



Dear Callers,

Enclosed you will find the rules and regulations and an application to compete in the 2010 Grand National Calling Championships. Please read over all of the rules and take note of the changes that we have implemented this year. There are changes that will affect many of you, such as schedule of events and qualifications for some of the divisions.

All calling contest will be held in the **Governor's Ballroom** of the Opryland Hotel & Convention Center, Nashville, TN. The Governor's Ballroom is located in the Delta Section of the Convention Center. Caller registration packets should be picked up at the **main registration desk** in the Delta Lobby of the Hotel.

We are looking forward to this years contest and hope that you are planning to attend. If you have any questions regarding anything, please do not hesitate to give me a call or email me at [tcondrey@nwtf.net](mailto:tcondrey@nwtf.net).

Complete information regarding the 2010 Convention and Sport Show including online registration and maps can be found by going to our website [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org) and click on the link for the convention.

We will see you soon in Nashville.

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2010 GRAND NATIONAL TURKEY CALLING CHAMPIONSHIPS
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## I. INTRODUCTION

### Purpose of Regulations

The regulations contained herein set forth the rules and procedures governing the 2010 Grand National Calling Championships through which the Grand National Senior, Friction, Owl Hooting, Gobbling, Team and Champion of Champions are chosen.

The regulations are also an attempt to create high standards for all turkey calling competitions.

## II. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONTEST REGULATIONS

Any entrant failing to comply with any of the requirements as herein set forth shall be disqualified from the contest and will be considered ineligible by the judging panel.

## III. JUDGING

A minimum of five judges will be selected by the N.W.T.F. An effort will be put forth to select judges with high personal integrity and reputation as well as excellence in interest and knowledge about turkeys and turkey calling. The identification of the members of the judging panel will be announced at each contest, just prior to competition. From the minimum of five judges' scores awarded to each contestant, the highest and lowest score will be thrown out with only the remaining mean scores being counted. All judges will use ink pens.

## IV. REGISTRATION

In order to compete in the Grand National Championships, one MUST PREREGISTER and pay registration fees via mail or fax by **January 29, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. EST**. Registration will NOT be available at the convention.

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# Rules and Guidelines for all 2010 /WTB NWTF Grand National Calling Championships.

## **Mandatory callers meeting, Roll call & Order of Calling**

- Roll call will be taken at the callers meeting 30 minutes prior to the contest. Callers must be present at this roll call and meeting.
- A second roll call will be taken just prior to the drawing of the numbers by the contestants. Any caller not present at the second roll call may be disqualified from the contest.
- Numbers will then be drawn by the contestants to determine their calling position.
- The contestant drawing number one (1) will immediately draw a second number, and call in both positions.
- Only the score derived while calling the second calling position will count for score.
- Please note: If number one (1) is not drawn by a contestant, then a re-draw will be held until the number one (1) is drawn. **Do not leave the drawing area until all callers have drawn and a re-draw is not necessary.**

## **Refund policy**

- The total amount is refundable if the applicant, for some reason, is unable to participate in the competition if notice is given to a NWTF Staff member prior to roll call for the registered contest.

## **Requirements / Eligibility**

- All contestants competing in the 2010 Grand National Calling Championships **must be** a current member of the National Wild Turkey Federation.
- All contestants must meet the age requirements and qualifications set forth for each competition.

## **Ties**

- All ties determining award places will be broken by a call-off.
- Those contestants with equal total scores will be called back on stage in the same calling order and asked to deliver the same calls in the same order as in the preceding round.
- The contestant with the highest point total will be declared the winner of that place.
- Scores obtained in the call-off are used solely to break ties.
- Call-off scores are not figured in determining the total score.

## **Winners**

- The caller with the highest point total from the final round will be declared the 2010 Champion of their respective competition.
- The person with the second highest score will be declared the first runner-up.
- The person with the third highest score will be declared the second runner-up.

<b>2010 Wild Turkey Bourbon/NWTF Grand National Senior Division Competition</b>
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**Entry Fee**

- A \$250 entry fee is required with registration.

