

**NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand National Wild Turkey and Whitetail Deer Taxidermy Championship**  
**Rules and Regulations**

1. All contestants are encouraged to pre-register, but it is not required. **One Free Entry for those registering before January 15.**
2. **Contestants who do not pre-register must do so by 10 AM Friday, February 22, 2008. Registration will be in the main exhibit hall.**
3. **Mounts must be delivered and groomed on Thursday between 9 am and 6 pm or on Friday between 8 am and 10 am. No grooming on Thursday night.**
4. **ALL mounts MUST remain until 4 pm Sunday; no exceptions.** Any contestant who removes his/her mounts before 4 pm Sunday will forfeit all prizes and awards and will be ineligible for next year's competition. The NWTF is NOT responsible for loss or damage; all mounts are entered at owner's risk.
5. Entrant must choose one and only one category for each mount. Unlimited entries per person.  
 Entry fees are as follows:
 

Professional - \$25 per mount	<b>One free entry for those registering before January 15. Registration will be in the main exhibit hall.</b>
Master - \$35 per mount	
Commercial Division – (a standard mount judged from a distance without flashlights) - \$10 per mount	
6. Mounts must be the work of the entrant. The entrant must paint freeze-dried turkey heads. All exposed areas of mounts must be completely finished.
7. Wild Turkey Mounts will be displayed on a table; wall-hung mounts must have their own support. All Whitetail Deer mounts will be displayed on a wall; if table mounted, you must provide your own stand. All glass cases must be removed prior to judging. All floor-mounted entries must be on rollers. The NWTF will not provide electricity for displays. The NWTF reserves the right to move mounts within the taxidermy area.
8. Set up and grooming of mounts must be completed by 10 AM Friday. Mounts are judged disregarding habitat but outstanding habitat may add to the mount and receive bonus points.
9. All competitors must stay out of the judging area while judging is in process. All judges are NTA members and will use NTA rules and score sheets. No score sheet will be released until all judging is complete and awards have been placed on entries. Entrants may place business cards on or near their mounts after judging is complete.
10. National Taxidermist Score Sheet: 90-100 = 1<sup>st</sup> Place; 80-89 = 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; 70-79 = 3<sup>rd</sup> Place. Note: to those not familiar with NTA score sheets, there can be more than one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon.
11. Contestants must receive a Blue Ribbon to be eligible for "Best of Category" in any division. Contestants will automatically be moved up into the Master category after winning two (2) Blue Ribbons and must have won a "Best of Category" in any prior NWTF Grand National Competition.
12. Judges' decisions are final. Any complaints regarding judging should be brought to the attention of the NWTF Competition Committee – NOT to the judges. Sportsmanlike conduct is expected at all times.
13. All awards will be presented at 10:30 AM Saturday. **Any monetary awards will be mailed to winners after convention.**
14. Sale of mounts is not permitted.
15. Contestants will receive daily admission FREE, a \$20 value.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Awards</u>
<b><u>Turkey</u></b>		<b><u>Whitetail Deer</u></b>	
Best of Show, Master	\$1,000 & Trophy	Best of Show, Master	\$750 & Trophy
Best of Show, Professional	\$300 & Trophy	Best of Show, Professional	\$300 & Trophy
Competitors' Choice	Trophy	Competitors' Choice	Trophy
Commercial Division, 1st	\$150	Commercial Division, 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$150
Commercial Division, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$100	Commercial Division, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$100
Commercial Division, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$ 50	Commercial Division, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$ 50
<b><u>Master</u></b>		<b><u>Master</u></b>	
Best Standing	\$250 & Trophy	Best Open Mouth	\$250 & Trophy
Best Open Wing	\$250 & Trophy	Best Closed Mouth	\$250 & Trophy
Best Strutting	\$250 & Trophy	<b><u>Professional</u></b>	
Best Group	\$250 & Trophy	Best Open Mouth	\$100 & Ribbon
<b><u>Professional</u></b>		Best Closed Mouth	\$100 & Ribbon
Best Standing	\$100 & Ribbon		
Best Open Wing	\$100 & Ribbon		
Best Strutting	\$100 & Ribbon		
Best Group	\$100 & Ribbon		