



2005 NWTF Sanctioned Calling Contest

Dear Calling Contest Organizer:

Congratulations on your decision to have your wild turkey calling contest sanctioned by the National Wild Turkey Federation. The NWTF is interested in ensuring that calling contests are managed efficiently by providing a uniform standard to follow. We must keep our calling contests both entertaining and educational.

Please bear in mind that the guidelines and rules presented in this information are the results of years of experience with calling contests and are designed to enable you to have the finest contest possible. We suggest that you follow the guidelines as closely as possible. The rules and regulations, however, must be adhered to strictly if your contest is to be accepted by the NWTF as a sanctioned event. The Contest Report Form (with all signatures of organizers and witnesses verifying that the rules and regulations were followed to the letter), the Winners List, and the Sign Up Sheets, along with the new members that were signed up should be sent immediately after the event.

Send this information immediately to:

NWTF: Calling Contests

PO Box 530

Edgefield, SC 29824-0530

Or Fax to : (803) 637-9960

For a non-chapter, there is an annual \$200 charge to get the event sanctioned. For a NWTF chapter there is a \$50 charge. Payment must accompany application. This is to cover costs for the banner, score pads, rules, mailing labels of wild turkey callers, postage and handling. The fee is nonrefundable. Post-dated checks will be accepted. Please try to contact the NWTF Headquarters at least two months before your contest to allow time for shipping, (or longer if you want it advertised on the website & in the *Caller*). We are proud to be able to assist you with your event and stand ready to help you with any questions or problems that you might have.

First place winners of a State, Open, National or World NWTF sanctioned calling contest, held between January 1, 2005 and January 27, 2006, and who are 21 years of age by February 24, 2006, will be eligible to compete in the 2006 Wild Turkey Bourbon/ NWTF Grand National Senior Division Preliminary Competition. We will list the top three finishers in each division and your upcoming contest on our website www.nwtf.org/in_your_state/.

Sincerely,

Tammy M. Condrey
Special Projects Coordinator

ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS
(MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO)

**GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING AN
NWTF SANCTIONED WILD TURKEY CALLING CONTEST**

STARTING OFF:

The contest organizer must contact that particular state's chapter president to confirm the contest. In turn, the state chapter president or Regional Director must contact the NWTF headquarters for verification of contest and approval of bill to the chapter, if not paying in advance. The NWTF recognizes a state championship contest as one that is held by the state chapter or it's delegate.

ADVERTISING:

1. Start advertising your event at least 6 months in advance.
2. Always include the 4 W's in each new release: Who, What, Where and When the event is to be held.

LOCATION:

1. Choose a location where sound quality is available.
Example: Gymnasiums usually have poor sound qualities.
2. Do not hold the contest in the same area as exhibitors or where outside noise will interfere.

REGISTRATION:

1. Pre-registration fees should provide adequate support to your event. We suggest \$10 to \$50. **All callers must be current members of the NWTF.** Contestants 18 years and older must be current NWTF members (\$30). Contestants 17 years and younger must be current JAKES members (\$5). Members have a card to prove their membership. A few membership applications have been included. Feel free to make additional copies if necessary. Please add membership fees, when necessary, into the entry fee. Send the completed membership applications, along with payments, and result sheet, to us.
2. **Please Note: If the NWTF receives a contest result form and any contestants are not members, then these persons will be disqualified, and will not qualify for the Grand National Competition. Also the NWTF may choose not to sanction this calling contest the following year.**
3. The sign up sheet provided should be used to register contestants and receive entry fees. Copies may be made but originals should be returned with the results. Post the calls early the morning of the contest. (Three to five people make a good registration team.)
4. Post all entrants on a scoring chart before the contest begins. This should be a poster paper size chart made out exactly like the example enclosed. (See sample scoring chart) If over 30 callers are entered in a division, a preliminary round should be held with 10-12 competing in the finals.

SOUND SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

1. The M.C. must maintain quiet in the audience at all times.
2. Use a public address system for the M.C. but not the callers.

NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION BANNER

1. The 2005 National Wild Turkey Federation Sanctioned Calling Contest banner must be displayed during the entire contest in a prominent location. Contestants and the audience must be able to view it during the contest. We suggest that it be hung on the stage's back wall (that faces the audience.)
2. Suggestions for additional uses of the banner:
 - ⌚ Have all callers and judges sign the banner and give it away as part of a winner's package.
 - ⌚ Keep each banner in your chapter's archives (have all callers and judges sign each banner each year) and display every banner at each contest to show your chapter's contest history.

