



2019 Sanctioned Calling Contest Rules & Regulations

Please note there have been two new calls added to the NWTF Sanctioned Calling Contest score cards (Jake Yelp and Fighting Purr). These calls will be used during the 2020 Grand National Calling Championships. Therefore, we would like to encourage the use of these calls throughout the season in order to get the contestants used to performing these calls for the judges.

As of March 4, 2015 there is no longer an age restriction on the open, state or friction divisions at the local level. However, callers under the age of 21 are still unable to receive a qualifying spot for the GNCC. At this time if someone under the age of 21 wins one of the above divisions, the qualification will be given to the highest scoring caller who is 21 or older. This rule can be altered by the contest management to fit the needs of their contest.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

GUIDELINES FOR NWTF SANCTIONED WILD TURKEY CALLING CONTEST

REGISTRATION:

1. **All contestants must be current members of the NWTF.** Members should have a card to prove their membership. Memberships may also be purchased on site the day of the event. Contestants 18 years and older must be current NWTF member (\$35). Contestants 17 years and younger must be current JAKES (\$10.00) or Extreme JAKES member (\$10).
2. Entry fees are as follows: Poult Division (Free), Junior Division (\$25), Intermediate Division (\$25), Gobbling Open Division (\$35), Owl Hooting Open Division (\$35), Hunter/Amateur Division (\$35), Mississippi State Championship Friction Division (\$40), Mississippi State Championship Senior Division (\$40), Friction Open Division (\$50), and Senior Open Division (\$50).

CALLING CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. All rules will be reviewed and questions answered with callers and judges present.
2. Calls will be chosen from the following list: tree call, plain yelp of the hen, cutting of excited hen, adult hen assembly call, fly down cackle, kee kee run, cluck and purr, fighting purr and jake yelp. Contestants will be notified of required calls in each division the day of the event.
3. A minimum of three (3) and no more than five (5) calls will be required in each division.
4. Each caller will be asked to give the required call when announced by the M.C. in two brief series.
5. There will be a one-minute time limit for each call required (ex. 3 calls, 3 mins. 4 calls 4 mins.).
6. Practicing of calls within the hearing range of the judges during the contest is not permitted.
7. Judges will be excused prior to drawing for calling positions. Judges are to have no contact with the contestants following the rules review.
8. Specific times to draw for calling positions will be set following the review of rules. Failure to show up for the roll call results in disqualification.
9. Each contestant will draw a number to determine the order of calling. The contestant who draws number one (1) calling position will immediately draw another number. He/she will call in both positions, only the score derived while calling the second calling position will count for score, the first score is thrown out.
10. Please Note: If a contestant does not draw number one (1), then a second drawing will be held. You must continue to re draw until a number one (1) is drawn.
11. Excuse callers until the contest begins. Contestants are to have no contact with the judges and will be staged in holding room until time to move to the calling area.
12. All entrants will be posted on a scoring chart before the contest begins. No preliminary rounds will be held.

JUDGES

1. A minimum of 5 judges will be used.
2. Judges will be located behind the stage with backs to the contestants. Judges will be unable to see each caller perform and approach or depart the calling area.
3. Judges are not allowed to use any type of cellular device during the contest.
4. Judges will report to a separate area before the contest. Judges should not be present in the practice area with the contestants.
5. Judges will award a numerical score on the score sheets provided for each call based on their judgment of the contestant's ability.
6. A point scoring range of 1 - 20 in one half point (.5) increments is used for the wild turkey calling contest divisions. A Point scoring range of 1 - 50, in a one half point (.5) increments is used for the gobbling contest and the owl hooting contest.

