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## **2012 East Coast Predator Showdown Calling Competition Contest Rules & Information**

(All rules and regulations will be strictly adhered to)

All entry fees must be sent in and all release forms, sign up sheet and information from your packet received before the cut off date. No entries will be allowed after February 4th' 2012 for the contest. All information must be received together with your paid entry fees! No partial packets will be accepted. Upon arrival of your complete packet you will be sent a confirmation letter, a copy of the rules, and a schedule of events.

There will be a cut off at 25 callers in the Distress Calling, and Coyote vocalization division. The first 25 registry forms and entry fees will be accepted. This will be determined as they are received at the designated mailing address.

- ◆ If more than 25 registrations forms and entry fee's are received they will be re-funded, and an announcement will be made on the website at [www.ppha.us](http://www.ppha.us) the time that all the positions are filled.
  - ◆ There will be three divisions. Distress Calling Division, Coyote Vocalization Division, and All Around Predator Calling Division.
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- ◆ **East Coast All Around Predator Calling Division.**

You must compete in both the Distress Calling Division and the Coyote Vocalization Division to be eligible for this contest. There will be no extra charge for this division. The following rules will apply:

- ◆ The top five over all callers with totaled scores from classes (Distress Calling and Coyote Vocalizations will be brought back to compete for this title.)
  - ◆ The top five callers will be decided by adding the individual callers' final total score sheet together from both the Distress Calling and the Coyote Vocalizations as one total score. The top five total scores will be brought back for the finals to decide who the East Coast All Around Predator Calling Champion will be! This contest will be held on Saturday, February 11th, 2011 at 2:00 PM and there will be one place honored for the East Coast All Around Predator Calling Champion.
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**The entry fee for the divisions are as follows:**

Distress Calling Division.....\$75.00

Coyote Vocalizations/Howling Division.....\$75.00

All Around East Coast Predator Calling Champion.....Free

**(Must compete in both the distress and coyote divisions)**

**NOTICE:** Anyone 17 years of age and older is eligible for this contest. Calling contest fees include a one day pass into the show to be picked up the day of the event.

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- ◆ There will be no refunds. Once your information and entry fee's are received, that spot is reserved for you and no refunds will be given. There will be no substitutions of callers.
- ◆ You may be required to show photo ID at the sign up table before the contest.

- ◆ You must sign in at the designated callers sign in table located beside the calling stage before the cut off time of 11:00 pm Saturday February 11, 2012. You must have a valid photo ID, and your confirmation letter with you at this time. If you do not have the required information or you do not make the cut off time you will not be allowed to Compete in the competition. Your entry fee will be forfeited.
- ◆ Your confirmation letter will also have all the deadlines and time attached to your schedule.
- ◆ There will be a mandatory caller meeting at 11:00 pm in front of the calling stage before the competition starts. At this time you will sign in and we will go over the procedures for the competition and answer any questions about the rules or competition proceedings that the callers may have. The judges will be present at the callers meeting as well and be available to answer any questions the callers may have at that time. There will be a roll call at this time, if you are not present for roll call you will not be allowed to call in the competition and forfeit your entry fee as well. The time for the meeting will be on your schedule as well.
- ◆ The drawing for the calling positions will be drawn for right after the callers meeting after the judges have been dismissed. Positions for drawing order will be drawn for in the order your registrations are received. There will be no further contact with the judges after this time.
- ◆ There will be warm up caller if available. If not, we will place one more number in the drawing than callers in attendance. Each contestant draws a number to determine the order of calling. The contestant that draws number 1 immediately draws another number. He/she will call in both positions, but only the second call will count for their score. The number one caller's score will be thrown out.

**Please note:** If a contestant does not draw number (1), then a second drawing will be held.

- ◆ If any contestants do not wish to draw again then the caller that drew number (2) will start the contest and call as number (1) and as number (2) positions. Only score derived while calling the second calling position will count for score.
- ◆ Callers will be asked to perform a minimum of 3 and no more than 5 calls in each division.
- ◆ Each caller will be asked to give the required call when announced by the M.C. in two brief series.
- ◆ There will be a one to two minute time limit for each contestant, depending on the number of calls asked of the contestants.

