



**International Wildfowl Carvers Association**  
Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild  
Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center  
PO Box 556 - 1785 Island Road - Harkers Island, NC 28531  
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## **2017 IWCA Style Decoy Championship Information & Rules**

**Date:** Saturday, June 24, 2017

**Where:** Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center (address above)

**Time:** Registration opens at 10:00 am. Competition begins at 2:00 pm. Winners will be announced at 3:30 pm.

**Entry Fee:** \$15 first entry, \$5 each additional entry with a \$40 maximum. Must be paid in full at the time of entry.

**Payment:** Cash or Check. Checks must be made out to: *CSWM* or *Core Sound Waterfowl Museum*

**Awards:** 1st Best of Show - \$300 with ribbon, 2nd Best of Show - \$200 with ribbon, 3rd Best of Show - \$100 with ribbon. Top three in each of the five categories will receive ribbons, *no species level ribbons will be awarded*. The 2017 IWCA Style Decoy Champion and other winners will be announced on IWCA.com.

**Questions:** Call Pam Morris at (252) 728-1500 x25 or Monty Willis at (252) 342-4150.

*\*Entrants MUST be current IWCA members or may join at the time of entry (\$15.)*

*\*No other prerequisites required to enter.*

**Mail-Ins will be accepted** and must be received by Thursday, June 22.

\*The IWCA, Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild and the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum are NOT responsible for any loss or damage to mail-in entries.

1. Mail-in entries must include:
  - a. Shipping, including a pre-paid, return postage, shipping label with insurance. Record your tracking numbers for your records.
  - b. Entry fees.
  - c. Proof of current membership or IWCA membership application with fee included (membership form available on [www.iwfca.com](http://www.iwfca.com).)
2. Entrants must complete registration form.
  - a. Forms available on [IWCA.com](http://IWCA.com) or call 252-728-1500 x25 or email [pamdmorris@coresound.com](mailto:pamdmorris@coresound.com).
  - b. Complete the form insuring all information, including entry fees and membership, is correct.
  - c. Enclose payment with correct totals. Carvings without full payment will not be entered.
  - d. Registration form must be signed. Make a copy for your records.
  - e. In an envelope, enclose the completed registration form as well as your payment and return postage label. Put the envelope in the shipping box with your carvings.
  - f. If you or your agent will be picking up your carving after the competition closes, please provide instructions along with your sample form.

### **Please ship to the following address:**

Core Sound Waterfowl Museum & Heritage Center  
Attn: Pam Morris  
PO Box 556; 1785 Island Road  
Harkers Island, NC 28531

*See the 2017 IWCA Rulebook for the complete set of all the different IWCA divisions of competition. Available at IWFCFA.com.*

### **IWCA Style Decoy Division Rules**

- 9.1. Decoys must be made of wood, cork, or stretched canvas.
- 9.2. Texturing will be allowed by rasping, chip carving, combing, scratching, stippling and flocking.
- 9.3. No wood burning except as a cutting tool.
- 9.4. Stoning or carving (no burning) will be allowed on the crest, tuft, or hood of any species of waterfowl with a crest, tuft, or hood as long as it remains sturdy and functional.
- 9.5. Undercut areas, wingtips, tails, and necks must not be fragile.
- 9.6. Feather groups may be simply carved (back, side-pockets, rump, and breast).
- 9.7. Only primaries, tertials, scapulars and tail feathers may be individually carved.
- 9.8. Detailed carving of the bill is allowed.
- 9.9. Inserts may be used to strengthen weak areas such as bills, tails, and crests. Open bills are allowed.
- 9.10. Feather splits may be carved.
- 9.11. Decoys must have a facility for an anchor line. Keels and weights are not required.
- 9.12. Decoys will be placed in the tank with their bottoms up, pushed down to just submerged, and then released. Decoy must self-right. Test may be performed two (2) times only. Swans and geese must self-right from the side.
- 9.13. There will be no restrictions on painting of IWCA Style Division decoys. The carver is allowed to create expressive poses to capture the many attitudes of waterfowl.
- 9.14. 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.
- 9.15. There are no restrictions as to the number or gender of the entries.
- 9.16. Decoys must have no visible markings that will identify the carver and/or painter. All such marks must be covered with tape.
- 9.17. Judging for essence of species, anatomy, coloration, attitude on the water, flotation, and how well the decoy projects must be evaluated from a minimum of twenty feet.