

# MANITOBA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION

## Pelt Preparation Contest 2026

Each pelt is to be judged on quality of preparation and handling procedures. Colour, size and primeness of fur are irrelevant. Fur will not be discounted for natural damage (old scars, etc.). Each pelt is to be judged on a point system. Each of two judges will rate the pelt features on a point scoring system. Points are totalled for a final score on the pelt. There will be one trophy awarded for each fur category, and one trophy for grand aggregate.

There will be two categories: OPEN (all ages) and JUNIOR (15 years and under).

**Note:** Entries in OPEN category must come from current paid up members of MTA, open to all ages. Junior category entries can come from anyone under 16 years who has an interest in fur prep. All entries must be turned in by 1:00 pm, Saturday, April 11, 2026 for judging. Awards will be announced on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> during the banquet.

### **OPEN – 9 Categories**

Entries in the open category must come from current paid-up members of MTA, open to all ages. First prize of \$25 and second prize of \$20 for the following:

- SINGLE PELT:** beaver, otter, coyote, fox, marten, mink, fisher, raccoon.
- BUNDLE OF 3 PELTS:** muskrat

**A trophy will be awarded to the grand aggregate** (highest total point scoring) winner of the open competition.

### **JUNIOR – 6 Categories**

First prize of \$25 and second prize of \$20 for the following:

- SINGLE PELT:** mink, weasel (ermine), muskrat, marten, beaver
- BUNDLE OF 3 PELTS:** squirrel

**Note:** *To encourage Junior Trappers, recognition will be given for other species of fur preparation efforts.*

**The Doug Lubkiwski Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the junior trapper who has the highest overall score.

Scoring will be done with the following considerations:

- A. General appearance & shape
- B. Leather cleanliness
- C. Properly dried
- D. Maximum amount of quality fur retained on pelt
- E. Cleanliness of fur (washed & combed or brushed)
- F. Tail Split and properly dried (where required)
- G. Consideration given if damaged pelt is properly repaired.

**Note:** Donations from local fur councils or organizations to help sponsor the cost of the pelt preparation competitions would be appreciated. Your assistance will be recognized.

## WOLF COMPETITION - Sponsored by MTA Trap Sales

Offered to encourage the utilization of wolves considering their high population levels. Above rules apply. Pelts to be judged on preparation of taxidermy market. Emphasis on proper preparation of paws, claws, ears and lips.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: MB750 Wolf Trap
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: RAM Wolfmaster, RAM safety
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: RAM Wolfmaster