- ◆ There will be no practicing of calls in the competition room or within hearing range of the judges.
- ◆ The judges will not be visible to the callers. The judges will not be able to see the audience.
- ◆ There will be five judges for each division.
- ◆ Judges will award a numerical score on a score sheet provided for each call based on their judgment of the caller's ability.
- ◆ A point scoring range of 1 – 20 points for all divisions is used to further deduce the risk of a tie and need for a call off.
- ◆ All scores will be recorded by the judges in Ink.
- ◆ Scorers will tabulate and record all scores on the combined tally sheet. Add each score sheet up and write the total score at the bottom of each sheet. A contestant's final score will be derived by dropping the highest and lowest score of all five sheets of each caller and then add the remaining score together, which will be the grand total score for each caller.
- ◆ Ties will be broken by a call off. Contestants with equal Grand total scores will be called back on stage and may be asked to deliver different sounds within the division style and posted on the list of eligible sounds.
- ◆ Contestants in a call off will call in the same order as the preceding round. The highest point total in the call off will be declared the winner of that place. Scores obtained in call off are used solely to break ties.
- ◆ Callers will be allowed 2 minutes to check their score sheets after the contests are over but before awards are handed out. At this time if there is a discrepancy in your score sheet the contest director will be available to make a decision.
- ◆ All contest director's decisions are final.
- ◆ Call sounds will be drawn at random by the contest director and competition coordinators, before the competition. The call sounds drawn will be available and posted at the sign up table the day of the contest.

Predator calling sounds to be drawn from:

- A) Bird Distress
- B) Jack Rabbit Distress
- C) Cottontail Rabbit Distress
- D) Fawn Deer Distress
- E) Coyote Pup or Puppies in Distress
- F) Coaxing Sounds (Small birds, Mice squeaks, ect)

**In addition to the sounds drawn, each caller will give a “Callers Best Call” (caller chooses there best call to perform this can be any Distress sound. Mandatory sound will not be drawn.)**

Coyote Vocalizations/Howling Calls to be drawn from:

- A) Adult Coyote Lone Howl
- B) Adult Coyote Distress (ki-yi)
- C) Adult Coyote Threat Bark Howl
- D) Excited Yip Howls
- E) Adult Coyote Barks

**In addition to the sounds drawn, each caller will give a “Callers Best Call” (caller chooses there best call to perform this can be any Coyote Vocalization sound. Mandatory sound will not be drawn.)**

All Around East Coast Champion sounds to be drawn from:

- A) Bird Distress
- B) Jack Rabbit Distress
- C) Cottontail Distress
- D) Coyote Pup Distress
- E) Adult Coyote Lone Howl
- F) Adult Coyote Distress (ki-yi)
- G) Adult Coyote Barks
- H) Excited Yip Howls

Mandatory Sound - Caller Must Perform

1) Callers Best "Call Stand" Scenario - Caller must indicate to the announcer before calling, what type of stand scenario will be called. Example: Coyote, Fox, Bobcat and so on.

- ◆ Each division will honor two places. 1st place in each division will earn the tile of East Coast Distress Calling Champion and East Cost Coyote Howling Champion.
- ◆ **There will be only one winner and title of “EAST COAST ALL AROUND PREDATOR CALLING CHAMPION!”**

## **Payback-Winnings**

Payback is figured if there are 25 callers in each division (if fewer callers participate, payback will be adjusted)

### **Distress Calling Division** (limited to 25 callers)

Champion - \$710.00 & East Coast Predator Showdown Distress Division Champion Belt Buckle

1st runner-up - \$560 & 2nd Place East Coast Predator Showdown Distress Division Belt Buckle

### **Howling/Coyote Vocalization Division** (limited to 25 callers)

Champion - \$710.00 & East Coast Predator Showdown Coyote Division Champion Belt Buckle

1st runner-up - \$560 & 2nd Place East Coast Predator Showdown Coyote Division Belt Buckle

### **East Coast All Round Predator Calling Champion** (limited to 5 callers)

Champion - \$1,210.00 & East Coast Predator Showdown All Around Champion Belt Buckle

**For Information or questions about  
the East Coast Predator Showdown Calling Competition contact:**

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**Submit applications and payment to:  
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