

# Boot Exhibition Guidelines 2005

Dear Bootmakers,

These are the guidelines for the 2005 Wichita Falls Roundup

Voting will begin at 11:00 a.m Saturday, so please have entries in before then so all entries can be considered equally.

- ❖ No boot must ever have been entered in any other show
- ❖ Each contestant is limited to one boot per category (must be shop owner or bootmaker)
- ❖ In the interest of fairness please attempt to cover the name of the maker of the boot.
- ❖ Visitors at the show will vote for their favorite boots (one vote per category)
- ❖ An “Exhibition Only” table will be available for those choosing to exhibit without any judging or awards

An award called ” **Professional’s Choice**” will be given. The winning boot will be selected from the Journeyman, Working Cowboy, Artistry, Top Stitching and Open categories. The award will be judged by three rotating board members, not the public. The judges decision will be based upon their expertise in the business.

Each category runner-up will receive an honorary plaque this year. Masters category will not have a runner-up. The board members are attempting to contact vendors in order to secure donations for **belt buckles** for the winners of each category.

## Categories:

❖ ***Journeyman*** - Under 15 pair constructed

❖ ***Working Cowboy*** – Noticeable sturdy build tough type skins:  
**examples (but not limited to) water buffalo, bull hide, horse, pig**

This category is an interpretation that can be clarified by 2 board members sitting with me at the sign up table. We all know an ostrich with cutouts and inlays could be made for a working cowboy. In general this class is not for that type boot.

❖ ***Artistry*** – This category is for carvings, cutouts, inlays, foxings, etc. or your imagination

❖ ***Top Stitching*** – This category is for stitching only on the tops; no overlays, inlays, collars or cut-outs

❖ ***Open*** - Anything goes

❖ ***Masters***- Anything goes

There are two ways to enter this category:

1. Voluntary entry—you agree to enter this category from now on; you will no longer enter the other categories due to your level of expertise in the business. A basic guideline to follow is that 15 years or more of experience qualifies you for this category (remember—this is voluntary; it’s a choice to place yourself in this expert category)
2. Placed entry—you have won any combination of the categories three times; since records are not being kept, this has to be an honor system

Board Members (comprised of Bootmakers with 20+ years of experience in the business): Carl Chappell, Ray Dorwart, Dave Hutchings, Dave Little, Deana McGuffin, Jimmy Pope, Tex Robin, Terry Young

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