

Cabela's
Masters of the Mississippi Calling Contest
Hosted By MVDHA
September 17th – 18th 2011
Official Rules and Regulations

1) Registration:

Registration will be done by official entry form that will be available in the store or onsite. Onsite registration will be held during the day of the contest starting at 8:00 am and will close 30 minutes prior to the start of the contest. Contestants may be asked for ID if they choose to enter the juniors contest. The registration committee may exercise its discretion concerning the extenuating circumstances which may permit registration after the time indicated. The decision of the registration committee shall in all instances be final.

2) Order of Appearance of Contestants:

Subsequent to the closing of registration, a master list will be prepared listing all contestants. Each contestant will draw a number for order of appearance. The contestants in any callbacks, which the committee may require, will draw a new number before each appearance. Contestants shall be identified by number only until the conclusion of the contest. **Contestants will not be permitted to leave the isolation area during the contest except when accompanied by a contest official.** Smoking shall not be allowed in the isolation area. The use of alcoholic beverages or drugs will not be permitted during the competition. **This or any other conduct unbecoming a sportsman, sports-woman, gentleman, or lady, as determined by the designated contest officials, will subject the contestant to disqualification.** There shall be three (3) call off rounds if there are more than fifteen (15) contestants in said event. Cuts will be made after first and second round according to point standings and will be about 50%. If there are less than ten (10) contestants in any said event, there shall be only two (2) rounds. **Regardless of the beginning contestant numbers, the top five (5) contestants will be called back for the final round.** Before determining those eligible for callback and before determining a winner, the total number of points for each contestant will be determined by totaling the score from each judge. The contestant with the highest score shall be declared the winner with the next highest score as second and so forth, until the number of places has been decided as required for distribution of the prizes to be awarded in each contest. In all instances, the decision of the judges shall be final.

3) Rules:

Callers may use any legal call. No electronic equipment of any kind is allowed. For any reason contestants may be asked by the judges to repeat calls. **Turn all cell phones off. No cell phones can be used by contestant during said calling event. The use of cell phones will be grounds for disqualification. There shall be no talking or communication in any form with anyone other than an official while outside the isolation area.**

The Duck/Goose Calling Contest Rules Committee reserves the right to interpret the application of the contest rules and such policies and rules which are not covered by these printed rules, may be announced by the committee from time to time. The decision of the committee shall in all instances, be final.

4) Method of Judging:

Contestants will be asked whether they want a "warm up" or not. Warm up is not to exceed thirty (30) seconds. **Contestants must make no sound except for calling onstage, will result in elimination.** Each time a contestant is permitted to call the time shall be **limited to one and one-half (1 ½) minutes, (90 seconds).** An over – time caller **will be disqualified.** A red signal light will be in view of the contestants. When a contestant is ready or asked to begin his or her call, and so indicates **(by nodding)**, the timer will begin on first note. The light will remain off for one minute and 20 seconds, and will be turned **ON** in view of the contestant at the end of this time period. The contestant must complete the call within the next ten (10) second period. **Failure to complete the call before the time (red light) goes off will disqualify the contestant from further competition in said event only.** There will be a designated place (stage and/or blind) for the contestant to stand. **Contestant must not call past set boundaries.** Judges will be located in such a manner that it is impossible for them to see and or identify any contestant except by caller number only. (Number announced by M.C.)

Note – Time limit for all division is the same (1 ½) minutes (90 seconds).

5) Scoring:

Scoring is by a point system. **First round scores are from 70 to 80 points, Second round is 80 – 90 points, Third round is 90 – 100 points. (Points are accumulated with each round.)** There are five (5) judges and the high and low scores are thrown out. The remaining three are used for scoring. The decision of the three (3) judge’s accumulated scores will be the final score, per round. Remaining contestants moving to 2nd or 3rd round, scores are added with previous rounds. In the event of a tie after the last round, a call off will be between those in the stated tie for placement. **Scoring will be from 80 to 100 points for each tying round.** Decisions of the committee shall in all instances, be final.

6) Divisions:

There are three (3) divisions.

The **open division** is any contestant (man or woman) of any age.

The **junior division** is any contestant (young men and women) being under the age of sixteen (16) on day of contest.

The **2 man division** is any contestant (man or woman) of any age

Note - Men and women will compete together).

Please indicate the contest(s) you are entering.

___ Free -Master of the Mississippi Jr. Meat Duck Calling Contest (under 16) – 9/17/2011-10:00 am

___ \$40.00 Per Team-Master of the Mississippi 2 Man Meat Duck Calling Contest – 9/17/2011– 12:00 pm

___ \$40.00-Master of the Mississippi Open Meat Duck Calling Contest – 9/17/2011 – 3:00 pm

___ Free -Master of the Mississippi Jr. Meat Goose Calling Contest (under 16) – 9/18/2011 –10:00 am

___ \$40.00 Per Team- Master of the Mississippi 2 Man Meat Goose Calling Contest – 9/18/2011 -12:00 pm

___ \$40.00- Master of the Mississippi Open Meat Goose Calling Contest – 9/18/2011 -3:00 pm

Total Fees \$_____ Cash/Check #_____ Please make checks payable to MVDHA.

Welcome & Registration starts at 8:00am. The contests run in the above order in succession, beginning at 9:00am. The Master of Ceremonies will lay down the rules and procedures as well as coordinate the day’s proceedings. Registration will close 30 minutes prior to each contest.

I understand that Cabela’s is simply providing space and support for these contests and otherwise has no influence or control over the operations or judging of these contests. I also understand that Cabela’s will take reasonable precautions and will assume all costs of providing security to contest areas. I, therefore, agree to waive all claims against Cabela’s its agents, employees, officers and directors for damages of any kind. I understand that any conduct deemed unsportsmanlike by the judges constitutes grounds for elimination.

Printed Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Phone _____ Email _____

(Used for the 2 man contest)

Printed Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Phone _____ Email _____