CALLING CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. Review all rules and answer all questions with callers and judges present.
2. Calls should be chosen from this list: cluck, putt, tree call, plain yelp of the hen, cutting of excited hen, adult hen assembly call, fly down cackle, kee kee run, purr, and caller's best call. Calls can be combined.
3. A minimum of 3 and no more than 5 calls will be asked 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. There will be no practicing of calls within the hearing range of the judges during the contest.
7. Excuse judges prior to drawing for calling positions. Instruct judges that they are to have no contact with the callers.
8. Establish a time to draw for calling position. Make all callers aware of the specified time when the drawing for calling positions is to occur. If a caller does not show up for the roll call, drop him/her from the contest. Always have 1 more number in the hat than the total number of callers entered ex. if there are 12 callers, use 13 numbers.
9. Each contestant draws a number to determine the order of calling. The contestant that draws number 1 immediately draws another number. He/she will call in both positions, but only the second call 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 on voluntary basis. If a contestant chooses he/she may draw in second drawing but, if the contestant prefers to keep the number drawn in the first drawing then they do not have to enter the second drawing. If no contestants wish to draw a second time then the contestant with number 2 (two) will start the contest and call as number one (1) and as the number two- (2) positions. Only the score derived while calling the second calling position will count for score.
11. Excuse callers until the contest begins. Instruct callers that they are to have no contact with the judges.
12. The NWTF is currently reviewing options to the outlined procedure. Changes may be forth coming at a later date.

JUDGES

1. A minimum of 5 judges must be used. Judges should possess high personal integrity and should have a good knowledge of wild turkeys and turkey calling.
2. Designate a master of ceremonies, a head judge who is assisted by at least 4 other judges, and at least 3 scorers. Judges should not be facing the audience. Nor should the judges be able to see each caller perform.
3. Rotate judges from year to year. Try to avoid always using the same judges.
4. If possible, select judges that do not represent call manufacturers to avoid possible conflicts.
5. Judges will award a numerical score on the score sheets provided for each call based on their judgment of the caller's ability.

6. A point scoring range of 1 - 50 points for gobbling contest and the owl hooting contest and a point scoring range of 1 - 20 for the wild turkey calling contest is used to further reduce the risk of tie and the need for a call off.

SCORING

1. All scores will be recorded in ink by the judges.
2. After each contestant, a runner will collect all score sheets and deliver them to the scorer's table.
3. Scorers should use silent calculators with tapes.
4. Scorers will tabulate and record all scores on the combined tally sheet. Add each score sheet up and write the total score at the bottom of each sheet. A contestant's final score will be derived by dropping the highest and lowest TOTAL score sheets of each caller and then add 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, you would drop the 70 & 77 and add remain scores = Grand Total score of 223. Staple all score sheets together to give to the contestants after the competition.
5. 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 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.
6. Allow the callers five minutes to review scores at the end of the contest. Do not announce winners until all scores have been checked by the contestants.
7. Additional rules may be added if necessary, however, these basic rules must be followed.

WINNERS & TROPHIES

1. If you elect to give prize money be sure to secure a sponsor(s) to cover all expenses. Trophies, guns, and clothing also serve as excellent prizes.
2. From 3 to 5 places should be awarded to the winners of each contest.
3. The enclosed Contest Report Form, Winners List and Sign Up Sheets must be completed and returned.

DIVISIONS

Several divisions are usually held at local contest. In some cases organizers try to have too many divisions at a contest and end up exhausting the judges, callers, and the audience. Three or four divisions are plenty. Remember, keep the contest fun for everyone and be sure to promote the good work done by the NWTF. Some of the typical ones are state, local, open, youth, owl hooting, and gobbling.

- ⌚ Open Contest - open to anyone who wishes to enter - suggested ages: 21 and older. Winners must be 21 years of age to qualify for the grand nationals.
- ⌚ State Championship- held to attain a state champion - suggested ages: 21 and older. Winners must be 21 years of age to qualify for the grand nationals.
- ⌚ Resident Contest - must be a resident of the state. A valid driver's license is proof of residency. This division does not qualify to enter the grand nationals.
- ⌚ 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: 15 years and under. This division does not have to qualify to enter the grand nationals. Open to anyone in this age group.
- ⌚ 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 to enter the grand nationals.

