



FCPC Big Buck Contest Rules Agreement

Fair Chase: The ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit of free-ranging wild game animals in a manner which does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the animal. It does, however, extend beyond the hunt itself; it is an attitude and a way of life based in a deep-seated respect for wildlife, for the environment, and for other individuals who share the bounty of this vast continent's natural resources. In order to abide by fair chase principles, you (the undersigned) certify that the animal was not harvested under any of the following circumstances:

1. Helpless in a trap, deep snow, on ice, or swimming in water.
2. Residing behind any game proof fence or on a game farm.
3. From any power vehicle (unless disabled), including automobile, boat, or ATV.
4. By the use of any tranquilizers, nets, or poisons.
5. By herding, driving or harassing any animal with any motorized vehicle including automobile, boat, ATV, or using an aircraft to land next to any animal, or for relaying animal position to hunters on the ground.

Furthermore, the hunter engages in a one-to-one relationship with the animal and therefore his or her hunting should be guided by a hierarchy of ethics related to hunting, which includes the following tenets:

1. Obey all applicable Tribal, Federal, and State laws and regulations.
2. Respect the customs of the Forest County Potawatomi Community.
3. Exercise a personal code of behavior that reflects favorably on your abilities and sensibilities as a hunter.
4. Attain and maintain the skills necessary to make the kill as certain and quick as possible.
5. Behave in a way that will bring no dishonor to the hunter, the hunted, the Tribe, or the environment.
6. Recognize that these tenets are intended to enhance the hunter's experience of the relationship between predator and prey, which is one of the most fundamental relationships of humans and their environment.

Date of Kill: _____ **Time of Kill:** _____ am/pm Was the animal recovered on the same day? Yes___ No___

Method of Kill: Bow ___ Rifle ___ Shotgun ___ Muzzleloader ___ **County of harvest:** _____

Approximate Location of Harvest: _____

I, _____ attest that my _____ was taken in a Fair Chase manner
(Hunter's Printed Name) **(Game Species)**
on FCPC Tribal lands, in accordance with all game laws, Tribal ordinances, and with respect to Tribal customs.

By providing your signature, you ascertain that: 1) you were the legal hunter of the entered animal; **2)** the animal was obtained in an ethical and Fair Chase manner as described above; **3)** the animal was harvested from FCPC tribal lands or southern Forest County (i.e. no out-of-state or long-distance entries accepted).

Falsification of any section of this Fair Chase Affidavit will cause the entry into the Big Buck Contest to be rejected, all current entries of the individual to be removed, and no future entries (in any year) will be allowed to be entered. Forest County Potawatomi Community Natural Resources Department also reserves the right to accept, reject or remove any entry at its discretion and the decision will be final.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Contact Phone Number: _____