

## PTA COMPETITORS' AWARD

**\*\*Only Awarded at Convention Competition\*\***

### The PTA Competitors' Awards Rules and Regulations

("The PTA Competitors' Award rules will follow the rules established by the World Taxidermy Championships for its Competitors' Award.")

As a participant in the PA State Taxidermy & Wildlife Art Championships competition, taxidermists who enter four or more mounts in the Master or Professional Divisions, are eligible to enter to win six big cash awards, called "The Competitors' Awards". You must check the appropriate box on the entry form and submit the additional \$30/Professional or \$60/Master entry fee for the Competitors' Award. These awards will total \$5250.00 in prize money and will be divided as noted below.

#### Master Division:

\$2000.00 First Place, \$1000.00 Second Place, \$500.00 Third Place

#### Professional Division:

\$1000.00 First Place, \$500.00 Second Place, \$250.00 Third Place

The Competitors' Award finalists in each division will be the five competitors with the highest point total for four entries. Once these five highest scoring competitors (in each division) are determined, each competitor's four top entries will be grouped together. The five groups will be labeled A, B, C, D, and E and all of the division judges will vote by secret ballot as to their selections of the groups most deserving of the Competitors' Awards. Their criteria will be accuracy, originality, and difficulty. The purpose for this final evaluation by secret ballot is to allow for minor fluctuations between the judges in each category for determining scores that brought the entries there to begin with. The results will be known only by the competition committee to be announced at the PTA Awards Banquet. In case there is a tie, the money will be divided equally.

Taxidermists who wish to compete for this Competitors' Award can do so by entering four or more mounts in either the Master or Professional divisions. You must check the appropriate box on the entry form and submit the additional \$30/Professional or \$60/Master entry fee for the Competitors' Award. The entries can be in any category (birds, fish, mammals, gameheads, etc.) and if an individual has more than four entries, his or her highest four scores will be used. Unlike a "Best All Around" competition, the competing entries are not limited to being in four different categories, but may include multiple entries in the same category. Example: four birds from one competitor could accumulate enough points to be included in the five finalists.

Important: A competitor can only compete in one division for The Competitors' Award - Master or Professional. If a competitor has more than four entries in both the Master and Professional Divisions, he or she must specify in which division he or she would like to compete for the money. In other words, you cannot compete to win awards in both divisions. Failure to specify will cause a forfeit on winning any of the Competitors' Awards. Any competitor entering four or more mounts who wishes not to compete for the prize money will be allowed to do so by signing an affidavit when entering his or her mounts.

Interpretations of all rulings or regulations (and any rules not provided for) will be decided by the PTA Competition Committee. If you have a specific question regarding the competition, contact the PTA President.

(Established 9/03 by WTC & PTA) (Entry fee changed 6/06 by PTA)

## Convention and Competition Entry Tips

1. Please list ALL names of those attending so that I.D. badges can be included in pre-registration packages. Changes and additions hold up the line at the registration desk.
2. I.D. badges must be worn visibly at all times! **Security will ask you to leave without the proper I.D.**
3. A membership of any kind along with convention registration entitles the member, spouse, and any children or mentored youth under the age of 18 into the convention. 18 years of age and over must have their own membership and registration. Parents of adult members, in-laws, and shop employees must also have a separate membership and registration. The membership and registration entitles everyone listed on your registration to attend seminars, visit the suppliers' area, and view the competition area. **(You cannot walk in off of the street without a membership and convention registration just to visit the suppliers' area)**
4. A family membership entitles someone in your immediate family (spouse, child or mentored youth under the age of 18) to compete without a separate membership, have a vote in the election, and tickets for cash drawings and door prizes. Convention registration need not be paid for this person but competition entry fees must be paid for each entry.
5. A life membership entitles you, your spouse, and children or mentored youth under the age of 18 to compete without separate membership. A life member only receives 1 vote in the election. A convention registration in the life members name covers everyone listed above but, each person must pay their own competition entry fees.
6. PTA Competitor's Award requires a \$30/Professional or \$60/Master entry fee. If you want to compete for the money you must check the appropriate box on the competition entry form and pay the additional \$30 or \$60 fee.
7. Habitats are a separate competition entry and must be paid for accordingly.
8. Life Memberships, \$750, may be paid in installments but must be paid in full within 2 years. If not paid, the member will be dropped back down to a single membership needing re-newed each year. No Refunds. Invoices will be mailed out once a year near renewal time to remind you and show the balance due. The payment schedule is at the members' discretion.
9. Read your competition rules carefully. There are many "Special Awards". (Ex: Hilton Eppley Forms, Pro-1, Polytranspar, etc...) Please try to note on the entry form if your mount was done using any of these. If these awards are offered again this year this will ensure that you will be included. There is no extra charge for these special awards.
10. Collective Artists - Please list the names of all artists who worked on this entry and one business name for the computers purpose.
11. Extra membership, convention, and competition entry forms are available on the PTA website [www.taxidermypa.com](http://www.taxidermypa.com)
12. Competition entries can be sent to the show with another person - you don't have to be present to compete, just be a member and be registered for one day of the convention and pay your competition entry fees.