GRAND NATIONAL CONTEST AGE LIMITS

Grand National Senior Division: 21 and older

Grand National Intermediate Division: 16 – 20

Grand National Junior Division: 15 and younger

**The Intermediate and Junior divisions do not have to qualify for GNCC – registration is open to all.

PLEASE NOTE: Contest organizer's may set their own age limits for each division.(Example if a 18 year old caller wins your Senior Open or State division - they would not qualify for the Grand National Senior Division because the age limit is 21 and older.) **Contestants under 21 may compete in the Senior Division at a local calling contest, but may not compete in both an Intermediate and a Senior Division in the same contest. If you have any questions concerning the age limits please do not hesitate to call the NWTF Headquarters for more information.**

DO'S AND DO NOT'S

DO

1. Do allow plenty of time to get the event organized - start months in advance.
2. Do publicize the event well.
3. Do have plenty of people on hand to assist.
4. Do set up as much as possible the day before the event.
5. Do pick good, competent judges and a good M.C.
6. Do follow the guidelines and rules provided.
7. Do check to ensure that all contestants are current members of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

DO NOT

1. Don't wait until the last minute to get started.
2. Don't have too many divisions.
3. Don't delay the returning of your Contest Report Form, Winners List and Sign Up Sheets of your contest.
4. Don't forget to make your contest entertaining, educational and above all, have a good time.

MATERIALS AND PREPARATIONS

1. Numbered slips for drawing.
2. Scoring Chart (see sample below).
3. Score sheets for judges.
4. Prizes or trophies.
5. Tables and chairs for judges.
6. Tables and chairs for scorers.
7. Pens for judges, pencils for scorers.
8. Two silent adding machines.
9. P.A. system.
10. Podium and stool for M.C.

Step by Step Instructions to Hold a NWTF Sanctioned Calling Contest

If you have any question, call the NWTF Headquarters, someone will be glad explain these details.

Caller's Sign Up Table

1. Have sign up sheets for each division laid out. Write the division and entry fee at the top of each sign up sheet. As callers sign up and pay their entry fee be sure to check that they are current NWTF members. They may renew their membership at your calling contest if they are expired or do not have proof of current NWTF membership.
2. Have a sign informing the callers of the calls required for each division.
3. Have a sign informing the callers of the time and place to meet to draw numbers and to go over the rules of the contest.

Meeting to Draw Numbers & Review Rules

1. Judges and callers must be present.
2. Contest organizer informs the callers of any specific details of the divisions. Example: Special time limits, who will be letting them know when it is their turn, where to enter the stage, where to exit the stage, etc.
3. Callers may ask the judges any specific questions.
4. Send the judges to the judge's table, the callers should not have any further contact with the judges.
5. Callers draw numbers for order of calling.
6. Send the callers to the pre-calling area/room.

Final Details

1. Make sure that the judges, scorers, callers, and MC are ready to begin the contest.
2. Update the MC on the exact number of contestants in each division.
3. Have a person coordinating the callers, making sure that a caller is "on deck" to immediately follow each caller as they finish.
4. If the scorer's table is not within reaching distant of the judge's table, have a person who will collect the score sheets from the judges and deliver them to the scorers.

Contest Details

1. The MC should welcome your attendees to the contest and make any special announcements before the contest begins. MC will announce the entry of each caller by number. The MC's suggested script when a caller is on the stage is as follows. He calls a caller to the stage: "Caller number X" (when the caller arrives on the stage and sets down his calls and water) The MC asks if the caller is ready: "Caller number X, are you ready?" (caller nods) "Caller number X, please give us your best

rendition of the X call. (caller will do the specified call twice and the nod to let the MC know to proceed to the next call) After all the required calls have been performed by the caller, the MC will let him know it is okay to exit the stage by saying, "Thank you caller number X" Then the MC summons the next caller to the stage by saying: "Caller number X"

2. The judges will score each caller.
3. The scores will add up each score sheet, drop the lowest and the highest score, then add the middle scores together to calculate the caller's final score. The scorer should write this final score on the caller's score sheets and staple all the caller's score sheets together.
4. After all callers have performed and before trophies are presented, the scorer checks to see if there is a tie between callers.
5. If there is a tie: each caller tied for any position is called back up on the stage, in the order of their calling number, and asked to do all required calls again. The scorers will tabulate and use this last score as the tiebreaker.
6. After the scorer confirms that all ties were broken. The callers are given their score sheets and have five minutes to check the score.
7. After all callers check their scores, then trophies are presented.

