



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 rules for the contest that you intend on competing in this year.

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 in Nashville and we hope to see you there. If you have any questions regarding anything, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 803-637-3106 ext. 7412 or email me at 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 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

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 Intermediate, Junior & Poults 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, email or fax by **January 29, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. EST**. Registration will NOT be available at the convention.

Or you may contact Tammy Condrey at the National Headquarters by phone 803-637-3106 ext. 7412, email tcondrey@nwtf.net or fax request to 803-637-9960.

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

Mandatory callers meeting, Roll Call & Order of Calling

- Roll call will be taken at the callers meeting 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. Only the score derived while calling the second calling position will count for score. **Do not leave the drawing area until it is determined that 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 prior to roll call for the registered contest.

Registration

- In order to compete in the Grand National Calling Championships, all contestants **MUST PREREGISTER** via mail, email or fax. Registration will NOT be available at the convention.
- The entry fee and the official registration form must be received by the N.W.T.F. on or before **January 29, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. EST.**
- Registration fees also include admission to the seminars and unlimited access to the exhibit hall. Banquet and auction tickets must be purchased separately.
- **Payment should be made payable to the National Wild Turkey Federation.**

Requirements

- All contestants competing in the GNCC **must be** a current member of the National Wild Turkey Federation.
- All contestants meet the age requirements 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.

2010 National Wild Turkey Federation Grand National Intermediate Calling Championships

Requirements/Eligibility

- The contestant must be a current JAKES or regular member of the National Wild Turkey Federation.
- The contestant must be between the ages of 16 - 20 years old on February 19, 2010.

Entry Fees

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

When

- The Intermediate Division Competition will be held on Friday, February 19, 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 Intermediate contestants.

Calls

- The contestants will be judged on a minimum of five (5) calls.
- 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.
- **Calls will be drawn and posted in front of the calling contest stage at 5:00 p.m. the day before the contest.**

Time Limit

- There will be a one-minute per call 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 series of calls.
- 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

- 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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**2010 National Wild Turkey Federation Grand National
Junior Calling Championships**

Requirements/Eligibility

- The contestant must be a current JAKES member of the National Wild Turkey Federation.
- The contestant must be between 11- 15 years of age on February 20, 2010.

Entry Fees

- A \$50 entry fee is required with registration.

When

- The Junior Division Competition will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
- There will be a mandatory prep meeting and roll call beginning at 8:30 a.m. in The Governor's Ballroom, at the front of the stage, for all Junior Division Contestants.

Calls

- The contestants will be judged on a minimum of five (5) calls.
- 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.
- **Calls will be drawn and posted in front of the calling contest stage at 5:00 p.m. the day before the contest.**

Time Limit

- There will be a one-minute per call 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 series of calls.
- 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

- 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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2010 National Wild Turkey Federation Grand National Poults Calling Championships

Requirements/Eligibility

- The contestant must be a current JAKES member of the National Wild Turkey Federation.
- The contestant must be 10 years of age or younger on February 20, 2010.

Entry Fees

- A \$50 entry fee is required with registration.

When

- The Poults Division Competition will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 immediately following the Junior Division contest.
- There will be a mandatory prep meeting and roll call beginning at 8:30 a.m. in The Governor's Ballroom, at the front of the stage, for all Poults Division Contestants.

Calls

- The contestants will be judged on a minimum of four (4) calls.
- 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.
- **Calls will be drawn and posted in front of the calling contest stage at 5:00 p.m. the day before the contest.**

Time Limit

- There will be a one-minute per call 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 series of calls.
- 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

- 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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