



CIC Trophy Measuring Rules and Regulations

The CIC Trophy Evaluation System is protected by international copyright and any use or application is subject to prior authorization, strict adherence to the CIC trophy measuring instructions and these rules and regulations.

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 expression of 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 *Felidae*, *Ursoidea*, *Canidae*, *Castoridae*.
- 1.3. A trophy is a complex structure with several measurable 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 and cooperates and coordinates its work with CIC Headquarters, the **CIC Divisions**, National CIC Delegations, CIC Coordination Forums, 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 (STJ)**. The **STJs** are experts who have demonstrated exceptional knowledge in trophy evaluation. 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 hold this title after being nominated by National CIC Delegations, National Hunting Associations, or National Trophy Evaluation Associations and being accepted by the **CIC Executive Committee**. Such nominations must be substantiated by the proposing body with at least one letter of recommendation and the nominee's CV. The **STJs** 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 **STJs**. The CIC division presidents and the CIC Headquarters are *ex-officio* members. The **TEB** may invite qualified individuals to join the board 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** agrees.
- 2.4. The **TEB** may recognize **National Trophy Evaluation Boards upon** proposal of the National CIC Delegations.
- 2.5. The **TEB** appoints individuals as **Certified CIC Measurers CCMs**. In order for a CCM to be registered in the TES, the following three criteria must be satisfied:
 - Professional: CCM applicants must participate in a CIC approved training course according to the CIC Trophy Measuring Rules and Regulations and demonstrate knowledge of the measuring instructions published in the **CIC Handbook for the Evaluation and Measurement of Hunting Trophies**.
 - Membership: CCM applicants must be a CIC member in good standing (direct: individual CIC member; indirect: member of a CIC member organization or association).
 - National support: CCM applicants must represent and demonstrate the TES in their country and internationally, and therefore must have the support of the Head of Delegation or the President of the CIC member organization (in case there is no HoD in the particular country).
- 2.5.1. **CCMs** are appointed for a period of 3 years which may be extended for periods of 3 years if the following criteria are satisfied:
 - Membership: CCMs must maintain their CIC membership in good standing.
 - National support: CCMs must maintain the support of the Head of Delegation or the President of the CIC member organization (in case there is no HoD in the particular country).
 - Professional: CCMs must keep current about the valid CIC trophy evaluation methods and attend a briefing session with their national STJ(s) in order to make sure they are aware of all updates in the TES since their registration.
- 2.5.2. The certification covers a restricted number of trophy categories, depending on the training and experience of the measurer to be certified;
- 2.5.3. Each **CCM** receives a credit card size identification card, valid for three years, and issued by the CIC Headquarters after a payment of 50€. If the ID card is lost, renewed, reissued, or the CCM is appointed as STJ, the fee is also 50 €.

- 2.5.4. **CCMs** cannot represent the CIC, as such, without appropriate written authorization;
 - 2.5.5. The **CIC Headquarters** maintains a current register with full contact details (name, phone number, address, e-mail) of all **STJs** and **CCMs**. This list is published on the CIC website but only makes the name, country, and e-mail address of the **CCMs** and **STJs** publicly available.
- 2.6. **Certified CIC Measurers** and **Senior International Trophy Judges** may evaluate trophies on behalf of the CIC. In case there is any dispute, a panel of at least three **STJs** of different nationalities, nominated by the **TEB**, will mediate. The findings of this panel are final.
- 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 will result in the immediate loss of **Certified CIC Measurer** status. Any actions, behaviour, or public statements by an **STJ** or **CCM** which in the opinion of the **TEB** is likely to bring the CIC itself, or the **CIC TES**, into disrepute will also cause the immediate loss of **STJ** or **CCM** 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** 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 Handbook for the Evaluation and Measurement of Hunting Trophies** is the official manual describing the measurement methods. This manual is published in the official CIC languages (EN, DE, FR, RU). The original version of the **Handbook** will be written in English and any disputes across the languages will be settled with the most current English version.
- 3.4. The **TEB** selects and appoints qualified CIC Training Experts.
- 3.5. CIC training and certification courses are organized by the respective national CIC Delegation or National Hunting or Measuring Association(s) in cooperation with the **CIC HQ**;
- 3.5.1. Training and certification courses are subject to an administrative fee of 100€/participant to be paid directly to the **CIC HQ** as well as a participation fee determined by the organizer in cooperation with the national CIC Delegation or National Hunting or Measuring Association.
 - 3.5.2. The CIC **STJs** who support the training will be compensated by the organizer; this includes travel, accommodation, and food as well as with a fixed rate honorarium of 100 EUR.
- 3.6. The **CIC HQ** administers the **CIC Trophy Evaluation Database (TED)** with English as the principal language.
- 3.6.1. The **CIC HQ** will endeavour to incorporate important historic trophy data, especially all eligible Gold Medal trophies and exceptional historical trophies into the **TED with the support of the STJs and National Delegations**.
 - 3.6.2. All **CCMs** and **STJs** must submit their evaluations to the CIC **TED** in order for them to be recognized by the CIC. Any evaluations not submitted in the database will not be recognized by the CIC.

Article 4 - Medals, Award Certificates, and Fees

- 4.1. The National CIC Delegations and/or National Hunting Associations will determine, according to their 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 **CIC Handbook for the Evaluation and Measurement of Hunting Trophies**.
- 4.2. All **National CIC Awards** are produced and distributed on the own account and under the exclusive responsibility (content and cost) of the National CIC Delegations and/or National Hunting 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 approved by the CIC Headquarters and a physical sample of the medals and/or certificates should be provided to the CIC HQ.
- 4.3. **CIC International Gold Medals and Certificates** will be awarded for trophies at the gold medal level after being evaluated by three (3) **CCMs and/or STJs of different nationalities**. The point value determined by this panel is final. A copy of the fully completed measurement sheet (pages 1 and 2) and photos of the trophy from many angles must accompany the application. The applications will be presented to the **TEB UPON APPLICATION of the trophy owner** by the **CIC HQ**; and upon approval by the TEB, the CIC HQ will deliver the medal and certificate. **The CIC International Gold Medal and Certificate is subject to a fee of 150€ payable in advance to the CIC Headquarters.**
- 4.4. The CIC Executive Committee, in cooperation with the **TEB**, may 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 **STJs** 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 for exhibitions or similar events upon written request by the exhibition organizer. The request has to be endorsed by the CIC National Delegation.

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 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 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 are met. Nevertheless, the CIC score sheet for all trophies from animals living under escape-proof, fenced conditions must be clearly marked on the measurement sheet as "GAME FROM ENCLOSURES".
- 6.3. CIC International Gold Medals and CIC Grand Prix Awards will only be awarded to trophies which originate from free ranging animals.
- 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_2011.REC01).
- 6.5. In order to safeguard the integrity of the **TES**, all evaluation sheets for trophies which apply for the **CIC International Gold Medal** must be accompanied by the **Affidavit** signed by the hunter in the second page of the Measurement Sheet.