

# Washington Brant Foundation Decoy Carving Contest Rules and Details

Contest will be held on **May 6, 2017** at:  
Holiday Sports  
895 Nevitt Rd  
Burlington, WA 98233

## Working Class Decoy Rules

1. Decoys must be of a species common to North America.
2. Decoys may be made of wood, cork, or stretched canvas, unless otherwise specified.
3. Foam is allowed in dedicated foam classes.
4. Bills, tails, and other “vulnerable” areas must be durable and can be reinforced.
5. Ballast weights, keels, and tie-on devices are part of the decoy and will be judged as such.
6. All markings identifying the carver will be covered.
7. Any decoy that splits, checks, or has paint deterioration prior to completion of the judging will be disqualified.
8. Decoys must self-right.
9. Decoys require an anchor line attachment.
10. All entries will be pre-judged by the show chairman to confirm compliance to rules prior to floating.
11. All decoys will be judged at no less than 20 feet. Judges will not be allowed to examine the decoys in hand or approach the water.
12. Simple paint and sculpture with good field markings is preferred.
13. No raised primary feathers.
14. No carved details in bills, slight mandible separation will be permitted.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

**Craftsmanship** - Relates to the technical skills involved in the carving. Are all glue lines blended in? Are eyes seated properly?

**Serviceability** - Will this entry work? Will it require special handling in a decoy bag or boat? Is it durable?

**Accuracy** - Are the feather patterns in the correct shape and color? Are the eyes in the proper position and alignment?

**Projection** - Will the entry display the species in low light conditions (dawn/dusk)? You can't see detail; does the silhouette identify?

**Overall Presentation** - This category encompasses all of the data displayed and will be in the water at a distance of 20 feet.

All judging decisions are final.

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# WBF Working Class Contests

## Open Decoy Division

There are three classes in this division: Diver, Puddler, and Confidence. This division includes any waterfowl common to North America except for brant.

Best of each class will compete for best of show with replacement rules applying as winners are chosen. For example, if the 1<sup>st</sup> place diver wins best of show, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place diver will be move up to compete in the remaining best of show judging.

Open Division 1<sup>st</sup> best of show winner is a purchase award and belong to WBF.

First Prize: \$250.00 and Medallion  
Second Prize: \$50.00 and Medallion  
Third Prize: \$25.00 and Medallion

## Brant Division

Carving must be of any North American Brant.

Brant Division winners are purchase awards (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> only) and belong to WBF.

First Prize: Custom embroidered Filson Coat plus \$150 and Medallion  
Second Prize: Custom embroidered Filson Vest plus \$75 and Medallion  
Third Prize: \$50 and Medallion

## Foam Division

Includes any species. Ribbons will be awarded

## Youth and Novice Division

Open to all who have not placed (first, second, third places) in any competition. This includes any waterfowl common to North America. Note that this division does not include purchase awards. **No entry fee required.**

Awards include ribbons and carving supplies.

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## 2017 Washington State Ducks Unlimited Decoy Contest

Working decoy painting and carving restrictions do not apply to this category. Raised primary feathers, bill carving, and more detailed paint are allowed.

This year's carving can be either a **Drake Common Merganser**.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries are purchase awards and will be raffled off at the Washington State Ducks Unlimited Convention Banquet.

First Prize: \$400

Second Prize: \$300

Third Prize: \$200

### Mini Floating Decoy Swap

All entrants go home with a new miniature decoy.

This year's carving will be a **Drake Mallard**.

1. 6" maximum length chest to tail (bill length not considered).
2. **Must self right**. No keel necessary—must have anchor attachment.
3. No restrictions on detail, style or carving material.
4. Awards: 1st, 2nd, 3rd—Ribbons and cash \$75, \$50, \$25.
5. 1st place gets pick, then 2nd gets pick, then 3rd. The remainder draw a number. But you can't take your own bird!

The winner selects next year's bird.



# REGISTRATION

Registration fee is \$10.00 for the first bird, \$5.00 each additional entry, max \$25.00.

Registration starts at 8:00. Judging starts at 9:00 am and all decoys must be registered prior to then.

All decoys will remain on display at the show until 2:00pm. You are encouraged to mail in your entries if you cannot stay until the end of the show. All mail ins **MUST HAVE SHIPPING PRE-PAID**. UPS is recommended.

Please address mail-ins to:

Kurt Benson  
8413 319th St NW  
Stanwood, WA 98292

Purchase awards are auctioned off at the event. They help defray event costs and help greatly in the financing of the WBF Educational Programs. If a carver does not place and wishes to donate his carving to WBF, he will receive a 501(c)3 tax deduction slip the day of the event.

You can contact Kurt Benson with any questions on the contest:

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