

2020 Wildfowler Pool Contests Single, Six-Bird Rig & Youth - Not IWCA 2020 Revised Rules

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The Wildfowler contests for singles, rigs and youth are the most popular among the twenty-two ODCCA contests. The competition is based on the tradition and heritage of basic, functional, hunting-style decoys. This is especially a great contest for beginning carvers. In the past and out of necessity, hunters and carvers would use wood native to their area. They used basic tools they had on hand, and paint found around the house or in the barn. Their decoys reflected local traditions. The main thing was the decoys were simple, functional, with little detail, and hand-made with the sole purpose to attract live waterfowl.

Clarification: Please see the special Wildfowlers survey insert and 2020 Photo Comparison in this newsletter to view examples and additional information.

Registration - Two registration times will be held for the Wildfowler Competitions. The times and locations will coincide with the usual contest registrations in the Ballroom:

Friday, March 13, 2020, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and
Saturday, March 14, 2020, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Contest - 9 p.m., Saturday night, March 14, 2020, pool area.

Decoys

1. Decoys must be made of wood, cork, or stretched canvas.
2. No machine duplicated birds or foam will be allowed.
3. Decoys will be judged for simplicity, practicality, and decoying ability.
4. Decoys should be carved in a durable manner to withstand the normal rigors of hunting. Plastic or hardwood tail inserts will be allowed for Pintail, Long-tailed (Old Squaw), or Mallard, curl only. Plastic or hardwood inserts may be used for sails of any species with sails.
5. No carving of individual feathers, inclusive of primaries, secondaries, tertiaries, or coverts.
6. No carved bill detail. A slight mandible separation is allowed.
7. No raised or carved primary feathers.
8. Decoys must be painted using commonly accepted techniques: brushing (both traditional and airbrushing), ragging, stippling, combing, scratching, blending, and burned cork.
9. No feather splits techniques are allowed.
10. No use of flocking on decoys will be allowed.
11. All decoys must have a facility for anchor line attachment, and must self-right from any position. Geese and Swans must self-right when placed on their sides.
12. Any species may be entered in the contest. There will be three categories:

a. Puddler Ducks: Black Duck, Blue-winged Teal, Cinnamon Teal, Gadwall, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, Pintail, Shoveler, Wigeon, Wood Duck, and Miscellaneous Puddlers.

b. Diving Ducks: Bufflehead, Canvasback, Common Merganser, Common Goldeneye, Barrow's Goldeneye, Hooded

Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Redhead, Ring-necked, Ruddy Duck, Greater Scaup, Lesser Scaup, and Miscellaneous divers.

c. Sea Ducks, Geese, Swans, and Confidence: Eider - all four sub-species judged as one; Common, King, Spectacled, and Steller's. Black Scoter, Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck (Old Squaw), Harlequin, Coots, Cormorants, Gallinules, Grebes, Gulls and Loons.

Judging and Awards:

1. The replacement rule will be used when judging Best of Category and Best of Show.

a. As a simple method of judging for the Best of Category the handlers shall replace the carving selected with the next place winner from the same species.

b. Once the judging is completed by categories (Marsh, Diver, etc.), judges consider the first-place carving from each category. They will pick Best of Show from one of these carvings and move it to the winners' area.

c. They will replace it with the second place carving from that category, and so on.

2. Decoys will be judged by Species: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place birds will receive ribbons

3. 1st, 2nd, 3rd of each category as well as Best of Show will receive rosettes.

4. Best of show will receive \$250.

***Categories may be combined or included in miscellaneous if there are not at least 4 entries for an individual species.**

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