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**POLARIS HUNTECH BIGFOUR 2018 RULES**

**Four species only – Wild Stag, Wild Boar, Male ring-neck Pheasant and Trout**

1. The event will be run over Four days. Hunting starts from 5.30am Tuesday 26TH through Wednesday 27TH Thursday 28TH Friday 29TH with Saturday 30TH JUNE as weigh-in day and prize giving.

2. **Briefing** will be held at the Tauranga Sports Fishing Club. The address is 66 Keith Allen drive, Sulphur Point, Tauranga on Saturday 23RD of June from 3pm. **The rules will be read out at 4pm**

This will also be the last opportunity to purchase tickets if available. At least one member from every team is urged to attend briefing to collect starter packs and to hear any last minute rule changes,

3. Entry fee is $400 for a team of four. Names of team members will be taken and no changes can be made after the cut-off date which is the briefing night. No refunds will be made.

4. Each team member will be given a limited edition 2018“**HUNTECH FLEECE TEE**” in their team starter packs. This limited edition 2018“H**UNTECH FLEECE TEE**” must be worn on the prize giving night by any contestant receiving a prize, Failure to wear their limited edition 2018 “**HUNTECH FLEECE TEE**” to the stage and/or on stage, will result in the prize being forfeited and redrawn as a spot prize.

Any and all contestants must be there in person to accept ANY prizes (spot prize or major prize). Prizes will be re-drawn if not collected within five minutes.

5. Contestants enter the Competition at their own risk. The Organisers and sponsor’s accept no responsibility for any loss, damage or personal injury incurred.

6. **Weigh-in will be Saturday 30th JUNE from 12pm to 3pm**. Please note that no game shall be weighed after this time unless there is a queue and the contestants have reported in person to the weigh-in registration point prior to the cut off time (3pm). Weighing will be held at the Tauranga Sports Fishing Club, at Sulphur Point in Tauranga. 66 Keith Allen Dr

7. Each team can only weigh one of each species.

* Stags and Boars to be completely gutted.
* Boars to have nuts in, pizzels out.
* Stags to have nuts out, pizzels out and throats removed
* If not done correctly contestants will be asked to do so before being accepted for weighing or charged **$10** by the club to correct.
* Stags must be in antler
* Boars to be a minimum weight of 23kg/50lbs.
* Trout can be weighed whole or gutted
* Pheasants must have tail feathers attached to be judged.
* It is the competitor’s responsibility to remove any waste / entrails and animals from the premises.
* Any game not wanted by any competitor or team may be donated to the club, if both parties agree. To be used for any purpose the club sees fit.

8. **Four species only**

* Wild stag, any breed
* Wild boar,
* Male ring-neck Pheasant
* Trout.

**This year competitors will be able to enter any breed of wild stag**

No sows, hinds or hen pheasants will be accepted.

9. Contestants must show all applicable licences in accordance with the taking of the species. e.g. Trout licence, pheasant game bird licence, fire-arms licence, hunting permits. The organisers hold the right to refuse an Animal or Trout if known or thought to be, obtained in an unfair or illegal manner. To be valid, the trout and pheasants must be weighed in by the licence holder only**, No exceptions**.

10. All game and fish must be presented in a fresh state. The independent weigh master or nominated committee members have the right to accept or decline any animal, bird or fish. The weigh masters decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. It is strongly suggested trout are kept on ice or kept wet in the refrigerator. All other game needs to be kept cool and dry by the best practical means. All game must be in an unfrozen state and show no signs of having been frozen. Pheasants must be presented in a DRY state. All game must be presented in an edible condition

11. To qualify for the main team prizes, teams must enter **ONE OF EACH** species, i.e. Stag, Boar, Male Pheasant and Trout. The weigh-master reserves the right to disqualify any team.

**TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PRIZE SCORING**

12. **TEAM PRIZE SCORING** - The points system for determining the winning teams is as follows:

The team closest to average weight of each species will be allocated one point, with the second closest to average allocated two points, the third closest to average allocated three points, and so on. The 10 teams with the lowest number of points are therefore the winners.

13**. INDIVIDUAL PRIZE SCORING** – For the individual prize categories the 1ST 2ND and 3rd prizes for the stag and boar will be based on the heaviest weights.

