



Te Anau Helicopter Services Fiordland Big 3

Tournament Rules

The following information should be read by all entrants and all those wishing to take part. Respect all participants and officials as we work through changes to our rules to allow individual entries - **This competition is designed as a team event, with individual categories introduced to help keep it accessible and affordable for more people**

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Adult Entries

1. Each hunter may only enter ONE animal into the competition, whether as part of a team or as an individual entry. **Hunters may enter either as part of a Team or as an Individual Entry. Dual entry is not permitted**
2. Animals must be declared at weigh-in as either:
 - Team entry
 - OR Individual entry
3. Each animal must have a clearly identified hunter recorded at the time of weigh-in

Adult Teams Entries

Online entries close at 5.00pm on Thursday the week of comp weekend. Entry will not be accepted until payment is received.

1. A maximum of 4 people per team (adults are deemed 16 years and older).
2. Adult Hunters can be entered in one adult team only.
3. Animals entered into the team competition are automatically eligible for individual prize categories, based on the identified hunter.
4. Team member's names must be confirmed on the entry form by 5.00pm Thursday before comp. No changes allowed after this time.
5. Eligible for team prizes, individual prizes, and the major barrel draw.
6. No additional animals are eligible under any circumstances.
7. All fees to be paid in full at time of entry to be eligible to enter competition.
8. Winners must be willing to provide photographs and feedback on their prize for promotional purposes if asked.
9. Each animal must be assigned to a specific hunter at weigh-in and must be from a different hunter – *please have this decided before getting to weigh in*

Adult Teams must present:

- One Pig
- One Deer
- One Pest

Pest list for Adults

- Possum
- Canadian Goose
- Rabbit or Hare
- Stoat or Ferret
- Magpie

Adult Individual Entry

Individual entries are limited to one animal per hunter. Individual entries are not eligible for team competition

- Heaviest Combined Weight (Deer + Pig,)
- Adult Team Closest to Overall Average,
- Best Female Team,
- Dallas Memorial Trophy (awarded to the team that presents the most outstanding animal)

Individual entries do not contribute to team results

Online entries close at 5.00pm on Thursday the week of comp weekend. Entry will not be accepted until payment is received.

1. Individual entries are available at \$50 per person and are eligible for individual prize categories only.
2. Adult Only
3. All fees to be paid in full at time of entry to be eligible to enter competition.
4. Winners must be willing to provide photographs and feedback on their prize for promotional purposes if asked.
5. No additional animals are eligible under any circumstances.
6. One animal per hunter. Pig **OR** deer - No pests
7. Not eligible for team prizes or barrel draw.

Individuals must present:

- One Deer **OR** Pig

Team and Individual Eligibility

- Animals entered into the team competition are automatically eligible for individual prize categories, based on the identified hunter.
- Individual entries are separate from team entries and do not contribute to team results or eligibility for team prizes
- All animals must be declared at weigh-in as either a team entry or an individual entry. Once recorded, this cannot be changed.

Children's competition

1. The Children's Competition is open to participants aged up to 16 years.
2. Teams may consist of up to 4 children.
3. Teams may present:
 - One possum
 - One rabbit or hare
 - One pest from the approved pest list
4. Animals entered in the Children's Competition do not need to be gutted.
5. This category is designed as a participation based event focused on skill development and enjoyment.
6. Participants may also enter other eligible categories; however, animals must not be used across multiple categories.

Pest list Children

- Mouse or Rat
- Canadian Goose
- Stoat or Ferret
- Magpie

Mum & Kids Pest Challenge

1. The Mum & Kids Pest Challenge is open to family teams, which must include at least one participant under 18 years of age.
2. Teams must present three different pest species from the approved pest list.
3. Scoring will be based on a mystery points system, determined by event organisers.
4. Eligible pest species include:
 - Possum
 - Canadian Goose
 - Rabbit or Hare
 - Stoat or Ferret
 - Magpie
 - Mouse or Rat
5. Teams may also enter other eligible categories; however, animals must not be used across multiple categories
6. This category is designed to encourage participation, teamwork, and family involvement.

Youth Competition

1. The Youth Competition is open to participants aged 12–16 years.
2. Youth entries are team-based.
3. Teams may consist of one or more participants
4. Teams must present:
 - One possum
 - One rabbit or hare
 - One pig or deer (*must be gutted*)
5. All animals must be wild (born, lived, and taken in the wild).
6. The Youth Competition will be scored on:
 - Heaviest Combined Weight (based on all eligible animals presented)
7. Youth participants may also enter the Children’s Competition; however, animals must not be used across multiple categories
8. **Youth entries are not eligible for adult prize categories** and will be judged within the Youth Competition only.

