

# STURGIS COYOTE CHALLENGE

Presented by Sturgis Coffee Company and Buffalo Chip Shooting Complex

January 22 –6:30pm Team Check In & Calcutta, Sturgis Coffee Company  
January 23 – 7:00pm Weigh-In & Awards, Buffalo Chip Shooting Complex

## TEAM REGISTRATION FORM - EARLY ENTRY DEADLINE JAN 15

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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AM /  AM NOT a Buffalo Chip Shooting Complex Member  
(Circle One)

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ENTRY FEE: \$175/TEAM

LARGE/SMALL COYOTE: \$15 each ←not required

TOTAL AMT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail checks payable to BCSC, Buffalo Chip Shooting Complex, 20622 131<sup>st</sup> Ave, Sturgis SD 57785  
To pay by credit card, call Stephanie at 605-347-9000.

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, Sturgis 605-347-4140 or [www.hiesturgis.com](http://www.hiesturgis.com)  
SPECIAL COYOTE CHALLENGE RATE, KING or 2QUEEN ROOM: \$79(includes hot breakfast)  
Be sure to ask for the special Coyote Challenge Rate.



More information  
[www.sturgishuntclub.com](http://www.sturgishuntclub.com)  
Stephanie at 605-347-9000  
Mike at 605-720-1480

All Payouts at 72%! Winning team could be looking at \$2000 prize money!

## 2k10 STURGIS COYOTE CHALLENGE RULES – Jan 22/23

1. Entry will be limited to 50 two-man teams. Entry fee shall be \$175 per team. Friday and Saturday night, entered teams eat free. (72% pay back) Payback will be as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> 30%, 2<sup>nd</sup> 24%, 3<sup>rd</sup> 18%. Cash prize depends on the number of registered teams. BCSC members have an added \$200 jackpot for top placing team. **Cancellations after Jan 10th will not be refunded. Teams will need to pay the entry fee upon registration. The challenge will take place snow, sleet or shine.**
2. Largest coyote (\$15) and smallest coyote (\$15) weights will be taken at check in. (100% payback). Cash paid for largest and smallest coyote shot in the challenge.
3. A side JACK-pot-RABBIT contest will be open to all teams. No preregistration necessary. To enter and qualify for this second contest, notify the Challenge officials upon your arrival at the team check-in. Two rear feet = 1 rabbit. ALL coyote challenge rules apply to this side challenge. Prizes to be announced at shoot registration.
4. Coyotes must be taken at least 50 ft. from any vehicle.
5. Use of ATV's and/or snowmobiles the day of the tournament to locate, chase, and/or shoot coyotes is prohibited.
6. Use of an airplane, helicopter, Para plane, and/or ultra light to locate coyotes will not be allowed. Use by either a team or by someone on behalf of a tournament participant will result in immediate removal from the tournament and will be band from all future tournaments.
7. Coyotes can be taken with any center fire, rim fire, or bow. NO Shotguns.
8. No more than two persons per team. One vehicle only.
9. Core temperatures will be taken from all coyotes at check-in. Coyotes will be disqualified if temperature and time do not match.
10. The day of the tournament blocks will be distributed at the morning check-in and placed in each coyote's mouth immediately upon retrieval. The block must have the team number and time of day marked clearly on the tag. Bands will be provided to place around the coyote's mouth (top & bottom) to secure the block. THE BLOCK MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND BANDED IN THE COYOTES MOUTH. ANY COYOTE TURNED IN WITHOUT A PROPERLY FILLED OUT BLOCK (SEQUENCE NUMBER, TEMPERATURE, TEAM NUMBER) BANDED IN THE COYOTES MOUTH WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. **Coyotes must be exposed to the outdoors, belly up, side by side. Coyotes CANNOT be placed in plastic bags, enclosed boxes, or stored inside a vehicle. This makes it impossible to get consistent core temps if these standards are not followed by everyone. NO EXEPTIONS.**
11. Five teams will be chosen at random by number to be mediators, with 5 additional teams as alternates prior to the start of the tournament. In the case a team with any coyotes that are disqualified during the check-ins, the team/s with the rule infraction will have an opportunity—after check-in on Saturday—to request a review by their peers. The review will be of the facts as they pertain to the coyotes in question. One member of each of the five teams will have a vote, and the majority vote will be the final ruling. The team that requests the review will have to pay an additional \$50 upon that request. This \$50 will be refunded back in the event the ruling in question is overturned, If the ruling stands, the \$50 will be forfeited by the team who requested the review. This is not an opportunity to re-write rules, but an opportunity to an impartial review of the facts. **NOTE:** Rule 23 is not reviewable, and is only enforceable by the coyote challenge director.
12. All applicable licenses must be in your possession at time of tournament. If you are hunting without a current resident or non-resident license, local authorities may be notified and you will be disqualified from the tournament. More info about this online at [www.sturgishuntclub.com](http://www.sturgishuntclub.com)
13. All entrants must be present at the Friday night registration and by 7pm to check-in.
14. No live decoys and /or dogs. (No running coyotes with dogs.)
15. No baiting.

