

## **Lone Wolf 4-H Varmint Contest Frequently Asked Questions**

We feel the rules are pretty clear. In an effort to minimize some of the “hypothetical situations,” we have put together a list of frequently asked questions. This list is sure to grow as the contest gets bigger. Please remember this is a fundraiser and our first attempt at putting this type of fundraiser together. There may be questions we have not thought to put on the list.

### **If our team signed up by mail or in person before the contest, do we need to be present on the Saturday of the contest?**

No. If you received a confirmation email from us stating we have received your team’s entry form and fee, your team may begin hunting Saturday at 2 p.m. There is no “reading of the rules” or orientation.

### **My team has already registered, but I need to add/remove team members. How do I change them?**

If you need to make changes to your team members, they MUST be submitted in writing. You must include the current team members’ names and the names and signatures of those which you will be substituting. All changes must be received before 12 p.m. the Saturday of the contest.

### **Do I need a trapper’s license to hunt in this contest?**

No. The State of Texas only requires a trapper’s license to sell fur-bearing animals.

### **Is it considered splitting up if two of our team members hunt on one end of a ranch and the other two hunt on the other end?**

Yes. That is the definition of splitting up. All team members MUST hunt together. A good rule of thumb is if you are hunting off of the same caller it is not splitting up. For instance, while hunting during the day, you set the caller on the ground and your team spreads out to hunt animals coming to that call. This would be within the rules.

### **One/two of our team members will not be able to meet up with us until later. Can we go ahead and start hunting without them?**

There is nothing wrong with this as long as that team member is not hunting someplace else. This cannot be used to get around the splitting up rule.

### **The landowner of the ranch we’re hunting on wants to ride around with us to help navigate the ranch. He is not a member of our team. Is this against the rules?**

It is allowed, but it may soon be disallowed if people try to use it as a loophole. Remember, if that person is not part of your official “team,” then they are simply a spectator. They cannot pick up a gun, run call for you, shine a light, pick up your animals, drive the vehicle, drop you off at stands, or aid your team in any way other than navigating their land. We do allow you to have a non-team member drive you in to weigh-in. We do not want anyone falling asleep at the wheel.

**My son/daughter wants to hunt with my team. He/she is under 18. Is this okay? What about the polygraph test?**

There is no age limit to register at this time. If the child is registered as a team member, they can be subject to a polygraph. Since he/she is not being accused of a crime, there is no need for parental consent to administer the polygraph.

**If we know there is a dead animal in the area where we hunt, can we hunt the area even though we did not place the animal there?**

You are not violating the “no hunting in baited area” rule as long as you or your teammates did not directly or indirectly place, deposit, or distribute, or scatter a carcass or any other type of ingested bait with the intention of luring target animals of this contest.

We understand livestock die naturally as a result of normal ranching activities, but once they are moved or placed to aid in the taking of targeting animals of this contest it becomes baiting. Having someone else place the bait for you is not a loophole. That would be indirect baiting.

**What does “no hunting in baited areas” mean?**

“Baiting” means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food that could serve as a lure or attraction for targeted animals of this contest to any area where hunters are attempting to take them.

A “baited area” is defined as the area in which the activity of the wildlife is influenced. We are intentionally leaving this open. The most important thing to remember is that someone from your team will have to take a polygraph if you win. If you do not feel right about it, then it is probably not within the rules. The polygraph will show that. Please use your best judgement.