

2008 State Duck and Goose Calling Contest Rules

General For Both Duck and Goose Callers

All duck callers MUST be registered by 9:30 AM and goose callers by 12:30 PM. Prior to each division competition, the contestants in each category will draw for calling sequence numbers. During the competition, when not calling for competition, **contestants must remain in the designated area (bullpen),** isolated from the judges and the audience. **Cell phones in possession of contestants in the bullpen must be turned off during the competition. Use of a cell phone by a contestant during the competition will be grounds for disqualification. Smoking and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the bullpen is prohibited. The use of drugs or consumption of alcoholic beverages during or immediately prior to the contest, or any other conduct unbecoming of a sportsman and gentleman or woman may subject the contestant to disqualification.** The announcer will call each contestant up to compete by number only. Contestants must stand in the blind and face the audience when calling for competition. Each contestant will be allowed a few seconds to warm up before calling for competition. Judges must be isolated from the audience, contestants and each other. Judging will be on a 100-point scale. The high and low scores are discarded and the other three scores are added for the competition score. **Contestants will be disqualified if the time limit is exceeded.** Participants in callbacks will redraw numbers before calling. Callback scores are added to the initial score for a cumulative point total.

Duck Calling

The first competition will be the Junior Division starting at 10 AM followed by the Intermediate Division and then the Senior Division competition. **Contestants are required to demonstrate 4 calls (hail call; lonesome hen call; feeding call; comeback call) within 90 seconds.** Judges are instructed to allocate up to 20 points per call and 20 points for the overall routine of each contestant for a maximum total score of 100 points. **The announcer will ask the caller if he/she would like to warm up. After the optional warm-up, the announcer will say “caller # ___ calling for competition.” A red light, in plain view of the caller, will go off when the contestant begins his/her calling routine. The red light will come back on at 80 seconds, indicating 10 seconds remaining, and the contestant must complete calling before the light goes off at the end of the 10 seconds. Half of the contestants (those with the top scores) will be invited to “a callback,” which is conducted the same as the initial round of competition. The 3 contestants (or more, depending on the point spread of the contestants after the initial callback) with the top scores are invited to compete in the second callback.** A third and additional callbacks may be held to break ties for the first 3 places. Awards will be presented to the duck callers when the contest is complete and the final scores have been tallied. Winners may be asked to participate in a photo session and interviews after the presentations.

By the rules of the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest, the winner of the state contest (Senior Division) must compete in the World's Championship Contest unless excused by the World Contest Rules Committee. If not excused, that person will be ineligible to compete in the

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State or any other sanctioned contest for the following 2 years. If not competing in the World's Championship Contest, a winner of the state contest must notify state contest officials so the state contest runner-up can be registered to compete in the World's Championship Contest. The winner of the state contest who participates in any other sanctioned state, regional or international contest during the same year, shall relinquish such winner's right to participate in the World's Championship Contest for that year. The registration fees for the World Championship Contest is \$50 for Senior callers and \$25 for Junior and Intermediate callers.

Goose Calling

The goose calling contests will begin at 1 PM. The first competition will be the Junior Division of the Blue/Snow Goose Category followed by the Senior Division Blue/Snow, the Junior Division Specklebelly and the Senior Division Specklebelly. Since no specific judging standards have been established by a sanctioning body for goose calling contests, there are no specific standards required by the judges. **Contestants in both categories (blue/snow; specklebelly) will have 60 seconds to demonstrate their calls. The announcer will ask if the caller wants to warm up. After the optional warm-up, the announcer will say "caller # ___ calling for competition." A red light, in plain view of the caller, will go off when the contestant begins his/her calling routine. The red light will come back on at 50 seconds, indicating 10 seconds remaining, and the contestant must complete calling before the light goes off at the end of the 10 seconds. One or more "callbacks" may be necessary if there is a tie among the top 3 places.** Awards will be presented to the winners when the contest is complete and the final scores have been tallied. Winners may be asked to participate in a photo session and interviews after the presentations.