



## 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 of certain *Felidea*, *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 color 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 **Trophy Evaluation Board** are **Senior International Trophy Judges (STJs)**. The **STJs** are experts who have demonstrated exceptional knowledge in trophy evaluation. Only **Certified CIC Measurers** 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** if all requirements for renewal are met (membership, support of the Delegation/Association, renewal fee of 50 EUR paid).
- 2.3. The **Trophy Evaluation Board (TEB)** consists of all **Senior International Trophy Judges (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 for a subsequent three-year term, if the majority of the **TEB** agrees.
- 2.4. The **Trophy Evaluation Board** may recognize **National Trophy Evaluation Boards** upon proposal of the National CIC Delegations.

2.5. The **Trophy Evaluation Board** appoints individuals as **Certified CIC Measurers (CCMs)**. In order for a CCM to be registered in the Trophy Evaluation System (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, demonstrate knowledge of the measuring instructions published in the **CIC Handbook for the Evaluation and Measurement of Hunting Trophies**, and sign the CIC TES Code of Conduct (See Annex A).
- 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 (HoD) or the President of the CIC member organization (in case there is no HoD in the particular country).

2.5.1. **Certified CIC Measurers (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 (HoD) 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 **Senior International Trophy Judges (STJs)** in order to make sure they are aware of all updates in the TES since their registration.
- Activity: Regular use of the CIC Trophy Evaluation Database (TED) must be evidenced either through the contribution of a minimum of 15 measurements entered in the TED or with written confirmation that the CCM has participated in a national evaluation event.
- STJ consultation: The STJ(s) of the CCMs nation must be consulted during the renewal process.

2.5.2. The certification covers a restricted number of trophy categories, depending on the training and experience of the measurer to be certified. Extensions of these certifications must be completed through additional workshops/training.

2.5.3. Each **Certified CIC Measurer (CCM)** receives a credit card size identification (ID) card, valid for three years, and issued by the CIC Headquarters after a payment of 50 EUR. If the ID card is lost, renewed, reissued, or the CCM is appointed as Senior International Trophy Judge, the fee is also 50 EUR.

2.5.4. **Certified CIC Measurers and Senior International Trophy Judges** 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 **Certified CIC Measurers (CCMs)** and **Senior International Trophy Judges**

(**STJs**). 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 (CCMs)** and **Senior International Trophy Judges (STJs)** may evaluate trophies on behalf of the CIC only using the appropriate chapters for the CIC Handbook for the Evaluation and Measurement of Hunting Trophies. In case there is any dispute, a panel of at least three **STJs** of different nationalities, coordinated by the **CIC Headquarters**, 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 **Trophy Evaluation Board (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 (CCM)** or **Senior International Trophy Judge (STJ)** status. Any actions, behaviors, or public statements made by a **STJ** or **CCM** which, in the opinion of the **TEB**, are likely to bring the CIC itself, or the **CIC Trophy Evaluation System**, 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 **Trophy Evaluation System** as well as the training and certification of **Certified CIC Measurers** to the **Trophy Evaluation Board**.
- 3.2. The **Trophy Evaluation Board** 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 **Trophy Evaluation Board** 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 (the Handbook)** is the official manual describing the measurement methods. This manual is published in the official CIC languages (EN, DE, FR, and 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. Official translations into non-CIC languages are acceptable only when completed through the CIC Headquarters. (See Annex B for the full Policy Statement on the use of the Handbook)
- 3.4. 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 Headquarters (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 **Senior International Trophy Judges** 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 Headquarters (CIC HQ)** administers the **CIC Trophy Evaluation Database (TED)** with English as the principal language.
  - 3.6.1. The **CIC HQ** will endeavor to incorporate important historic trophy data, especially all eligible Gold Medal trophies and exceptional historical trophies into the **TED with the support of the Senior International Trophy Judges (STJs) and National Delegations.**
  - 3.6.2. All **Certified CIC Measurers (CCMs)** and **STJs** must submit their evaluations to the **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 (HQ); designs must be approved by the CIC HQ 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) **Certified CIC Measurers** and/or **Senior International Trophy Judges 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 **Trophy Evaluation Board (TEB) upon application of the trophy owner** to the **CIC Headquarters (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 HQ.**
- 4.4. The CIC Executive Committee, in cooperation with the **Trophy Evaluation Board,** 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 **Senior International Trophy Judges** 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 behavior reflects favorably 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 **Trophy Evaluation System**, 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; and/or
- 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 **Trophy Evaluation System** all Measurement 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.