**Requirements/Eligibility**

- The contestant must be at least 21 years old on or before February 19, 2010.
- The contestant must be a current member of the National Wild Turkey Federation.
- Any person who was a first place winner in a qualifying N.W.T.F. Sanctioned Open or State division contest from January 1, 2009 until January 29, 2010 is eligible to compete in this years Senior Preliminary contest. Any previous Grand National Senior Division or World Open Division calling champions are also eligible for this years contest. Team Challenge, Intermediate, Youth, Junior, Amateur, Owl Hooting, Gobbling or other various divisions are ineligible.
- The top five place finishers in the 2009 WTB/NWTF Senior Division Grand National Wild Turkey Calling Championships are automatically eligible.
- The reigning WTB/NWTF Senior Division Grand National Champion, reigning World Champion and the reigning US Open Champion automatically qualified to call in the finals division and may call in the preliminary if he or she desires. Their score will not affect the top twelve - (12) scores of the preliminary round.
- Previous years Grand National Champions and all other eligible contestants must call in the preliminary round.

**Preliminaries**

- The Senior Division Preliminaries will be held on Friday, February 19, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., in The Governor's Ballroom.
- A mandatory preparation meeting and roll call beginning at 8:30 a.m. in The Governor's Ballroom at the front of the stage, for all Senior Preliminary contestants.

**Time Limits**

- There will be a one-minute per call time limit in the preliminary and final rounds. The clock will begin on the first note of the first call and stop on the acknowledgment of the caller that they are finished with their last call.
- The NWTF reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and there will be a 5-point penalty from final score for anyone going over the time limit.

**Calls**

- The contestants will be judged on a minimum of four calls (4) in the preliminary contest and five (5) calls in the finals.
- **Calls will be drawn and posted in front of the calling contest stage at 5:00 p.m. the day before the contest.**
- The calls will be selected from among the following: putt, plain yelp of the hen, cutting of excited hen, adult hen assembly call, fly down cackle, kee kee run, cluck and purr, yelp of excited hen. The caller may be asked to do a medley of calls at a Judge's discretion.

**Finals on Saturday**

- The Senior Division Finals will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 3:00 p.m., in The Governor's Ballroom.
- A mandatory preparation meeting and roll call beginning at 2:30 p.m. in The Governor's Ballroom at the front of the stage, for all Senior Preliminary contestants.
- A new number will be drawn on Saturday by each of the top twelve finalists, the reigning grand national champion, reigning World Champion, and reigning US Open Champion, immediately before the senior finals competition.

**2010 Wild Turkey Bourbon/NWTF Grand National  
Senior Division Competition ... (continued)**

**Prizes**

- Prize money will be determined and figured at 80% of the entry fees collected for the division.
  - The Champion will receive 50% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division.
  - First runner-up will receive 30% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division.
  - Second runner-up will receive 20% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division.
  - Trophies will also be awarded to the top three finishing contestants.
  - The 2010 Wild Turkey Bourbon/NWTF Grand National Senior Calling Champion will also receive a beautiful custom champion ring.

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**2010 Wild Turkey Bourbon/NWTF Grand National  
Rare Breed Champion of Champions**

**Registration**

- A \$250 entry fee is required with registration.

**Requirements/Eligibility**

- The NWTF will verify the contestant's eligibility by using records of past Grand National Championships, from past World Championships, and from past World Natural Voice Championships.
- The contestant must be 21 years old on or before February 20, 2010.
- The contestants must be a current member of the NWTF.
- Any person who is a past Grand National Champion in the Senior, Friction, Owl Hooting, Gobbling or Team Championship, a past World Champion or a past Natural Voice World Champion, World Friction or US Open Champion is eligible.
- Intermediate and Junior divisions are ineligible.

**When**

- The Rare Breed Champion of Champions Competition will be held on **Saturday, February 20, 2010** immediately following the Senior Finals Competition in The Governor's Ballroom.
- There will be a mandatory prep meeting and roll call at 2:30 p.m. in The Governor's Ballroom at the front of the stage, along with the Senior Finals Contestants.

**Calls**

- The Contestant will be judged on the performance of each required call and the use of each instrument.
- **The required calls are assembly call, cluck and purr, kee kee run, yelp of the excited hen and callers best call. \*\***
- **All contestants must use an air operated call (mouth diaphragm, tube call or trumpet call) for two of the calls and friction call (box or pot and peg) for two of the calls. Callers best call may be the call type choice of contestants ie. friction or air operated. \*\***
- One referee will ensure all required calling devices were used.
- There will be a 24-point deduction penalty (from the final score) for each device that a contestant fails to use.

