

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DELTA WATERFOWL GRAND NATIONAL DOUBLE REED CHAMPIONSHIP DUCK CALLING CONTEST

Organized by The World Cutdown Duck Calling Championship, LLC

I. DEFINITIONS.

- Contestant:** An individual, having paid the requisite entry fee and registered with the appropriate authority, who is, has, or will compete in the competition. A contestant may be referred to herein as “competitor” or similar title, each of which may be used interchangeably.
- Routine:** A contestant’s display of his/her calling abilities lasting no longer than 90 seconds and conforming to the parameters for a routine as outlined by the Contest Committee.
- Judge:** An individual, appointed by the Committee based on that individual’s requisite knowledge of the competition and the rules and regulations thereof, tasked with anonymously assigning scores to an individual contestant’s routine, said scores to be issued honestly and in good faith so that the spirit of sportsmanship, fair competition, and the uniform application of the rules is maintained to the highest standard.
- Staging Area:** Sometimes referred to as the “Bull Pen” or “The Bus”, the Staging Area is the area designated by contest officials for use solely by contestants to gather before and after completing a routine. Excluding contest officials and/or administrators, non-contestants are prohibited from entering the Staging Area at any time and for any purpose other emergency situations. Designated individuals accompanied by a Contest Official.
- Round:** A complete cycle of each and every contestant’s routine from the first contestant to the last contestant. The competition shall consist of 3 separate rounds (not including tie-breakers), each round to be scored individually as further detailed herein.
- Call:** Any duck call no matter of design that has 2 reeds stacked and secured on the tone board with the top reed being at a minimum of half the length of the bottom reed.

II. PLACE AND DATE OF CONTESTS.

The official date, time, and location of the Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Duck Calling Championship shall be determined by Delta Waterfowl and announced to the public at least one month before the Contest.

III. RULES COMMITTEE.

The purpose of the Rules Committee is to promulgate and enforce the rules of The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship Contest and other associated contests. The Rules Committee shall be composed of Jim Ronquest and Heath Vanlandingham. The Rules Committee may appoint other individuals as necessary, either as advisors or Committee Members, to carry out the purposes of the Rules Committee and ensure the rules and regulations set forth herein are appropriately applied to the Delta Grand National and other associated duck calling competitions. Such appointments are temporary, and the Rules Committee reserves the right to add, remove, or not include an individual/appointee from the committee at any time, for any reason or no reason at all, in their sole and absolute discretion. Committee members shall not be barred from competition as a result of their participation on a Committee.

IV. THE DELTA WATERFOWL GRAND NATIONAL DOUBLE REED CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST COMMITTEE.

The Contest Committee shall be composed of individuals appointed by The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship. The Contest Committee will aid in the set-up and administration of the contest. Each contest shall have a designated Contest Committee. The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to add, remove, or not include an individual from the Contest Committee at any time and for any reason in its sole and absolute discretion.

V. WCDCC SANCTIONED CONTESTS.

These rules shall govern The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship and any other contests sanctioned by or associated with The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship. The contest registration form shall set forth the guidelines for conducting a contest in accordance with these rules and regulations. To maintain sanctioned status, a sanctioned contest shall adhere to the rules and regulations governing The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship at all times. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations set forth herein may result in forfeiture of sanctioned status. Contest organizers seeking

official sanction by the WCDCC are encouraged to contact the WCDCC for more information regarding the sanctioning process.

VI. THE DELTA WATERFOWL GRAND NATIONAL DOUBLE REED CHAMPIONSHIP.

The winner of this contest will be designated as the Delta National Double Reed Championship Duck Caller. The winner will be awarded prizes as designated by the Contest Committee.

VII. REGISTRATION.

Pre-registration is encouraged. The Contest Committee shall maintain or designate the location of the registration desk for those not pre-registering. Registration for each contest shall be closed thirty (30) minutes prior to the stated time for the contest. All contestants must sign in at the registration desk prior to the close of registration. Failure to comply with the registration requirements may result in disqualification.

VIII. ORDER OF APPEARANCE OF CONTESTANTS & METHOD OF JUDGING.

Subsequent to the closing of registration, a master list will be prepared listing all contestants. Each contestant will draw a number for order of appearance. After the First Round is completed and scores tallied, contestants who have scored high enough to move on to the Second Round will draw new numbers establishing the order of appearance for the Second Round. The same process will be carried out for the Third Round as well as any necessary tiebreaker rounds. Contestants will not be permitted to leave the isolation area during the contest except when accompanied by a contest official. Before determining those eligible for callback and before determining a winner, the total number for points each contestant will be determined after eliminating the highest and lowest scores and adding together the remaining scores for a total. The scores will be posted in view of the audience. The contestant with the highest total score shall be declared the winner with the next highest second and so on and so forth. The decision of the judges will be final, no exceptions.

IX. Contest Routine.

A competition routine shall be no longer than 90 seconds. A routine longer than 90 seconds will result in scores of zero for that contestant's routine in that particular round. Once the clock hits 80 seconds, a red "warning light" located directly within

the contestant's line of site will light up, signaling to the caller that he/she has 10 seconds remaining to finish their routine.

