



Rattlesnake Hunt Rules

The board of directors have adopted the following rules to govern the snake hunt. The rules are intended to promote competition while at the same time maintain impartiality. The board reserves the right to amend the rules to adequately address any issue that may, or has occurred. The rules as adopted by the board are as follows:

1. All snakes entered for prizes become the property of the Mangum Rattlesnake Association.
2. Only diamondback rattlesnakes are eligible for prizes in the Derby.
3. Hunters must be registered at headquarters before participating in a guided hunt and must be registered before selling or entering snakes for prizes.
4. All snakes must be turned-in for contest purposes no later than 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 25, 2010. "Snake-of-the-Day" awards are presented Sunday during the awards ceremony.
5. Prizes are awarded for the **Most Snakes**, **Most Pounds**, and **Longest Snake**. In the event of a tie in the **Most Snakes** or **Most Pounds** category, hunter with the *earliest* time of entry will be awarded the trophy and the cash prize will be divided equally. In the **Longest Snake** category, the heaviest snake will receive the trophy and the cash prize will be divided equally. No hunter may win more than one prize in a category.
6. Special rule for the **Longest Snake**: In order to enter a snake in this category, hunter must enter a minimum of fifty (50) pounds of snake, including the **Longest Snake** entry. In lieu of this, he/she may choose to pay an entry fee of fifty dollars. Snakes caught on a guided caravan and certified by the guide are exempt from this rule.
7. Registered Hunters are given permission to enter hunt areas only when accompanied by a guide.
8. Gassing of dens is strictly prohibited. Any hunter using such methods will be disqualified and required to leave the area.
9. The carrying of firearms is prohibited. Guides will have the authority to confiscate any weapon that, in their judgment, is a danger to the hunters.
10. Guides are provided with training in first-aid for snake bites and other injuries; however, snake hunting is a dangerous sport and hunters are responsible for their own safety at all times.
11. In the event of a dispute, the Fangmaster will be the final authority, and his ruling is not subject to appeal.
12. We are guests of the landowners who allow us to hunt on their property. If a gate is open, leave it open, if it is closed leave it that way. Anything you carry in, carry out, leaving nothing behind but your footprints.
13. Any hunter caught purchasing snakes in order to increase his total will be disqualified. Any person purchasing snakes within the city of Mangum, Oklahoma, is subject to a fine equal to the price of the snakes in his possession at the time of arrest.

14. During the measuring of the snakes for prizes, the hunter whose snake is being measured may be present on the platform. The only others allowed on the platform at the measurement are the officials.

15. During the measuring of snakes-for-prizes, the hunter may not touch the snake. To do so will result in immediate disqualification.