

YOUTH DIVISION GUIDELINES AND RULES

General Rules

1. A \$5.00 entry fee per child is applied regardless of the number of mounts entered. Mount fees are waived for this division.
2. The registration fees are waived as long as the child's parent/guardian/mentor is registered in the competition.
3. It is not mandatory that a child enter youth division (Ex. He/She may enter Novice or Professional divisions if so desires).
4. A child may not enter youth division and any other division in the same category.
5. Parental assistance will be allowed in the skinning and preparation of the specimens. Guidance will be allowed during the mounting and finish work of the specimen but must be kept to **hands off level**. Child must do the actual mounting and finish work themselves.
6. A picture board may be set up with pictures of the youth division participants collectively gathered. No names shall be listed with the pictures for the safety of the youth. Parents are encouraged to bring pictures of their youth on registration day for said board.
7. A participation certificate will be awarded to all youth that participate in the youth division.
8. This division shall be multi-ribbon with first, second, and third place ribbons awarded to those that qualify.
9. Judges choice award shall be given out in each age group that has entries.
10. The Youth Division shall be divided up into 4 age groups, 5-7 year olds, 8-12 year olds, 13-15 year olds and 16-18 year olds.
11. The Youth Division shall have 5 categories in which to enter – **Birds, Mammals, Fish, Reptiles, and Game Heads**.
12. Youth division is to be judged by the respective Novice Division Judges
13. The Novice judges shall collectively choose the Judge's choice award for each age group.
14. The Horizon Award will only be awarded once in the lifetime of the youth participant. After a youth competitor wins this award they are no longer eligible to receive it in future competitions.