Generally, a contestant's routine should be based on this premise: the caller's ability to paint a picture of breaking a high bunch of ducks over the woods, getting them "on the trees", losing them, calling them back, and finally lighting them on the water. Judges will be instructed on these parameters and score accordingly. A contestant's scores will reflect the caller's ability to paint this picture while demonstrating technical proficiency with the call from the top-end "high-ball" hail to the low-end chatter and finishing sounds used throughout the flooded hardwood bottoms of the south. The Contest Committee reserves the right to adjust these parameters as deemed necessary by such Committee.

X. Scoring

Judges shall base each contestant's score on the contestant's ability to demonstrate technical proficiency and control of the call while "painting the picture" described by the Rules Committee prior to competition. The available points per round is demonstrated in the following breakdown:

Scoring Breakdown (by round):

- **Round 1** scores will range from 70-80 points.
- **Round 2** scores will range from 80-90 points.
- **Round 3** scores will range from 90-100 points.
- **Tie-breaker** scores will range from 90-100 points.

After each contestant completes their respective routine, each judge shall issue a score for said routine. The highest and lowest score will be discarded, and the three remaining scores will be added up and awarded to the contestant for that round.

After each round, judges will determine the number of contestants that shall move on to the next round, until the final round. Scores in subsequent rounds will be added to the previous round(s) scores. The contestant with the highest score at the end of the final round shall be the winner.

XI. Contestant Behavior.

Smoking and tobacco use of any type shall not be allowed in the Staging Area. The use of alcoholic beverages or drugs prior to or during competition by any contestant or judge may result in disqualification and subject the individual to a permanent ban from future events. All participants, including but not limited to contestants and

judges, are expected to conduct themselves in a manner reflective of a true sportsman and a gentleman. Communication between the audience, judges, and contestants during the contest is strictly prohibited. Violators will be disqualified. No exceptions.

The Rules Committee reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to apply the rules and regulations herein in any manner it deems necessary.

XII. JUDGES.

Five (5) judges shall be required for each contest. The panel of judges shall be selected by the Contest Committee/WCDCC based on that judge's personal experience with competitive waterfowl calling, his/her knowledge of the type or style of contest being conducted (Mainstreet, Meat, or Cutdown), as well as the specific sounds required to "paint the picture."

For The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship and associated contests, a judge's knowledge of the sounds, styles, and cadences associated with double reed duck calls, is paramount and shall be taken into high consideration by the Contest Committee/WCDCC when selecting a judge.

XIII. RULES / ENFORCEMENT.

The rules listed herein are a compilation of guidelines historically used in championship level duck calling competitions since 1936. Strict adherence to the rules is essential to conduct a quality contest. The Rules Committee, or its designee, shall conduct spot checks of The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship and associated contests in order to monitor compliance with these rules.

Any complaints with regard to violation or interpretation of these rules shall be promptly brought to the attention of the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee shall be empowered to investigate and impose appropriate disciplinary measures if the violation is verified. Such measures include, but are not limited to: a) disqualification of contestant(s); b) imposing probationary status for the upcoming year; c) permanent disqualification from The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship and associated contests; or d) such other measures as deemed appropriate by the Rules Committee.

The Rules Committee reserves the right to interpret the application of the contest rules. The Rules Committee may announce policies and rules that are not covered by these printed rules from time to time. The decision of the Rules Committee shall in all instances be final.

XIV. SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY.

The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship does not view social media as the appropriate forum for criticisms, complaints, or negative views of a duck calling contest. All social media postings must be professional and appropriate. Any person participating as a contestant, judge, or committee member in The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship or an affiliated contest, who posts or comments on a social media site any statements as mentioned above, will be disqualified for two (2) years if found to be in violation of this social media policy. You may be subject to liability for posts that are defamatory, harassing, or in violation of other applicable laws. Postings that include confidential or copyrighted information belonging to third parties may also subject you to liability. Social media communications that are threatening, inappropriate, defamatory, harassing or in violation of local, state, or federal laws or regulations are expressly prohibited. Unless otherwise authorized by The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship, use of its logo or brand is strictly prohibited.

For purposes of this Section, “social media” includes but is not limited to all social media networking websites such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, and YouTube, and all professional networking sites such as LinkedIn.

By virtue of your participation in The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship or associated contests, you grant The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship an unrestricted, perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, display, publicly perform, exploit, transfer, transmit and distribute any information provided by you to a contest or any photo taken during a contest.

XV. PERMANENT DISQUALIFICATION.

The Rules Committee of The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship reserves, in its sole and absolute discretion, the right to disqualify a competitor from current and future competition at any time and for any reason. After three (3) violations of the rules, a competitor may be permanently banned.

The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship, LLC thanks you for your interest and participation in The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship or a WCDCC sanctioned event. Please direct any questions or concerns to the Contest Committee associated with your event or The Delta Waterfowl Grand National Double Reed Championship, LLC as needed.