



2026 Wyoming Game Call Contest Rules and Regulations Waterfowl

Divisions

Saturday, March 7, 2026 - 1:00 PM

INTRODUCTION

The regulations contained herein govern the Wyoming Game Call Contest. These rules are intended to promote good sportsmanship, fairness, and the art and tradition of game calling.

REGISTRATION

Registration is required for all contestants and may be completed online or in person. Registration closes at 12:00 PM on contest day. Contestants must check in by 12:30 PM. There is no entry fee.

SANCTIONING

The Adult Duck Division of this contest is a SANCTIONED contest under the authority of the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest Rules Committee. All contestants, judges, and officials participating in the Adult Duck Division agree to abide by all applicable World's Championship Duck Calling Contest rules. All other divisions are non-sanctioned local divisions and are governed solely by these contest rules.

CONTESTANT CONDUCT

All contestants must conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. Harassment of announcers, officials, judges, scorekeepers, or other contestants will result in immediate disqualification. This includes conduct by family members or associates. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

DIVISIONS

Adult Duck (Sanctioned)
Adult Goose (Non-Sanctioned)
Youth Duck (Non-Sanctioned)
Youth Goose (Non-Sanctioned)

Youth are defined as 17 years of age or younger. All other contestants are considered adults, regardless of skill level. Contest officials reserve the right to reclassify contestants for the appropriate division.

JUDGING

Adult Duck: A minimum of five (5) judges shall be used. Judges shall be positioned so they cannot see contestants or other judges. Judges will use World's Championship Duck Calling Contest score sheets. Judges' decisions are final.

Non-sanctioned divisions (Adult Goose, Youth Duck, & Youth Goose): Knowledgeable judges will be scoring the competition. No person shall serve as a judge if they are related to any contestant. There will be a minimum of three judges and a maximum of five judges. Judges will not be allowed to re-score any contestant once their scorecard has been submitted.

Judges will score each call from behind a screen that completely prevents them from seeing or identifying the contestants. This screen will be near the calling site.

ISOLATION – ADULT DUCK

Adult Duck contestants must remain in a designated isolation area and may not leave except when accompanied by a contest official or eliminated from competition. No communication with judges or audience is permitted.

NON-SANCTIONED DIVISIONS FORMAT

Adult Goose, Youth Duck, and Youth Goose divisions will follow the traditional local format:

- Up to 30 seconds per call
- Freestyle calling as directed by announcer
- Judged on clarity, realism, and speed
- Three to five judges
- Call-offs used to break ties

NON-SANCTIONED DIVISIONS – COMPETITION FORMAT

Each Adult Goose division competition will be conducted in "knock-out" rounds. Contestants will draw a number prior to the beginning of their division and report that number to the scorekeeper before the contest begins.

Judges will evaluate each series of calls from one (1) to thirty (30), one (1) being the lowest, and thirty (30) being the highest. Each call will be evaluated based on three criteria, note clarity, speed, and realism. Contestants will be awarded up to ten points per each criterion, for a maximum score of thirty (30) points, per contestant, per judge. Contestants may request their scorecards, if desired, after the completion of the contest

Following the completion of every contestant in the division, scorecards will be submitted by the

judges and tallied by contest officials. After the first round, the top-scoring contestants will advance to the next round, and each subsequent round will occur in the same manner. The winners of each division will be announced at the end of the competition and prizes will be issued accordingly.

Each Youth division competition will be conducted in one (1) round. There will be no bracket or similar elimination format. Contestants will draw a number prior to the beginning of their division and report that number to the scorekeeper before the contest begins.

Following the completion of every contestant in the Youth division, scorecards will be submitted by the judges and tallied by contest officials. The winners of each Youth division will be announced at the end of the competition and prizes will be issued accordingly.

CALLING DEVICES – All Divisions

Only vocal calling or handheld, breath-operated instruments may be used. Electronic devices and props are prohibited. Calls must be carried by the contestant.

WINNERS

Adult Duck: The winner of the Adult Duck Division qualifies to compete in the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest in Stuttgart, Arkansas, provided all sanctioning requirements are met.

Non-sanctioned divisions (Adult Goose, Youth Duck, & Youth Goose): The caller with the highest point total in each division will be declared the winner. The person with the second highest point total will be declared the second-place winner. The person with the third highest point total will be declared the third-place winner.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as announced prior to the contest. Prize delegation is at the discretion of contest officials.

RULES ENFORCEMENT

Contest officials reserve the right to interpret and enforce all rules. Their decisions are final.

ADULT DUCK DIVISION – SANCTIONED FORMAT (ROUNDS)

The Adult Duck Division shall be conducted in accordance with the rules and standards of the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest and shall consist of up to three (3) rounds of competition, as determined by the number of contestants.

Each contestant shall perform one continuous routine not to exceed ninety (90) seconds in each round. Each routine must include the following required calls:

1. Hail (Long Distance) Call

2. Mating or Lonesome Call
3. Feed or Chatter Call
4. Comeback Call

A visible timing light shall be used. Exceeding the allotted time will result in disqualification for that round.

After completion of each round, judges' scorecards shall be tallied and the top-scoring contestants, as determined by contest officials, shall advance to the next round. The number of contestants advancing between rounds shall be at the discretion of the Contest Chairman.

In the event of a tie affecting advancement or final placement, a callback round may be conducted to determine the order of finish.

Contestants shall be identified by number only until the conclusion of the contest.

The contest is anticipated to include three (3) rounds; however, the number of rounds may be adjusted based on time constraints or number of entries.

Callbacks may be used at the discretion of contest officials or judges to break ties or determine advancement or final placement. Callback performances are scored separately and used solely for determining the order of finish.