Thank you and good luck with your NWTF Sanctioned Calling Contest!



TO BE SIGNED BY ALL 2005 CONTESTANTS (Form 3 to return)

DIVISION: _____

ENTRY FEE: _____

I hereby certify that I am a current member of the National Wild Turkey Federation and that the information recorded below is true and correct.

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SAMPLE CHART

Name	City, State	Calling Positio n	Score	Place	Call-off Position	Call-Off Score	Final Position

**The following forms must be returned to the NWTF Headquarters
within 30 days following your calling contest:**

- 1. The Contest Report Form**
- 2. The Contest's Winners List**
- 3. The Contestant Sign up Sheets**
- 4. Chapter Membership Gun Incentive Program Form**

Send the above forms (completed) to:

NWTF
Attn: Sanctioned Calling Contests
P O Box 530
Edgefield, SC 29824-0530
Or Fax (803) 637-9960

2005 N.W.T.F. CALLING CONTEST REPORT FORM (Form 1 to return)

Name of Event: _____

Date of Contest: _____

Location: _____

Chapter or organization hosting event: _____

I certify that this wild turkey calling contest was carried out in accordance with the rules and regulations as set forth by the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Witnessed by: _____

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Signed,

Organizer

Organizer's Day Phone Number

Please Print Organizer's Name

Send completed form to: **N.W.T.F.**
ATTN: Calling Contests
P. O. Box 530
Edgefield, SC 29824-0530

Or fax completed form to: 803-637-9960
Attn: Calling Contests



2005 N.W.T.F. CALLING CONTEST WINNERS LIST (Form 2 to return)

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NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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***NEW MEMBERS SIGNED UP AT YOUR CONTEST MAY BE USED TOWARD YOUR CHAPTER'S GUN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR YOUR NEXT BANQUET.**

Complete this form with the correct information regarding new memberships signed up at your contest, and return it with the new membership applications and money received for memberships with your Contest Report Form, Winners List, and the Sign Up Sheets. All new memberships received and membership money must be received at least 8 weeks prior to your upcoming banquet in order to be applied toward your chapter's gun incentive program. If you have any questions about this program, please call the NWTF's Headquarters (800-843-6983).

This form must be completed in order for new memberships to be credited to your chapter's gun incentives!

2005 Chapter Membership Gun Incentive Program Form (Form 4 to return)

Month of Event: _____

State: _____

Chapter: _____

Please add these memberships to our upcoming banquet to be held on: _____
BQ Date

Name and phone number of contact person for this chapter event:

Name Daytime phone

Total number of members recruited at this event: _____

of JAKES: _____

of Sponsors: _____

of Regular: _____

BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE MEMBERSHIPS THAT WERE SOLD AT YOUR EVENT SO THAT THEY MAY BE PROPERLY PROCESSED.





2005 NWTf Sanctioned Calling Contest Application

Sanctioned Calling Contest Package Contains: 5 Calling Contest Score Pads, 1 Calling Contest Banner with Rope, 1 Copy of the Calling Contest Rules, Caller Mailing Labels, Regular, Women in the Outdoors and JAKES Membership Applications

Sanctioning Fees: Chapter \$50.00 Non-Chapter \$200.00
Check Enclosed for \$ _____ Please charge credit card: AM/EX VISA MC DISC
- - - Exp. /

Name of Sponsor: (Chapter name or business)

State:

Contest Date:

(PLEASE ALLOW 2-3 WEEKS FOR PROCESSING APPLICATION)

Contest Name:

Contact & Shipping: Name _____
Street Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

*Please give street address Fed Ex and UPS can not ship to P.O. Box or RR

Bill To: Name _____
(Chapter President Address _____
or Regional Director City, State, Zip _____
must approve bill to Phone _____
the Chapter.)

Selected states for caller mailing labels: (Usually your state and surrounding states is sufficient.) _____

Location of contest, address, directions or any other special info ie. Deadline to enter or registration time:

Please mail check and application to: National Wild Turkey Federation- SCC, P.O. Box 530, Edgefield, SC 29824-0530, or Fax 803-637-9960

Please send in application at least two months before contest. Contest will be advertised on the NWTF website in the “In Your State” section. If you have any questions please contact Tammy Condrey at 803-637-3106 ext. 3742.