

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEASURING NON-TYPICAL WHITETAIL DEER

All measurements must be made with a ¼ inch wide flexible steel tape to the nearest eighth of an inch. (Note: A flexible steel cable can be used to measure points and main beams only.) Enter fractional figures in eighths, without reduction. Official measurements cannot be taken until the antlers have air dried at a habitable room temperature for at least 60 days after the animal was killed. The 60-day drying period for a trophy that has been frozen or boiled begins the day it is removed from the freezer, boiling pot, or submersion in any liquid.

- A. Number of Points on Each Antler:** To be counted a point, the projection must be at least one inch long, with the length exceeding width at one inch or more of length. All points are measured from tip of point to nearest edge of beam as illustrated. Beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point. Point totals do not add into the final score.
- B. Tip to Tip Spread** is measured between tips of main beams. Tip to tip spread does not add into the final score.
- C. Greatest Spread** is measured between perpendiculars at a right angle to the center line of the skull at widest part, whether across main beams or points. Greatest spread does not add into the final score.
- D. Inside Spread of Main Beams** is measured at a right angle to the center line of the skull at widest point between main beams. Enter this measurement again as the Spread Credit if it is less than or equal to the length of the longer main beam; if greater, enter longer main beam length for Spread Credit.
- E. Total of Lengths of all Abnormal Points:** Abnormal Points are those non-typical in location (such as points originating from a point or from bottom or sides of main beam) or extra points beyond the normal pattern of points. Measure in usual manner and enter in appropriate blanks.
- F. Length of Main Beam** is measured from the center of the lowest outside edge of burr over the outer side to the most distant point of the main beam. The point of beginning is that point on the burr where the center line along the outer side of the beam intersects the burr, then following generally the line of the illustration.
- G-1-2-3-4-5-6-7.** Length of Normal Points: Normal points project from the top of the main beam. They are measured from nearest edge of main beam over outer curve to tip. Lay the tape along the outer curve of the beam so that the top edge of the tape coincides with the top edge of the beam on both sides of the point to determine the baseline for point measurement. Record point lengths in appropriate blanks.
- H-1-2-3-4. Circumferences** are taken as detailed in illustration for each measurement. If brow point is missing, take H-1 and H-2 at smallest place between burr and G-2. If G-4 is missing, take H-4 halfway between G-3 and tip of main beam.

I certify by my signature that the information I have provided on this form is accurate and correct. I also understand that all my entry materials, including photographs,, become the property of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and may be used to promote hunting in Iowa and for record keeping.

Date: _____ **Signature of Trophy Owner:** _____

For the purpose of entry into the Iowa DNR records, deer harvested by the use of the following methods or under the following conditions are ineligible:

- I.** Spotting or herding game from the air, followed by landing in its vicinity for the purpose of pursuit and shooting;
- II.** Herding or chasing with the aid of any motorized equipment;
- III.** Use of electronic communication devices to guide hunters to game, artificial lighting, electronic light intensifying devices (night vision optics), sights with built-in electronic range-finding capabilities, thermal imaging equipment, electronic game calls or cameras/timers/motion tracking devices that transmit images and other information to the hunter;
- IV.** Confined by artificial barriers, including escape-proof fenced enclosures;
- V.** Transplanted for the purpose of commercial shooting;
- VI.** By the use of traps or pharmaceuticals;
- VII.** While swimming, helpless in deep snow, or helpless in any other natural or artificial medium;
- VIII.** On another hunter’s license;
- IX.** Not in full compliance with the game laws or regulations of the federal government or of Iowa;

I certify that the trophy scored on this chart was not taken in violation of the conditions listed above. In signing this statement, I understand that if the information provided on this entry is found to be misrepresented or fraudulent in any respect, it will not be accepted into the Big Game records and 1) all of my prior entries are subject to deletion from further editions; 2) future entries may not be accepted. I also certify by my signature that the information I have provided on this form is accurate and correct. I also understand that all my entry materials, including photographs, become the property of the Iowa DNR and may be used to promote hunting in Iowa and for our records. I also agree to make my trophy available for DNA analysis if deemed necessary by the Iowa DNR to determine the proper entry category.

FAIR CHASE, as defined by the Iowa DNR, is the ethical, sportsmanlike and lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild, native animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper advantage over such game animals.

The Iowa DNR may exclude the entry of any animal that it deems to have been taken in an unethical manner or under conditions deemed inappropriate.

Date: _____ **Signature of Hunter:** _____

SIGNATURE MUST BE WITNESSED BY OFFICAL MEASURER

Date: _____ **Signature of Official Measurer:** _____