



## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual PPHA Predator Calling Expo & Calling Contest July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### **Official PPHA Calling Contest Rules**

1~ Calling Contest is limited to the first 50 registered & paid competitors. Competitors under 18yrs of age need a parent or guardians signature on application. Competitors are to be current residents of Pennsylvania *or* a current PPHA member *prior* to the release of this information. No refunds will be given once your reserved spot is accounted for.

2~ Competitors will not be visible to the judges nor to the audience.

3~ There will be 5 judges with predator calling experience.

4~ Scoring system will range from 1-15 based on the competitors ability to realistically reproduce the sound assigned. Scores will be collected after each calling segment by a designated score collector to be tallied & filed by score counter. All scores given by judges will be written in ink.

5~ On the day of Competition, competitors will each draw a number ranging from 1-51(or the total # of entered contestants plus one) and will be assigned that # throughout the competition. Competitors will draw by lottery what position they will call in for each rotation. Competitor drawing position #1 in each calling segment will draw again and will call twice, only the individuals 2<sup>nd</sup> calling sequence will be counted for score.

6~ Competitors are only allowed to use “mouth” or “hand” calls, use of any electronic device is not allowed.

7~ Competitors are not allowed to practice or tune calls in the main room during the competition. Ensure that your calls are ready to go prior to the start of competition. If your call malfunctions during your sequence you will be allowed to use another call. You must declare this malfunction to the PPHA representative with you behind the curtain, you will then be given a 10 second count to retrieve a second call and continue. If you cannot continue that designated sound, that sequence will not be scored.

8~ Scores for each competitor will be tallied on a graphed paper in their designated column. The highest and lowest scores of each competitor’s score will dropped and the remainder added for grand total. For example: a contestant receives scores of 37, 50, 58,

48, 53, 52 & 52. His or her scores of 58 & 37 will be dropped for a total score of 255 points.

9~ Competitors will perform 3 sounds out of a possible 5 listed sounds from the distress calls category, plus 1 call of competitors' choice (prey sounds only: excluding any sounds made prior). (4 call sounds made in total).

Competitors will perform 2 sounds out of a possible 4 listed coyote vocalizations, plus 1 call of competitors' choice (coyote sounds only: excluding any sounds made prior). (3 call sounds made in total).

Sounds will be drawn by random before the competition during the opening ceremony. All drawings will be documented by video to ensure fairness. Callers will have 5 minutes to produce the drawn sounds drawn plus one extra of their choice during each calling segment. Distress calling segment will be held first with a 5 min break then the coyote vocalization segment last.

Distress Calls Category:

- 1~ Cottontail Distress
- 2~ Bird Distress
- 3~ Fawn Bleat
- 4~ Coyote Puppy Ki-Yi
- 5~ Coaxing sound
- \*\* Callers Choice

Coyote Vocalizations Category:

- 1~ Lone Howl
- 2~ Challenge Howl
- 3~ Threat Bark Howl
- 4~ Adult Coyote Ki-Yi
- \*\* Callers Choice

10~ Tie scores for any 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be broken by a call-off. Any participants no matter the amount with the same grand total score will be asked to produce 2 distress calls and 2 coyote vocalizations drawn by lottery. They will call in random positions drawn by lottery. Highest score will be declared winner of said placement and each successive score be declared.

11~ A **mandatory** competitors meeting will be held right before the competition to go over procedures. Judges and contest director will be present to answer questions during the meeting. Role call will be made before the meeting starts; if you are not present for roll call you cannot compete and forfeit your entry fee.

12~ Competitors will be allowed to review their scorecards after the calling segments are officially over. Each Competitor will be called forward to scoring table to review their scores and sign their score sheets verifying their score calculations are correct. Once all signatures are received the winners will be announced.

14~ All contest results are final. Rules are subject to change at any time, any such changes will be declared.

Example Score Sheet:

Competitor #17

Calling position for Distress Segment: 20<sup>th</sup>

Calling position for Coyote Voc. Segment: 5<sup>th</sup>

Distress Segment

	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	
Sound~1	9	10	7	11	13	=50pts
Sound~2	13	9	10	10	8	=50pts
Sound~3	10	9	14	13	12	=58pts
Callers Choice	11	10	11	7	9	=48pts

Coyote Voc. Segment

	J1	J2	J3	J4	J5	
Sound~1	11	9	10	11	12	=53pts
Sound~2	13	8	13	10	8	=52pts
Callers Choice	10	11	8	9	14	=52pts

Dropped Highest Score: 58pts

Dropped Lowest Score: 48pts

50  
50  
53  
52  
+ 52  
257

Total points: 257pts.

Finished # \_\_\_ out of \_\_\_ competitors.

Official Score Counter Verifying Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Competitors Verifying Signature: \_\_\_\_\_