# Annex A – Code of Conduct for CIC Measurers

Code of Conduct for  
Certified CIC Measurers and Senior International Trophy Judges  
(herein referred to as “CCMs” and “STJs” respectively)

While serving in the capacity a Certified CIC Measurer (CCM) or Senior International Trophy Judge (STJ), I understand that I have a positive duty to evaluate trophies presented to me according to the CIC Trophy Evaluation System Rules and Regulations, the CIC Handbook for the Evaluation and Measurement of Hunting Trophies (CIC Handbook), and the CIC Statutes.

I also understand that I have a responsibility as CCM/STJ to:

1. Practice professionalism at all times;
2. Handle all trophies with respect and care;
3. Evaluate only those trophies for which I have been certified;
4. Use appropriate tools, as outlined in the CIC Handbook Introduction, to evaluate the trophies;
5. Apply the instructions in the CIC Handbook as they are written in an unbiased manner;
6. Ensure that the CIC TES Rules and Regulations are adhered to;
7. Abide by the Statutes of the CIC, where applicable;
8. Enter all evaluations made using the CIC formula into the Trophy Evaluation Database, regardless of whether it reached a medal category or not;
9. Remain informed about the most recent developments and changes in the TES;
10. Promote good relations and a professional attitude during all evaluation activities;
11. Not use the CIC Trophy Evaluation System and associated CIC material for any purpose other than in connection with the measurement of trophies under the control and regulation of the CIC and in the name of the CIC; and
12. Not to engage in any conduct which might reasonably bring the CIC or the objectives of the CIC into disrepute.

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the above CIC Code of Conduct for CCMs and STJs and do agree to abide by this code. I understand that failure to abide by this code, or failure to sign, will result in my immediate dismissal as CCM/STJ and may lead to my expulsion as member of the CIC.

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Signature

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Date



# Annex B – Policy Statement on use of the Handbook

Terms of use for the  
“CIC Handbook for the Evaluation and Measurement of Hunting Trophies”  
(herein referred to as “the Handbook”).

1. Access to the Handbook
  - a. The Handbook may be accessed by active Certified CIC Measurers, Senior International Trophy Judges, CIC official position holders, CIC Members, and staff at the CIC Headquarters and other officers of the CIC only.
2. Use of the Handbook
  - a. Only Certified CIC Measurers, Senior International Trophy Judges, and the Headquarters may use the CIC Handbook to evaluate trophies officially on behalf of the CIC.
3. Reproduction/alteration/translation of the Handbook
  - a. At no time may anyone reproduce or alter the Handbook without explicit, written consent from the CIC Headquarters. This includes:
    - i. Reproducing any element of the CIC Handbook within another work;
    - ii. Altering the text or images of the Handbook (according to the most up to date version released by the Headquarters) and representing it as a CIC evaluation;
    - iii. Translating any portion of the Handbook.
  - b. Written consent from the CIC Headquarters for reproductions/alterations/translations must be in at least one of the following forms:
    - i. E-mail
    - ii. Letter by post
    - iii. Translation Agreement
    - iv. Reproduction Agreement
4. Distribution of the Handbook
  - a. Distribution of the Handbook is currently limited to CIC Members and members of the Trophy Evaluation System network (CCMs and STJs).
  - b. Any distribution of the Handbook to non-members of the CIC must be approved by the CIC Headquarters in writing.
5. A failure by any member of the CIC to abide by this Policy Statement may lead to the termination of membership of the CIC and could give rise to court proceedings against those concerned.