**Time Limit**

- There will be a five-minute time limit for each contestant. The clock will begin on the first note of the first call and stop on the acknowledgment of the caller that they are finished with their last call.
- The NWTF reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and there will be a 5 point penalty from final score for anyone going over the time limit.

**Prizes**

- The Rare Breed Champion of Champions will receive a beautiful replica of the Champion Trophy Cup and 80% of the entry fees collected for the division.

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**\*\*These two sections were modified from original version on 11/1/09. Tammy Condrey**

<b>2010 Wild Turkey Bourbon/NWTF Grand National Friction Division Competition</b>
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**Entry Fee**

- A \$250 entry fee is required with registration.

**Requirements/ Eligibility**

- The contestant must be at least 21 years old on or before February 18, 2010.
- The contestant must be a current member of the National Wild Turkey Federation.
- Any person who was a first place winner in a qualifying N.W.T.F. Sanctioned Open, State, Friction, Grand National Senior Division, or World Open Division calling contest from January 1, 2009 until January 29, 2010 is eligible.
- The top five place finishers in the 2010 WTB/NWTF Grand National Friction Division Championships are automatically eligible.
- Team, Intermediate, Youth, Junior, Amateur, Owl Hooting, Gobbling or other various divisions are ineligible.
- Sanctioned calling contest results sent into the National office by the contest chairman, will be used to verify the contestant's eligibility. If the chairman did not submit results, the contestant will have to contact the chairman and get the results sent to the National office prior to the deadline to enter.

**When**

- The Friction Division will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in The Governor's Ballroom.
- There will be a mandatory preparation meeting and roll call beginning at 2:30 p.m. in The Governor's Ballroom. at the front of the stage, for all Friction contestants.

**Time Limits**

- There will be a one-minute per call time limit. The clock will begin on the first note of the first call and stop on the acknowledgment of the caller that they are finished with their last call.
- The NWTF reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and there will be a 5-point penalty from final score for anyone going over the time limit.

**Calls**

- The contestants will be judged on a minimum of four calls (4) in the contest.
- **Calls will be drawn & posted in front of the calling contest stage at 5:00 p.m. the day before the contest.**
- The calls will be selected from among the following: putt, tree call before flying down time, plain yelp of the hen, cutting of excited hen, adult hen assembly call, fly down cackle, kee kee run, purr, cluck and purr, yelp of excited hen. The caller may be asked to do a medley of calls at a Judge's discretion.

**Prizes**

- Prize money will be determined and figured at 80% of the entry fees collected for the division.
  - The Champion will receive 50% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division.
  - First runner-up will receive 30% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division.
  - Second runner-up will receive 20% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division.
  - Trophies will also be awarded to the top three finishing contestants.

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<b>2010 Wild Turkey Bourbon/NWTF Grand National Team Challenge Championship</b>
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**Registration**

- A \$250 entry fee (per team) is required with registration.

**Requirements/Eligibility**

- The contestants must be at least 21 years old on or before February 21, 2010.
- The contestants must be a current member of the NWTF.

**When**

- The Team Challenge Competition will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., in The Governor's Ballroom.
- A mandatory preparation meeting and roll call will begin at 9:30 a.m. in The Governor's Ballroom at the front of the stage, for all Team Challenge competitors.

**Time Limit**

- There will be a 2-minute time limit for each situation in the Team Challenge Division. The clock will begin on the first note of the first call and stop on the acknowledgment of the caller that they are finished with their current situation.
- The NWTF reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and there will be a 5 point penalty from final score for anyone going over the 2-minute time limit.

**Rules of Competition**

- Each team will be given three actual hunting situations.
- The team will have up to two minutes to address the situation requested.
- The Master of Ceremonies will notify each team when they have ten seconds left to complete their calling.
- Each situation will have compulsory calls that the team will be required to perform at least once.
- Judges will give one score per situation based on the following:
  - 1. Completion of compulsory calls
  - 2. Realistic wild turkey sound and cadence
  - 3. Quality and precision
  - 4. Creativity
  - Please do calls specified in the situations and stick to the traditional wild turkey sounds and locator calls. NO GUNS OR INCENDIARY DEVICES ARE TO BE USED AT ANYTIME.

**Prizes**

- Prize money will be determined and figured at 80% of the entry fees collected for the division.
  - The Champion Team will receive 50% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division, to be split equally.
  - First runner-up Team will receive 30% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division, to be split equally.
  - Second runner-up Team will receive 20 of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division, to be split equally.
  - Trophies will also be awarded to the top three finishing teams.

