

WWA Decoy Competition Appendix C:

IWCA Working Decoy Division

Section 8. IWCA General Guidelines (All Divisions)

- 8.1. All entrants must be current members of IWCA.
- 8.2. Carvings may not be entered in the same show twice. EXCEPTION: carvings may be entered in an IWCA Division and an IWCA Championship at the same show.
- 8.3. IWCA Judging Procedures and Code of Ethics will be in effect.
- 8.4. Unless a show competition includes novice, intermediate, or amateur, the competition is open to all carving levels.
- 8.5. IWCA advancement rules apply if show competition includes novice, intermediate, or amateur levels.

Divisions for Species

- 3.2.1. Puddle or Marsh Duck—Includes all species of mallard, black duck, pintail, widgeon, gadwall, teal, wood duck, and shoveler.
- 3.2.2. Diving Ducks—Includes all species of canvasback, redhead, scaup, ringneck, golden-eye, bufflehead, ruddy duck (summer or winter), and hooded merganser.
- 3.2.3. Sea Ducks—Includes all species of smew, long-tailed duck, scoter, eider, harlequin, red-breasted merganser, and common merganser.
- 3.2.4. Geese and Swans—Includes all species of geese, including brant and swans.
- 3.2.5. Confidence—Includes all species of gulls, loons (summer or winter), coots, gallinules, and all others.

Section 10. IWCA Working Decoy Division

- 10.1. Decoys must be made by the carver and may be made of any carving material, foam or stretched canvas.
- 10.2. Decoys will be judged for simplicity, durability, and practicality.
- 10.3. A decoy that checks, splits, takes on water, and/or has paint deterioration at any time prior to the completion of all decoy judging will be disqualified and forfeit any awards said decoy was awarded. All decoys in the disqualified decoy's species and category would be re-ordered, so as to move up one place, i.e., second becomes first, third becomes second. There will not be a third place decoy ordered up since the species would have to be re-ordered as well as the whole category re-judged.
- 10.4. No detailed bills, carved nostrils or nails are allowed.
- 10.5. Slight mandible separation is permitted.
- 10.6. No fragile parts.
- 10.7. Primaries may be undercut as long as they are not fragile.
- 10.8. Painting schemes must be simplistic.
- 10.9. Combing, stippling, brushing, ragging, scratching, blending, flocking and use of burnt cork are allowed.
- 10.10. No feather splits or definitions other than outlining may be used.
- 10.11. No wood burning or stoning.

- 10.12. Texturing by means of paint or paste is allowed.
- 10.13. Decoys must have a facility for an anchor line.
- 10.14. Decoys will be placed in the tank with their bottoms up. When the decoy is released, it must self-right with the exception that geese and swans must self-right from their side. Final judging will be at a minimum distance of 20 feet with pre-qualification prior to the birds being placed in the water. The judges will do both final and pre-qualification judging.
- 10.15. These rules may apply to singles, pairs, and rigs.
- 10.16. Working decoys will be judged in hand (at the tank) for sturdy construction, durability, practicality of keel and ballast weights, anchor line attachments, self-righting, and flotation. Decoys that do not pass minimum structural and/or flotation requirements will be disqualified at this time.
- 10.17. The judges may return to the tank from the twenty feet distance but must make their final decisions from twenty feet or more.