

WWA Decoy Competition 2026 Appendix D

Sconnie Gunning Decoys

1. This is a non-IWCA class and to enter, you do not have to be an IWCA member
2. IWCA members are welcome to enter this non-IWCA class with gunning decoys.
3. WWA urges Decoy carvers to be members of IWCA, but recognizes that some participants in this competition may want to compete, but not join IWCA. This class is for those carvers.
4. ***This competition will have open and amateur designations. "Amateur" or "Open" are simply a carver self declaration of competitor level for this competition, and does not make the carver an "open" carver in terms of IWCA designations or lock in the carver to this designation in terms of other shows or future WWA shows***
5. There will be a junior class for carvers 17 and under who choose to compete as juniors. Those competing as juniors may compete as juniors or adults, but not both

Divisions for Species

Entrants' decoys will be assigned to a division based on these designations

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

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1. Decoys must be made by the carver and may be made of any carving material, foam or stretched canvas.
2. Decoys will be judged for simplicity, durability, and practicality.
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.
4. No open bills are allowed, however ***simple nostrils (drilled, burned, carved with gouge) and simple nails are allowed.***
5. Slight mandible separation is permitted.
6. No fragile parts, however it will be assumed the bills on mergansers and other fine bills are made durable. Novel methods of producing durable sprigs on pintails and longtailed ducks are encouraged, but it will be the ***judges' discretion to determine durability without breaking or damaging parts of the decoy.***
7. Primaries may be undercut as long as they are not fragile.

8. Painting schemes must be simplistic. Rule of thumb is, could an average hunter repair, touch up or maintain this paint scheme over multiple seasons. Decorative paint schemes will **NOT** be accepted in this Division.
9. Combing, stippling, brushing, ragging, scratching, blending, flocking and use of burnt cork are allowed.
10. No feather splits or definitions other than outlining may be used in the painting.
11. No wood burning or stoning is allowed, however ***rasping to add texture is allowed.***
12. Texturing by means of paint or paste is allowed.
13. Decoys must have a facility to attach an anchor line.
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.
15. These rules may apply to singles, pairs, and rigs.
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.
17. The judges may return to the tank from the twenty feet distance but must make their final decisions from twenty feet or more.