16. All ties will be broken by gross weight.
17. Mouth call, hand calls and electronic calls can be used.
18. No pooling of coyotes between teams.
19. Check-in times are strongly enforced and it is the participant's responsibility to get with a tournament official to log your check-in time. ALL teams must report by 7:00PM on Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Buffalo Chip Shooting Complex to be eligible. (Mountain time). Get a map online, [www.sturgishuntclub.com](http://www.sturgishuntclub.com)
20. You have to locate and call your own coyotes. You cannot have a second team or individual out scouting for you.
21. All coyotes that are checked in will be the responsibility of the team after it has been qualified by officials. A fur buyer will be on location if you want to sell your fur.
22. **Calcutta Auction:** You can buy your own team for \$100. If you do not choose to buy your team prior to the start of the Calcutta, your team will be available for open bidding to be purchased by the highest bidder. (90% payback, 10% will be donated on behalf of entrants to support Sturgis Youth Outdoors activities)
23. **Sportsmanship.** Any team—upon the sole discretion of the tournament director—that shows a lack of consideration for other teams, the rules, or is just being an all-around asshole, will be refunded their entry fee and asked to leave. If it is determined that any team or team member who—in the past—has a history of questionable actions, coyotes, behavior, etc., that is deemed detrimental to the enjoyment of the tournament by others, they will be banned from entering the tournament. Any displays of unsportsmanlike behavior will be dealt with immediately.
24. Rules may be modified or amended by the Challenge director until Jan 22. All rules will be read at the Shooters Meeting the night of the Calcutta. All Teams must be registered and in attendance for the Shooters Meeting.

The rules are set out for the benefit of all participants to ensure everyone has equal opportunity for a great hunt and a chance at winning the tournament. Each coyote will be examined at check in, and all rules will be strongly enforced. Core temperatures, time of kill, and sequence will be checked on all coyotes checked-in. Properly filled out blocks are imperative. We will have a large pool of coyotes to compare temperatures and times with- you should expect your coyotes to fall within those ranges. If you check in a coyote that does not fall within those ranges, the tournament officials will have sole discretion of disallowing the coyote in question. Violating the tournament rules or the laws of the state can lead to that team's removal from the tournament and depending on the situation, the local authorities may be notified. If you have a snowmobile and are considering entering the tournament just to run the coyotes down, I would suggest you do not spend your money on the entry fee. Trapping, snaring, live trapping, shooting coyotes the night before, shooting them from a vehicle, having another team or individual locating coyotes, or trying to take a coyote in any way that would jeopardize the integrity of this coyote shoot will not be tolerated and you will be removed from the coyote shoot immediately. Anything questionable will be up to the discretion of the tournament official to determine if a coyote will be allowed or disallowed. It is the burden of the tournament participant to follow the rules and to turn in coyotes that do not appear to be taken outside of what is allowed by the rules. Meaning, that if your team turns in 4 coyotes that two of them are blocked incorrectly based on times and temps. The ones in question will be disqualified. If you turn in coyotes that are all shot in the hind quarters with a shot gun, with dry bladders and empty colon, you may have a problem convincing anyone they were taken legally. The tournament officials do not need to see you in the act, and explaining what happened will not help if every indication points towards you running them down with a prohibited atv or other machine. These rules will be enforced without question in order to maintain fairness across all entered teams and for the fairness to the animal. The burden is on the hunter to prove that the coyote was taken as per tournament rules- not the officials.

Please sign that you have read the rules and understand them. At least one member of each team must sign prior to receiving blocks.

Sign.....date.....

Sign.....date.....

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

**APPLICABLE LICENSES:** Any South Dakota resident with a current game license will not need any additional licenses to hunt. Any non-resident shooters will need to have a predator/varmint non-resident license in hand to legally take an animal in South Dakota. If you have a valid big-game NonResident license, you may be licensed for predator/varmint already. Wyoming, North Dakota, Nebraska residents – if you plan to shoot in your home state – please check your license needs.

**HUNTING REGIONS:** There are no restrictions as to where the coyotes are taken. All dogs must be within time/temp categories and be harvested on Saturday January 23 in order to be eligible for the contest.

**BONUS:** All entered shooting complex members will be eligible for a \$200 bonus to be paid to the team that places highest in the Coyote Challenge. If there are 2 or more all women teams, the top women's team, place or no place will get a \$100 bonus.

**ENTRY INCLUDES:** All paid teams will receive 2 meals and beverages per shooter. Friday: Wild Game Feed Saturday: Steak Tip and Chicken Dinner

**COYOTE CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP:** The check-in and championship will be held at the Buffalo Chip Shooting Complex. Everyone is welcome to join us for the fun as we award the top teams. Steak Tip & Chicken dinners will be served for \$15 a plate- please make sure to RSVP on the entry form if you're going to need any extra dinners. Challenge teams dinner is free.

**HOST HOTEL:** A special rate is awaiting interested teams at the Holiday Inn Express in Sturgis. Please make sure to mention the Coyote Challenge for your reduced rate. \$79 for King or Double Queen with AM Hot Breakfast included. [www.hiesturgis.com](http://www.hiesturgis.com) or 605.347.4140

**IMPORTANT INFO:** FRIDAY-Sturgis Coffee Company. 6:30-7:15pm Shooter Registration & Rules Meeting. 7:30pm Shooter Calcutta. Wild Game Feed sponsored by: SATURDAY- Buffalo Chip Shooting Complex. 7:00pm Deadline for eligibility. Teams MUST be in line to weigh-in by the 7pm deadline. The shooters meal will be ready at 6:30pm.

