



YUKON FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

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**ANNUAL FISH, GAME & CONSERVATION AWARDS**

**List of Annual Awards:**

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| 1. Dall Sheep                                | 2. Mountain Caribou                                     |
| 3. Stone Sheep                               | 4. Barren Ground Caribou                                |
| 5. Rocky Mountain Goat                       | 6. Black Bear   |
| 7. Grizzly Bear                              | 8. Wolf   |
| 9. Alaska-Yukon Bull Moose                   | 10. Alaska-Yukon Smallest Bull Moose                    |
| 11. Wood Bison – Bull                        | 12. Wood Bison - Cow                                    |
| 13. Mule Deer                                | 14. Elk   |
| 15. Junior Angler of the Year Awards         | 16. Senior Angler of the Year Awards                    |
| 17. Female Hunter of the Year                | 18. Youth Hunter of the Year                            |
| 19. Male Hunter of the Year                  | 20. Award for Oldest Ram                                |
| 21. Award for Oldest Successful Sheep Hunter | 22. Sportsperson of the Year Award / Clay Pugh Memorial |

*These are the awards currently offered to eligible members of the Yukon Fish and Game Association (YFGA) on an annual basis. These awards and records of all the recipients are maintained by the YFGA in order to maintain our hunting and fishing heritage, and to foster the spirit and advancement of conservation throughout the Yukon. These awards are awarded at the sole discretion of the Yukon Fish and Game Association. These awards can be changed at any time.*

**Eligibility Rules and Qualifications:**

1. Final date of eligible submissions is 7:00 P.M. at the Big Bull Night Event held each year.
2. Awards shall be presented to current YFGA members who are in good standing only.
3. General Public are encouraged to attend and have their trophies scored, recognizing all YFGA contestants' trophies shall be scored first as they must take precedence for the competition.
4. The big game animal/eligible species harvested and entered shall have been harvested by a resident of the Yukon or Special Guided YFGA Member in good standing holding a valid Yukon Hunting License, and have presented the appropriate hunting seal and kill report for the license year attached to the YFGA with the submission at or before Big Bull Night (BBN).
5. YFGA members residing outside the Yukon and who have been "special guided" in the Yukon by a Yukon resident with a valid 'special guiding license' are therefore also eligible to enter a submission in the contest.

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6. The big game animal must have been taken under the Rules of Fair Chase established by YFGA, and must have been taken within the physical boundaries of the Yukon Territory. (Animals taken on traditional hunting grounds/territories may have been taken in other States, Provinces and/or Territories; therefore they are unfortunately not eligible for entry in the YFGA BBN competition).
7. The contestant must not have paid or bartered for the services of a professional guide or outfitter.
8. All contestants must have abided by the Laws of General Application as they apply to sex, species, seasons, permits, and bag limits.
9. If an individual has been convicted of a “hunting related” Wildlife Act offence in the entry year, (up to and including the full term of their sentence), they are not eligible for the competition.
10. It is the sole responsibility of the trophy owner to make sure that the score sheet or trophy is received by the YFGA office before Big Bull Night and/or presented at BBN in order to be entered into awards contest.
11. It is not the responsibility of the official scorer to submit the score sheet to the YFGA for official entry.
12. Any eligible species entry, (with the exception of Barren Ground Caribou, Elk, Bison and Wolf), not received by the YFGA by 7:00 pm at the Big Bull Night event will not be considered for an award.
13. All current YFGA members in good standing are eligible for the current year’s awards; however, memberships shall have been purchased and dated before the purchase date of License, Seals and kill report dates of the current year of entry.

### **Trophy Specimen Rules:**

14. All heads must be skinned; Wolf and Bear skulls must have preferably been boiled and clear of tissue and membrane, and are dry, or will be scored at the discretion of the scorer if recently harvested. (Sawn bone must be filed to remove sharp edges).
15. A canceled hunting seal and kill report for the animal being scored for the current license year must accompany all submissions.
16. A seal receipt must accompany all Wolf skulls submitted.
17. A deduction of 4% from the gross B&C score will be applied to all antler submissions “in Velvet”.
18. Skull plates broken or split may be eligible on a case by case basis after scorer examination.
19. All big game submissions must be physically present and scored on Big Bull Night, and/or must have been scored by a YFGA approved scorer prior to BBN, and those submissions recorded at the YFGA Office prior to BBN by the member entering the animal(s) to be eligible for the competition.
20. YFGA members will be notified via print, radio and social media in advance of BBN in order to have their big game submissions scored by a YFGA approved scorer and the member must ensure that the score sheet is submitted prior to 7:00 P.M. BBN, if pre-scored.
21. Scorers will be certified, approved and appointed by the Yukon Fish and Game Association and will utilize the Boone & Crocket system of measurement.
22. All entries will be scored once, although addition and summary of points may be reviewed if appealed, with the original scorer present.

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23. No “picked up” heads/antlers/horns will be eligible for awards but are welcome to be scored or brought in for display.
24. Barren Ground Caribou, Elk, Bison and Wolves killed after 7:00pm on Big Bull Night may be entered the following year. The submission must be accompanied by the canceled hunting seal and kill report to prove date and location of harvest.
25. The YFGA will strip a contestant of an award if that person is convicted of an offence relating to the collection of that trophy entry at any time, past, present or future.
26. All Moose entries eligible will be scored, and the Moose with the lowest overall score will be awarded the Smallest Alaska-Yukon Bull Moose trophy.
27. The Female Hunter of the Year will be selected as the female hunter who has the highest scoring animal submitted in relation to the B&C current World Record for that species taken, (similar to Fish entries).
28. The Male Hunter of the Year will be selected as the Male hunter who has the highest scoring animal submitted in relation to the B&C current World Record for that species taken, (similar to Fish entries).
29. Sportsperson of the Year Award / Clay Pugh Memorial is awarded at the discretion of the executive board to a member that has made a significant contribution to the YFGA, its projects and causes, fish and/or wildlife, or a habitat conservation and protection, in the Yukon.
30. The YFGA board may limit the maximum number of entries and awards per member at its sole discretion.
31. All decisions made by the YFGA are final.

**Angler of the Year (Junior/Senior) Award Rules and Qualifications:**

32. There are two awards – Senior Angler of the Year and Junior Angler of the year
33. To be entered into the competition for each category of award the applicant must submit the following information:
  - i. Name
  - ii. Age
  - iii. Signature
  - iv. Angling license #
  - v. YFGA membership #
  - vi. Phone #
  - vii. Species of Fish
  - viii. Date of Catch
  - ix. Weight
  - x. Girth(Just in front of the Dorsal fin) in inches
  - xi. Length(tip of the nose to the base of the tail) in inches
  - xii. Witnesses name
  - xiii. Witnesses signature
  - xiv. Witnesses phone #
  - xv. Pictures

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34. Entrants must send all entry information to YFGA office before 7:00 pm on the Big Bull Night deadline. Big Bull Night is usually held around November 19<sup>th</sup> each year.

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