

REGISTRATION FORM & RULES PAGE

42nd KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF TAXIDERMISTS CONVENTION AND COMPETITION 2024

**EARLY**-REGISTRATION DUE March 4th 2024. **NO EXTRA BANQUET TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER THIS DATE OR AT CONVENTION. ORDER TICKETS ON THIS FORM.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Website Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required**

**Convention Registration Fee**

\$115-----\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Or  
**K.A.T Day Pass (\$50)** Fri Seminars only (Req's Kansas Membership)-----\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Fri  
Seminars, people's choice voting, & business meeting only (Req's Kansas Membership)-----\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Sat

**Membership Type**

**Single \$35** (NEW !!! Kansas Membership Required ) -----\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Family \$55.00** (Covers 2 votes @ business meeting, any adult taxidermist competing with registration & anyone 18 or younger competing without registration. 19 and over must purchase registration) -----\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional (NO BANQUET TICKET INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION)**

**Adult banquet tickets** (13 yrs and up) ----- X \$45.00/ticket = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Children's banquet tickets** (0-12yrs old) ----- X \$20.00/ticket = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Competition pieces** ----- X \$20.00/Entry \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Habitat** ----- X \$20.00/Entry = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Master Competitors Award** 4 mounts minimum of any category (must be all master level)  
(habitat & original art not permitted) ---\$20.00 entry fee-----\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Competitors Award** 4 mounts minimum of any category (must be all professional level) (habitat & original art not permitted) ---\$20.00 entry fee-----\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**President Challenge** (Small Lifesize Mammal) --\$20.00 entry -----\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**All Around** 4 mounts minimum in different categories, see rule 14  
(habitat & original art not permitted) \$20.00 entry fee -----\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Combined Artist** (judged at highest entry taxidermist level) \$20.00 entry fee /ea. Taxidermist- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**KAT Scramble** (Live mounting competition) **winner takes the pot.** Mount anything in 4hrs voted on by peoples choice at the end of 4hrs. \*See show schedule ---\$10.00 entry fee-----\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Due \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enter mounts, with species type being brought below. Please include habitat entries, and awards categories you wish to enter.**

**Sign and enclose the KAT Competition Rules.**

**To qualify for these awards (Pro 1, Polytranspar, Ben Mears, G2) please indicate on the right**

CATEGORY	SPECIMEN	LEVEL Am, Pro, M, C	AWARD

Please mail your registration and entries to:  
**Brad Anderson, 1017 Flag Rd, Abilene, KS 67410**

\*\*\*\*\*Even if you're unsure what you will be actually bringing, go ahead and enter it at this time. It's more time efficient to have it pre entered and then make changes at the show\*\*\*\*\*

## K.A.T. COMPETITION RULES

1. All competitors must sign this form stating they will obey all rules and releasing the K.A.T., its Officers, or Board of Directors from any liability for mounts entered in competition. Mounts entered in the show are done so at the owner's risk. Every precaution will be made to secure the entries.
2. The Judges' decision shall be final unless an appeal is made to the Competition Committee (Board of Directors). A \$25 fee must be paid to have an entry re-judged.
3. A valid K.A.T. membership is required before entering a K.A.T. competition. A membership received after final registration closes will not be eligible for awards at the convention.
4. More than one entry per person in a category is allowed.
5. Protected species will need written proof or proper permits to be entered.
6. Any vulgar mount or mount done in poor taste will be taken out of competition.
7. No mount can be entered that has been in a previous K.A.T. competition where judges were used.
8. Any mount completed under instruction/school can compete in professional or master categories and receive a score sheet with a critique but will NOT receive any ribbons or awards.
9. Masters that enter a reproduction MUST make your own reproduction.
10. We do not have an interpretive category. A mount deemed to be interpretive by the judges will not be scored.
11. A Professional taxidermist is a person who receives money for their work.
12. An Amateur taxidermist is a person who receives NO MONEY for ANY of their work.
13. Combined Artists entries, all taxidermists listed on the entry, must be entered in the level of the most advanced taxidermist.
14. All Around consists of a minimum of four (4) mounts of different species in four different categories: (Shoulder mount Whitetail, Gamehead, Fish, Reptile, Bird, Lifesize).
15. Competitor award consists of a minimum of four (4) mounts of any category except habitat or original art. A ribbon will be given to 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 1<sup>st</sup> place receiving a plaque.
16. The Richard H. Schmidt Award of Excellence will go to the highest scoring Masters mount of a K.A.T. member in the competition.
17. Every out of state competitor is eligible for the Best Out of State Award.
18. A K.A.T. member, resident or nonresident, competing in a professional category is eligible for the "Best of Kansas" plaque awarded to the highest score in that category; and a K.A.T. member, resident or nonresident, competing in a master category is eligible for the "State Champion" plaque awarded to highest score in that category.
19. Soliciting by suppliers, members or competitors in the competition area will be allowed after awards are affixed.
20. No member or competitor can be in the judging area while judging is in progress, (other than the Competition Committee) or try to influence the judges in any way.
21. Any mount entered in competition that is "wet" or "buggy" will NOT be eligible for ribbons or awards; but will receive a judge's critique.
22. Competitors will compete at the competition level used in their home state.
23. A competitor violating a competition rule on an entry will be subject to loss of any and all awards. Entry fees will not be reimbursed. No disrespectful words or actions towards a judge will be tolerated.
24. All grooming of your mount will take place outside the competition room in the grooming room. Once you bring your mount into the competition room to be placed, you will have 5 minutes to do final touch up grooming with "hands" only, no tools. After your 5 minutes, you are required to leave the competition room.

**I have read the competition rules and do agree that the mount or mounts that I have entered are in accordance with K.A.T. competition rules and I have personally done the work.**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Competitor Signature** \_\_\_\_\_