

## **The ALL NEW Irish Greylag Goose Calling Championships and Irish Duck Calling Championships at the NI Countrysports Fair at Scarva House.**

The 2018 show will see the introduction of the Irish Greylag Goose Calling Championships as well as the Irish Duck Calling Championships. Both competitions will be complemented by the 'Introduction to Wildfowling' Display, which is also a new attraction to the show this year.

### **Irish Greylag Goose Calling Championship (Main Arena each day – Afternoon – time to be confirmed)**

#### **Registration & Rules**

1. Registration will be by the official registration form only. These can be obtained in advance from our website at [www.countrysportsfairs.com/duckandgoosecalling](http://www.countrysportsfairs.com/duckandgoosecalling).
2. All registrations forms must be completed and submitted by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018.
3. This contest embraces the vocabulary of geese in their natural habitat. The competitor's objective is to sound as realistic as possible, without many guidelines or restrictions. This contest is designed for the caller to imitate the sounds of the Greylag goose, not just vocabulary. The judges will listen to the caller and judge based on what they think a Goose sounds like. With all different sounds of the Greylag goose, this leaves lots of room for interpretation. Those sounds that are fancier than a goose will be marked as a mistake.
4. Competitors have 90 seconds to complete their series of calls. Competitors may have up to 10 seconds to warm up and the announcer will then signal to start with the word GO. Competitors will also be alerted when 10 seconds of the routine remains. Any competitor that calls for more than 90 seconds will be disqualified.
5. Competitors will be identified by number only during the contest and remain isolated from the judges during the calling routine.
6. Each competitor will have a designated location in which to perform his/her routines. Competitors will be allowed to move around and call from the designated area.
7. Competitors may use any legal, voice or non mechanical call. Electronic calls are banned from this competition.
8. The top 4 scoring competitors will be asked to compete in a grand final. The competitor with the highest combined score will be the overall winner.
9. Decisions of the judges in all matters are final.
10. In the event of a tie, the tied competitors will be asked to perform the full routine again and the competitor with the greatest amount of points combined from the two routines will win.
11. When competing, all competitors' phones must be switched off. Failure to do this will result in disqualification from the event.
12. The competitor is not allowed to speak when entering the arena or during their routine.

#### **Scoring**

Judges award up to 100 points per overall routine. A contestant's highest and lowest scores are discarded and the remaining score will be the final total.

#### **Judges**

A panel of three judges preside over the contest. Each judge must be an experienced waterfowl sportsman.

During the contest the judges are isolated.

### **Irish Duck Calling Championship (Main Arena each day – Morning – time to be confirmed)**

#### **Registration & Rules**

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2. All registration forms must be completed and submitted by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018.
3. Competitors will be judged on the ability to summon a flight of ducks using each of the following four calls: the hail or greeting call, comeback call, feed call and lonesome hen call, in a hunting style sequence. The overall routine will also be marked.
4. Competitors have 90 seconds to complete their series of four calls. Competitors may have up to 10 seconds to warm up and the announcer will then signal to start with the word GO. Competitors will also be alerted when 10 seconds of the routine remains. Any competitor that calls for more than 90 seconds will be disqualified.
5. Competitors will be identified by number only during the contest and remain isolated from the judges during the calling routine.
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12. The competitor is not allowed to speak when entering the arena or during their routine.

#### **Scoring**

Judges award up to 20 points per call and 20 points for the overall routine, for a possible total of 100 points per competitor. A contestant's highest and lowest scores are discarded and the remaining score will be the final total.

#### **Judges**

A panel of three judges preside over the contest. Each judge must be an experienced waterfowl sportsman.

During the contest the judges are isolated.

**The top two duck and top two goose callers from the Saturday will receive tickets to return on the Sunday to compete against the top two winners in each class on the Sunday, in the overall grand final.**

**Prize – Piece of Crystal, £50 Cash and a Caller for the overall grand final winner in each category.**