

# ***Long Spur Shootout: 2021***

## Summary:

The NWTF – Florida intends to host an open calling contest, the Long Spur Shootout, in an online format for the 2021 season due to Covid-19 social distancing requirements. The following plan outlines our format for operating a sanctioned event under these circumstances.

## Dates and Deadlines:

Submission Open from October 1, 2021 until November 1, 2021

Calls judged before **November 22, 2021**

## Contest Committee:

Matt Wilkins, Regional Director, NWTF  
Kalyn Waters, Director, University of Florida/IFAS Extension Holmes County  
Kayla Welch, University of Florida/IFAS Extension, Holmes County

### 1. Online Format:

- We will send out the calling list and ask that the participants film themselves, (please include a separate still picture showing an identification card and membership number to verify that they are the ones calling, and submit that to us.
- We will then create a label (example: Caller #1, Call Sequence #1) and upload those video clips to a YouTube Channel (Long Spur Shootout). Comments will be disabled for each video clip to ensure the integrity of the judging.
- Those video clips will be blurred out to keep the identity of the callers hidden from judges.
- Judges will have two weeks to score each of the videos and return the scorecards
- Following the results of the contest, we will remove the blurring to allow for the public to view the entries to ensure the integrity of the results and submissions.

### 2. Judging, Scoring and Results:

- Judging will be completed virtually. The identity of the caller will be verified by the contest committee, and judging will be conducted virtually with all submitted videos being blurred, making judging blind.
- We will make it known to the public that qualifiers for Grand National from last year's contest will automatically be forwarded for this year.
- Submissions will be categorized, labelled and uploaded by Long Spur Shootout committee, including RD's Matt Wilkins and Jeremy Collard and put before a panel of 7 judges for scoring.
- The contestants will be judged on four (4) calls:

Division	Call List
Senior Open	Fighting Purr, Adult Hen Assembly Yelp, Tree call, Cluck & Purr
Senior Friction	Cluck and Purr, Adult Hen Assembly Call, Kee Kee Run, & Cutting of an Excited Hen
Hunter	Yelp of an Excited Hen, Cutting of an Excited Hen, Plain Yelp, Fly Down Cackle
Intermediate	Adult Hen Assembly Call, Cutting of an Excited Hen, Tree Yelp, Plain Yelp
Youth	Plain Yelp, Cutting of an Excited Hen, Tree Yelp

### The calls will be judged as follows:

- The highest and lowest scores from the (7) judges will be discarded, and the five remaining scores will be calculated for the final score. Standard scoring format will be used.
- There will be a 5-minute length limit on the videos for each caller for a division.
- The contest committee reserves the right to make determinations on penalties associated with overages to the allotted times for callers and will make those decisions public in the event they occur.
- Long Spur Shootout Committee will compile, organize, verify and make public the results of the judging decisions according to the set deadlines

### 3. Registration

- To compete, all contestants must register via the online registration link and pay the associated fees.
- Entry fees for Hunter, Senior Friction and Senior Open will be \$40 and entry fees for Youth, Intermediate and Owl Hooting divisions will be \$20.
- **No mailed, faxed or phoned-in registrations will be accepted.** Everyone must use the online registration format.
- All registrants must be current members of the National Wild Turkey Federation.
- **The Divisions available for entry are:**
  - **Senior Open - \$40**
  - **Senior Friction - \$40**
  - **Hunter - \$40**
  - **Intermediate - \$20**
  - **Youth (Randy Adams Memorial Award) - \$20**
  - **Owl Hooting - \$20**

#### 4. Prizes

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place plaques will be awarded in each division
- Cash Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners of each division (percentage of total entry fees association with each division)

#### 5. DIVISIONS

Please note that as of March 4, 2015 there is no longer an age restriction on the open, state or friction divisions at the local level. However, callers under the age of 21 are still unable to receive a qualifying spot for the GNCC. At this time if someone under the age of 21 wins one of the above divisions the qualification will be given to the highest scoring caller who is 21 or older. \*\*If the first place winner of a State or Open Division, at a qualifying contest, has already qualified for the following years Grand National Calling Contest, Senior Division Prelims, the 2nd place winner of that State or Open Division will then be eligible to advance to the Grand National Calling Contest, Senior Division Prelims, for that next year only. If the 2nd place winner has also already qualified and there were 10 or more contestants in the division the 3rd place finisher will receive the qualification. \*\*If the first place winner of a State or Open Friction Division, at a qualifying contest, has already qualified for the following years Grand National Calling Contest, Friction Division, the 2nd place winner of that State or Open Friction Division will then be eligible to advance to the Grand National Calling Contest, Friction Division, for that next year only. If the 2nd place winner has also already qualified and there were 10 or more contestants in the division the 3rd place finisher will receive the qualification.

- Any Open Contest other than a State Open Championship - open to anyone who wishes to enter - suggested ages: 21 and older. First place winners in this division who are at least 21 years of age, and who competed in a local contest with at least 10 people in all divisions held, will qualify for the senior division prelims division at the grand national calling championship the following year.
- Any Friction Division –open to anyone who wishes to enter – suggested ages: 21 and older. First place winners in this division who are at least 21 years of age, and who competed in a local contest with at

least 10 people in all divisions held, will qualify for the senior friction division at the grand national calling championship the following year

- 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.
- Hunter/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 them to enter the grand nationals.
- Owl Hooting - Open to any

EMPLOYEE /EVENT COORDINATOR PARTICIPATION Employees of the NWTF and event coordinator's are discouraged from participating in sanctioned calling contest.