2013 trophies of Gold Medal Level can only be entered in the **CTDB** if the numbered **CIC Trophy Evaluation Chart**® is completed, signed and dated by one or more **Certified CIC Measurer(s)**®. Blocks of numbered **CIC Trophy Evaluation Charts** are available from the **CIC Headquarters** at a nominal cost or the **CIC Trophy Evaluation Chart**® may be downloaded from the CIC website; in this case the **CIC Headquarters** assigns a number or numbers.
- 4.4. **International Gold Medals and Certificates** will be awarded for trophies of at least CIC Gold Medal standard in the respective category. A copy of the fully completed CIC Trophy Evaluation Chart must accompany the

application. These awards will be presented by the **TEB UPON APPLICATION of the trophy owner. The International CIC Awards are subject to a fee of Euro 150 payable in advance to the CIC Headquarters.**

- 4.5. The CIC Executive Committee in cooperation with the **TEB** may from time to time award truly exceptional trophies with a **CIC Grand Prix® Medal and Certificate**. A potential CIC Grand Prix trophy needs to be reassessed by a panel of at least three **SITJ** of different nationalities. The point value determined by this panel is final. This award will be presented at the discretion of the CIC during a suitable international event.

Article 5 - CIC Patronage at Exhibitions

- 5.1. The purpose of national and international hunting exhibitions is to create common ground between hunters, scientists and members of the general public. These exhibitions should demonstrate the benefits of sustainable hunting; hunting trophies should be shown as an integral part of incentive-driven-conservation and sustainable management of wildlife species within the appropriate ecological and cultural contexts.
- 5.2. The CIC Executive Committee may grant CIC Patronage of exhibitions or similar events upon written application by the exhibition organizer. The application has to be endorsed by the CIC National Delegation.
- 5.3. The CIC Executive Committee will determine the fees for the CIC Patronage.

Article 6 - Fair Chase

- 6.1. It is the understanding of the CIC that hunting involves the regulated harvest of individual wild living animals under free range conditions in a manner that conserves, protects and perpetuates the population-genetic characteristics of hunted wildlife populations. It is further understood that respect is shown for the local traditions and customs and that individual hunter behaviour reflects favourably on the hunting community.
- 6.2. The CIC recognizes that private or public ownership of land or game has lead in some instances to safeguarding wildlife within escape-proof fenced enclosures. Hunting in enclosures of adequate size can be conducted under *Fair Chase* conditions. Fair Chase conditions are given, if the hunted animal exists as a naturally interacting individual of a wild sustainable population within an ecologically functional system, where the spatial (territory and home range) and temporal (food, breeding and basic needs) requirements of the population of which that individual is a member are met. Nevertheless, the CIC score sheet for all trophies from animals living under escape-proof, fenced conditions must be clearly marked with "FENCED".
- 6.3. CIC International Gold Medals and CIC Grand Prix Awards will only be awarded to trophies which originate from free ranging animals and only such trophies will be entered into the **CTDB**.
- 6.4. **A trophy will be ineligible** for measuring with the **TES**, if:
- 6.4.1. the animal has been hunted by means and methods which are not in full compliance with the wildlife laws or regulations of the respective national hunting authority, government or communal authority;
 - 6.4.2. the animal was herded or chased with the aid of any motorized equipment;
 - 6.4.3. the hunter, whilst hunting, used artificial lighting, thermal imaging equipment and electronic light intensifying devices except where legally permitted;

- 6.4.4. any pharmaceuticals were used on the animal before or during the hunt;
 - 6.4.5. the hunter used artificial feeding stations and baiting except where legally permitted;
 - 6.4.6. the hunted animal had been translocated from breeding to shooting areas exclusively for the purpose of “hunting” the animal;
 - 6.4.7. the trophies originate from animals subjected to anthropogenic manipulations and breeding practices which deliberately enhance the trophy characteristics or create larger or abnormal hunting trophies through the use of domestic livestock breeding methods (see recommendation CIC_COUNCIL_2_2011REC01).
- 6.5. In order to safeguard the integrity of the **TES**, all evaluation sheets for trophies which score at **CIC Gold Medal Level** must be accompanied by the following **Affidavit** signed by the hunter and the hunting area manager or owner.

AFFIDAVIT

We, the undersigned, certify that the trophy evaluated on the attached CIC Trophy Evaluation Chart® (*number*) was hunted in full compliance with article 6 of the CIC Trophy Rules & Regulations® and with the game laws of the regulating authorities where the hunt took place, and as the case may be, in full compliance with international regulations such as CITES.

We explicitly confirm that this trophy does not come from an animal which has been raised in, or translocated from a breeding facility and we are aware of CIC COUNCIL_2_2011REC_01 (*Wildlife and Commercially-Bred Formerly Wild Animals*) and its relevance for hunting trophies.

The hunting area is ☐ free range ☐ closed range. Area size hectares

We understand that the CIC will not recognize the trophy, if the information provided here and on the CIC Trophy Evaluation Chart is found to be misrepresented or fraudulent in any respect.

Signed and dated (Hunter, Hunting Area Manager with name and contact details)