

**NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grand National Wild Turkey and Whitetail Deer Taxidermy Competition**  
**Rules and Regulations**

1. **\*\*\* NEW THIS YEAR....** Pre-registration required. All participants must register their entries no later than February 1, 2010. **One Free Entry for those pre-registering before February 1st.**
2. **\*\*\*** Competitors may NOT change category choice after February 1<sup>st</sup>. **Competitors must declare position – standing, strutting, flying, etc. of mounts, however judge’s decisions are final.**  
 Entrant must choose one and only one category for each mount. Unlimited entries per person.
3. Mounts must be delivered and groomed on Thursday between 1 pm and 6 pm or on Friday between 8 am and noon. Mounts are judged disregarding habitat but outstanding habitat may add to the mount and receive bonus points.
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. 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.
6. 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.
7. All competitors must stay out of the judging area while judging is in process. **\*\*\* No Children allowed INSIDE taxidermy area.** 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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. NWTF Competition Committee will address complaints or inquiries during the competition but after awards are given out on Saturday morning.
- 10a. Any technical issues related to professional taxidermy techniques will be covered by the NTA Competition rules. The NWTF Competition Committee will resolve any questions arising from the competition and their decision will be final.
- 10b. The NWTF Competition Committee reserves the right to reject any entry deemed inappropriate or detrimental to the image of taxidermy, hunting, fishing, trapping or any other outdoor related activity.
- 10c. Any infraction of an NWTF competition rule will result in disqualification of the entry and forfeiture of any awards won by that entry. Registration fees will not be refunded.
- 10d. All competitors must sign a form releasing the NWTF from any liability for mounts entered in competition. While the NWTF will provide security and be as careful as possible with all mounts, everyone is advised that accidents are possible and that competitors should purchase insurance on their competition entries through their local insurance agent. The NWTF, its officials, Board Members or Competition Committee shall not be responsible for any mounts entered in competition under any circumstances.
11. All awards will be presented at 10:30 AM Saturday. **Any monetary awards will be mailed to winners after convention.**
12. Sale of mounts is not permitted.

Contestants will receive daily admission FREE, a \$20 value. -- **TOTAL CASH & PRIZES - OVER \$7,500 --**

<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, Mossberg Gun	Best of Show, Master	\$750 & Trophy
Best of Show, Professional	\$300 & Trophy	Best of Show, Professional	\$300 & Trophy
Commercial Division, 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$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		

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### Registration Form



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

(Required for tax purposes)

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**All pre-registrations should be received at NWTF Headquarters no later than February 1, 2010. Mail to NWTF, Attn: Karen Cavender, PO Box 530, Edgefield, SC 29824.**

Division	Number of Entries	Position of Mount (ie. Open or closed mouth for deer; Standing, open wing, strutting or group for turkey)	\$35 Per Mount – Masters Division \$25 Per Mount – Professional Division \$10 Per Mount – Commercial Division One Free Entry for those registering before February 1, 2010.
Turkeys – Masters			@\$35 =
Professional			@\$25 =
Commercial *			@\$10 =
Whitetail Deer – Masters			@\$35 =
Professional			@\$25 =
Commercial *			@\$10 =

\* - A standard mount judged from a distance without flashlights.

\*\*\*\* Please NOTE TOTAL # OF: Wall Hanging Mounts \_\_\_\_\_ Table Mounts \_\_\_\_\_ Floor Mounts \_\_\_\_\_

ONE FREE ENTRY FOR THOSE REGISTERING BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2010.

Total Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose total fees with registration form. Make checks payable to NWTF and mail registration form and check to: NWTF Taxidermy Championship, PO Box 530, Edgefield, SC 29824. For more information, please call (803)637-7431.

**Signature verifies the acceptance of all the rules and regulations.**

Please sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