**2010 Wild Turkey Bourbon/NWTF Grand National  
Team Challenge Championship...continued**

**SITUATION ONE: LATE SPRING – LATE MORNING – LONE GOBBLER**

You are walking a white oak ridge on heavily hunted public land in middle Alabama. Fortunately, the trucks that were parked at every gate at daylight are long gone. You're hoping to start a gobbler with locator calls, then call him in. Almost noon.

*Objective:* Start up, then call this educated, public-land gobbler into range

*Approximate Distance:* 400 yards

*Compulsory calls:* Soft yelps (2-3 note) contented purrs & clucks, soft scratching in leaves, soft do-whit calls and whines mixed with purrs, pileated woodpecker or crow locator call

**SITUATION TWO: EARLY SPRING – DAYBREAK- GOBBLER WITH HENS**

You are on a ridge top in northwestern Nebraska. You've roosted several gobblers the evening before in the canyon below you. Now, three gobblers are gobbling at each other down in the canyon and hens are responding all around them. You know from the past few days that the hens will lead the gobblers away from your aggressive calling.

*Objective:* Call one of these gobblers away from the hens.

*Approximate Distance:* 200 yards

*Compulsory Calls:* Gobbling, aggressive fight purr, excited yelps, excited cutting.

**SITUATION THREE: FALL—DAYLIGHT—MIXED FLOCK OF HENS AND JAKES**

It is a cool fall morning in Missouri. You are standing in the middle of the roost site of a mixed flock of hens & jakes right at daybreak. You get a good scatter. Now, call them back for you and your hunting partner.

*Objective:* Call one of these scattered but wary and cautious turkeys into range

*Approximate Distances:* 150-300 yards

*Compulsory Calls:* kee kee runs, tree yelps, assembly yelps, jake yelps

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<b>2010 Wild Turkey Bourbon/ NWTF Grand National Gobbling Championship</b>
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**Registration**

- A \$100 entry fee is required with registration.

**Requirements / Eligibility**

- The contestant must be at least 21 years old on or before February 21, 2010.
- The contestant must be a current member of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

**When**

- The Gobbling Competition will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2010 immediately following the Team Challenge Competition in The Governor's Ballroom.
- A mandatory preparation meeting and roll call will begin at 9:30 a.m. for all Gobbling contestants in The Governor's Ballroom at the front of the stage.

**Calls**

- The contestant will be judged on their ability to imitate the gobble of the wild turkey.

**Time Limit**

- There will be a one-minute time limit for each contestant. The clock will begin on the first note of the first call and stop on the acknowledgment of the caller that they are finished with their call.
- The N.W.T.F. reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and there will be 5 point penalty from the final score for anyone going over the 1 minute time limit.

**Prizes**

- Prize money will be determined and figured at 80% of the entry fees collected for the division.
  - The Champion will receive 50% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division.
  - First runner-up will receive 30% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division.
  - Second runner-up will receive 20% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division.
  - Trophies will also be awarded to the top three finishing contestants.

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<b>2010 Wild Turkey Bourbon/ NWTF Grand National Owl Hooting Championship</b>
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**Registration**

- A \$100 entry fee is required with registration.

**Requirements / Eligibility**

- The contestant must be a current member of the National Wild Turkey Federation.
- The contestant must be at least 21 years old on or before February 21, 2010.

**When**

- The Owl Hooting competition will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2010, in The Governor's Ballroom immediately following the Gobbling Competition which begins immediately after the Team Challenge Competition at 10:00 a.m.
- A mandatory preparation meeting and roll call will begin at 9:30 a.m. in The Governor's Ballroom, at the front of the stage, for all Owl Hooting contestants.

**Calls**

- The contestant will be judged on their ability to make the sound of the Barred Owl.

**Time Limit**

- There will be a one-minute time limit for each contestant. The clock will begin on the first note of the call and stop on the acknowledgment of the caller that they are finished with their call.
- The N.W.T.F. reserves the right to use a clock showing the time remaining and there will be a 5 point penalty from the final score for anyone going over the 1 minute time limit.

**Prizes**

- Prize money will be determined and figured at 80% of the entry fees collected for the division.
  - The Champion will receive 50% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division.
  - First runner-up will receive 30% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division.
  - Second runner-up will receive 20% of that 80% of entry fees collected for the division.
  - Trophies will also be awarded to the top three finishing contestants.

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