The “Best pheasant” will be scored using a combination and calculation of weight, tail bars and spur length.

The “Best condition factor trout” will be scored using the official Fish and Game calculation of

[Weight in kgs x 1000 x 3612.8] DIVIDED BY length x length x length in cm)

The individual section is open to all teams who weigh in at least one species; i.e. if only one species is weighed by a team, the entrant of that team has a chance at winning the particular section.

14. If two or more teams have an equal number of points for a major team prize, the prize will be awarded to the team which weighed in their last particular species first.

For the individual section. If two or more individuals weigh in the same weight animal, the prize will be awarded to the individual whom weighed in their animal first.

Times will be recorded on each catch card at the time of weighing.

15. **No Animals are to be shot from a helicopter**.

16. If boating you are to comply with all safety regulations and launch at their own risk and discretion.

17. All competitors are eligible to win spot prizes and raffled prizes, as long as they are there in person and wearing theirlimited edition 2018 “HUNTECH FLEECE TEE”

18. All prizes are to be removed from the premises by the competitor/s by midday Sunday 1st July at the latest.

20. **Prize Categories -**

**Major Team Prizes**

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th

**Individual section**

Trout – Best condition factor 1st, 2nd 3rd

Pheasant – Best pheasant 1st, 2nd, 3rd,

Stag - Heaviest 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Boar - Heaviest 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Stag - Best Douglas score 1st only. NOTE: Any stag which is not a red stag will be Douglas scored using the official “red equivalent system” by members of the Deer Stalkers Association

Boar – Best hooks 1st only. Douglas scored. NOTE: tusks must be intact and un-drawn to be eligible for scoring. Jaw must be attached

Trout – Closest to average weight 1st only

Pheasant - longest fighting Spurs 1st only

21. **Disqualification**

If the weigh master or a Committee member suspect any animal or fish presented is:

A. not in a condition of expected quality (in terms of length of time since kill), or

B. is frozen, or part frozen or appears to have been frozen and thawed, or

C. shows signs of having been farmed, penned, caged or caught by illegal method, then the following protocol will be followed:

A. the Competitor will be given one opportunity to withdraw that animal,

B. The competitor will be given the opportunity to weigh in a second of that species if more than one caught,

C. If that competitor withdraws the animal and does not have a second animal of that species to weigh, then that team will not be able to enter the teams section but can still enter the individual sections with the other three species.

D. If that competitor refuses to withdraw the animal, then the weigh-master and judges will assess the animal and if unanimously agreed, will disqualify the entire team.

**Any suspect entry, May be put to a crowd vote, as to whether or not it should be allowed to be accepted into the competition or disqualified.**

**NOTE: IF YOU OR YOUR TEAM DO HAPPEN TO GET AN UNBELIEVABLY BIG ANIMAL, TO HELP YOUR CASE BE MORE BELIVABLE, IT WOULD PAY TO BRING EVIDENCE OF WHEN AND WHERE IT WAS GOTTEN AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE IF POSSIBLE.**

**AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR**

* Any person found to be causing a disturbance or disruption or acting in an aggressive manner e.g. FIGHTING.
* The individual will be escorted from the premises by security and refused entry.
* At the discretion of the committee, the offender may have their team AND entries disqualified from the competition WITH No refund given
* The individual may be banned from entering again for 5 years.

**Please note the club has exercised this right in previous years.**

**Any person or persons found to have removed or suspected of removing animals or property that they are not entitled too, from the competition area or surrounding area will be referred to the New Zealand police for prosecution. No exceptions.**

**TAURANGA SPORT FISHING CLUB RULES AND EXPECTATIONS**

**We are very fortunate to have the use of these premises and would like to be allowed back next year. A high standard of care and respect needs to be shown to the club, their patrons and members at all times.**

**Polaris Huntech BigFour event goers are welcome to enter the Tauranga Sports Fishing Club and enjoy their facilities, BUT there is a dress code and protocols to be followed. A casual standard of dress is expected. No gumboots or dirty foot wear, No singlets, No jandals etc.**

**Tidy clean clothing and covered foot wear is the minimum standard.**

**Your 2018 limited edition Huntech fleece tee is deemed suitable and will be allowed as acceptable clothing.**

**Intoxicated persons will not be able to enter the club.**

Any questions please phone or txt

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