

# A.B.A. GAME AWARDS SYNOPSIS

(August 26, 2020)

Small Game, Big Game, Master and Grandmaster ABA bowhunter Awards (no time limit to earn), as well as the Annual Big Game Awards Program have been established for ABA members only. *Applications for these awards will be accepted only if the bowhunter is an ABA member at the time the game entered is taken.*

Must be taken under the "ABA Rules of Fair Chase" and the "ABA Game Award Entry Requirements" (<https://albertabowhunters.ca>).

*Entries must be received by March 1 in the year following when those animals were taken – NO exceptions!! For example: any ABA eligible animal taken in 2020 must be entered by March 1<sup>st</sup> of 2021.*

## **SMALL GAME AWARD (Certificate)**

ABA bowhunters must take 1 species from 5 of the following 6 categories (all taken in Alberta):

### GAME BIRD

Hungarian Partridge  
Ruffed Grouse  
Sharp-tailed Grouse  
Spruce Grouse  
Blue Grouse  
Merriam's Turkey  
Ptarmigan  
Pheasant

### RODENT

Jack Rabbit  
Snowshoe Hare  
Cottontail Rabbit  
Woodchuck  
Gopher  
Porcupine  
Beaver  
Red Squirrel

### CARNIVORE

Wolf  
Coyote  
Fox  
Raccoon  
Badger

### VARMINT

Crow      Magpie  
Raven (on private land)  
Starling      Pigeon  
Skunk  
Free ranging wild boar

### MIGRATORY

Ducks  
Geese  
Coots  
Common Snipe (Wilson's)

### FISH

Species according to Fishing Regulations. Examples:  
Sucker  
Lake Whitefish

## **BIG GAME AWARD (Certificate)**

ABA Bowhunter must take any 3 of Alberta's 10 species (can be male or female):

Whitetail/ Mule/ Elk / Moose/ Bighorn Sheep/ Antelope/ Black Bear / Cougar/ Goat/Bison

## **RED ARROW AWARD (Certificate and Red Arrow branded hat)**

To be awarded to the ABA bowhunter(s) who take their first ever archery big game animal.

## **GAME MANAGEMENT DRAW (Random draw for Game Mgt branded hat)**

Random draw at banquet from all antlerless big game entries received by ABA bowhunters/members.

## **BOWHUNTER OF THE YEAR (belt buckle)**

To be awarded to the ABA bowhunter whose top (maximum of three) P&Y scoring animals have the highest accumulative P&Y minimum percentages. The entry(s) must be at least 75% of the P&Y minimum to qualify.

## **MASTER BOWHUNTER AWARD (personalized buckle - \$275 value)**

\*ABA bowhunter must take four of the above Alberta species, and, with the exception of bears and cougars, all must be legal males (> 4" antlers, 4/5 curl, etc.)

\*Two of the four must meet Pope & Young's minimum score.

\*Bowhunter must have already earned a Small Game Award, and have taken at least one carnivore.

## **GRANDMASTER BOWHUNTER AWARD**

ABA bowhunter must take six Alberta species of Pope & Young animals.

\*Bowhunter must have already earned a Small Game Award and have taken at least one carnivore.

## **ANNUAL GAME AWARDS (Gold, Silver & Bronze Award plaques)**

**ABA Bowhunter must take the largest of the Alberta species; listed below (Dec. 1st thru Nov. 30th).**

**ELK (Typ and Non-Typ), WHITETAIL (Typ and Non-Typ), MULE DEER (Typ and Non-Typ), MOOSE, BIGHORN, COUGAR, BLACK BEAR, ANTELOPE, GOAT, BISON, TRADITIONAL AWARD, LADIES, YOUTH AWARD (< 17 Years old on day animal is taken)**

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