



OFFICIAL RULES

2026-2027 COMPETITION

Competition dates: October 1, 2026 - January 31, 2027
Registration is open until full for the 2026-2027 competition.

SWAPA

1. Eligibility & Registration

- The competition is open to all participants who register and pay the entry fee before the registration deadline. **Registration is open until full for the 2026-2027 competition.**
- Each hunter must be registered **before harvesting a deer** for the competition.
- Participants must be legally licensed to hunt in Mississippi and follow all applicable hunting laws and regulations.
- Entry fees are non-refundable after the registration deadline.
- Each participant may enter **one buck** in the competition.

2. Competition Dates

- The competition begins on **October 1, 2026** and ends on **January 31, 2027**. **2026 Velvet Season bucks are allowed.**
- Only deer legally harvested during this period are eligible.

3. Eligible Deer

- Only **whitetail bucks** are eligible.
- The buck must be legally harvested in Mississippi by the registered participant entering the deer.
- A deer harvested by another person may not be entered.

4. Scoring

- Deer will be scored using the **Pope & Young scoring system** (Gross Score).
- All official measurements must be taken by an approved competition scorer.
- The official score will be determined after any required drying period.
- Racks may not be altered, modified, repaired, or artificially enhanced before official scoring.
- The score determined by the official competition scorer is final.

5. Proof of Harvest

Participants must be able to provide reasonable proof that the deer was legally harvested by them during the competition period. SWAPA may request:

- Photos or videos of the harvested deer
- Harvest records or other documentation
- Date and approximate time of harvest
- County or location of harvest
- Additional documentation when necessary to verify an entry

Failure to provide sufficient proof may result in disqualification.

6. Photos & Promotional Use

By entering the competition, participants give SWAPA permission to use submitted photos and videos, as well as photos or videos taken at competition events, for SWAPA marketing, advertising, social media, and promotional purposes.

7. Prizes & Awards

- Prize amounts will be announced before the competition begins.
- Prizes will be awarded according to the official final standings.
- Participants must meet all competition requirements to receive a prize.
- Winners are responsible for any applicable taxes or reporting requirements associated with their prizes.

8. Disqualification

A participant may be disqualified for:

- Entering a deer harvested by another person
- Entering a deer harvested outside the competition dates
- Violating applicable hunting laws or regulations
- Providing false harvest, location, photo, scoring, or other information
- Altering or artificially enhancing a rack
- Failing to provide requested proof of harvest
- Any other fraudulent attempt to gain an unfair advantage

SWAPA may disqualify an entry when credible evidence shows that competition rules were violated. Entry fees may be forfeited following disqualification.

9. Final Authority

SWAPA and its designated competition officials have final authority regarding the interpretation and enforcement of these rules.

SWAPA may amend the rules when necessary. Any material changes will be communicated to registered participants.

All official scoring and eligibility decisions are final.

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