Firearms and Licences

1. All firearms regulations must be obeyed.
2. All firearms must be secured and stowed in accordance with the Firearms regulations when not being used.
3. Necessary permits, licenses, and landowners permission must be obtained. – failure to do so will result in instant disqualification.
4. Any prize that requires a firearms licence will only be awarded upon presentation of a valid licence. Failure to provide proof will result in the prize being forfeited and passed to the next eligible recipient

Hunting

1. All animals must be wild.
2. Catchment area Southland & Otago.
3. Hunting may commence 7.00pm on Thursday of hunting comp week. NO hunting is permitted before this time.
4. No helicopter shooting.
5. No Wapiti type animals.
6. The decision to launch a boat is solely at the discretion of the skipper. All boaties are urged to comply with normal safety procedure (life jackets, radios etc.) and Maritime NZ Safety Rules

Weigh-In

1. Weigh in to be held at Te Anau Rugby Clubrooms, Dusky St, Te Anau 12 - 2pm, Sunday of Kings Birthday Weekend .
2. Final weigh in time 2pm. Animals to be presented or in the queue before 2pm deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS.
3. To be eligible for the (adult) major prize draw you must present one of each species at weigh-in and be present at the time of the prize draw.
4. Each Animal must be declared at weigh-in as either a team entry or an individual entry. Once recorded, this cannot be changed.
5. All Pigs and Deer to be gutted and presented in fresh edible condition at time of weigh in. All organs and internal matter to be removed and ready for processing. All game to be presented with hocks on, heads attached, testicles in and throats clean. Weigh Master can decline any animal should they deem it rotten or doubt its eligibility.
6. All Pigs & Deer MUST be ears on, ears intact, clean and have no marks. If requested, proof of where and when the animal was taken needs to be supplied including GPS co-ordinates of the Gut Bag.
7. Tails and antlers belong to the team that entered the animal. Anyone taking other entrant tails and antlers will be reported to the police as it is deemed to be theft. However, teams have the opportunity to donate to the organising committee for fundraising purposes if they wish.
8. If you wish to leave throats intact for mounting purposes, please note that 5% will be taken off the total weight.
9. To be eligible for the best Tusk prize your Pigs jaw must be open with a stick upon arrival at weigh in.
10. All game to be left on display until after prize giving. We will assist in the removal of your entries after prize giving. If you do not wish to take any animal away and would like to donate your animals to the Te Anau Rugby Club, please advise a committee member during weigh-in.
11. Entries that are not clearly declared or do not meet weigh-in requirements may be declined
12. Judges decision will be final

Prize Giving

1. Prize giving will be held at the Te Anau Rugby Clubrooms, Dusky St, Te Anau on Sunday 1st June as soon as all results are collated - approximately 3.30/4pm.
2. The (adult) barrel major prize with Te Anau Helicopter Services, (3 team names will be pulled, then 1st team drawn from those 3 is the winner – 2 x runner up prizes)
3. To be eligible for the (adult) major prize draw you must present a Deer, a Pig and a Pest (see list above) at weigh-in.
4. At least 1 x Hunter from each team must be present to claim any prize. Individual hunters must be present to claim Individual prizes
5. Spot prizes will be drawn from entries only and will need to be present to collect prizes

General

1. Unsafe or unlawful behaviour will result in disqualification.
2. Breach of these rules may lead to participants being disqualified from the tournament
3. All dogs must be secured in vehicles while at the Te Anau Rugby Grounds
4. If you do not wish to take your entry away after prize giving, please advise the weigh in team or a committee member while weighing in. Your entry will then become the property of the organising committee.
5. DO NOT take away an animal (or any part of an animal) that you did not enter.
6. The Te Anau Rugby Club will be operating a licenced bar on Sunday 1st June from 12 noon until one hour after completion of prize giving. No BYO permitted.
7. Food will be available for purchase (BBQ, hot chips and hot dogs)
8. Event officials reserve the right to accept, decline, or reclassify any entry to ensure compliance with competition rules. All decisions are final
9. Respect all participants and officials.
10. No correspondence entered into.

In entering this tournament you agree to hold free of liability all members of the Te Anau Community Events Charitable Trust, the Te Anau Rugby Club and their employees, volunteers, organising committee, all sponsors and associates.

No correspondence will be entered into.

The Fiordland Big 3 organising committee reserve the right to decline an individual or team from entering the competition.