SCORING

1. All scores will be recorded in ink by the judges.
2. A point scoring range of 1 - 20 in one half point (.5) increments is used for the wild turkey calling contest divisions. A Point scoring range of 1 - 50, in a one half point (.5) increments is used for the gobbling contest and the owl hooting contest.
3. After each contestant, a runner will collect all score sheets and deliver them to the scorer's table.
4. Scorers should use silent calculators with tapes.
5. Scorers calculate each score sheet, providing the total score at the bottom of each sheet and recording all scores on a combined tally sheet. A contestant's final score is derived by dropping the highest and lowest TOTAL score sheets of each caller and adding the remaining score sheets together, which will be the grand total score for each caller. Example, if a caller receives a total scores of 73, 76, 70, 77, & 74 from the judges, you would drop the 70 & 77 and add remain scores = Grand Total score of 223. **(Scores will not be averaged)**. Score sheets will be provided to the contestants after the competition.
6. Ties will be broken by a call off. Contestant's with equal Grand total scores will be called back on stage and asked to deliver the same calls in the same order as in the preceding round. Contestants in a call off will call in the same order as the preceding round. The highest point total in the call off will be declared the winner of that place. Scores obtained in call off are used solely to break ties.
7. Allow the callers five minutes to review scores at the end of the contest.

WINNERS & TROPHIES

1. The top three (3) positions in each division will be awarded will winners receiving applicable plaques/trophies for the division.
2. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three positions in each division based on 70% of total entry fees for each division and will be awarded as follows: 1st place 50% - 2nd Place 30% - 3rd Place 20%.

DIVISIONS

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**If the first place winner of a State or Open Division, at a qualifying contest, has already qualified for the following years Grand National Calling Contest, Senior Division Prelims, the 2nd place winner of that State or Open Division will then be eligible to advance to the Grand National Calling Contest, Senior Division Prelims, for that next year only. If the 2nd place winner has also already qualified and there were 10 or more contestants in the division the 3rd place finisher will receive the qualification.

**If the first place winner of a State or Open Friction Division, at a qualifying contest, has already qualified for the following years Grand National Calling Contest, Friction Division, the 2nd place winner of that State or Open Friction Division will then be eligible to advance to the

Grand National Calling Contest, Friction Division, for that next year only. If the 2nd place winner has also already qualified and there were 10 or more contestants in the division the 3rd place finisher will receive the qualification.

- Any Open Contest other than a State Open Championship - open to anyone who wishes to enter - suggested ages: 21 and older. First place winners in this division who are at least 21 years of age, and who competed in a local contest with at least 10 people in all divisions held, will qualify for the senior division prelims division at the grand national calling championship the following year.
- State Championship Division- must be a resident of the state for which the contest is being held. The state chapter or their designee must host this contest to attain a state champion - suggested ages: 21 and older. First place winners in this division who are at least 21 years of age, will qualify for the senior division prelims on at the grand national calling championship the following year.
- State Open Championships are open to non-state residents - suggested ages: 21 and older. First place winners in this division who are at least 21 years of age, and who competed in a local contest with at least 10 people in all divisions held, will qualify for the senior division prelims division at the grand national calling championship the following year.
- State Friction Championship Division- must be a resident of the state for which the contest is being held. The state chapter or their designee must host this contest to attain a state champion - suggested ages: 21 and older. First place winners in this division who are at least 21 years of age, will qualify for the senior friction division at the grand national calling championship the following year.
- Any Friction Division other than a State Friction Championship –open to anyone who wishes to enter – suggested ages: 21 and older. First place winners in this division who are at least 21 years of age, and who competed in a local contest with at least 10 people in all divisions held, will qualify for the senior friction division at the grand national calling championship the following year.
- Mississippi State Championship Division - must be a resident of the state. A valid driver's license is proof of residency.
- Intermediate Division - suggested ages: 16-20 years old. This division does not have to qualify to enter the grand nationals. Open to anyone in this age group.
- Junior (JAKES) Division - suggested ages: 11-15 years. This division does not have to qualify to enter the grand nationals. Open to anyone in this age group.
- Poults Division – suggested ages 10 and under. This division does not have to qualify to enter the grand nationals. Open to anyone in this age group.
- Hunter/Amateur Division - any person who has never won or placed in a calling contest. (Contest organizers may further define this category.) This division does not qualify them to enter the grand nationals.
- Owl Hooting - Open to any
- Gobbling - Open to any

EMPLOYEE /EVENT COORDINATOR PARTICIPATION

Employees of the NWTF and event coordinator's are discouraged from participating in sanctioned calling contest.