



35th Annual Grand National Wild Turkey & White-tailed Deer

Taxidermy Competition

FEB 15-19, 2023

**Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center
Nashville, Tennessee**

Call (800) 843-6983 for additional information

JUDGES FOR THIS YEAR'S COMPETITIONS:

Turkey: Blake Reiminger - Cape Girardeau, MO

White-Tailed Deer: Chip Hayes - Adolphus, KY

Frank Williams - Headland, AL



COME BE A PART OF THE

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Sanctioned and Administered by the National Taxidermists Association



2022 Wild Turkey Taxidermy Winners

Master of Masters Division

Winner - Michael Mizelle, St. Cloud, FL

Masters Division

Best of Show - Josh West, Bowling Green, KY
Best Standing - Tanner Burns, Buckhannon, WV
Best Open Wing - N/A
Best Strutting - Josh West, Bowling Green, KY
Best Group - N/A

Professional

Best of Show - Seth French, Ochlocknee, GA
Best Standing - Chuck Mulkey, Anderson, SC
Best Open Wing - N/A
Best Strutting - Seth French, Ochlocknee, GA
Best Group - Cody Hodge, Louisville, KY

Commercial

1st Place - Glenn Williams, Dickson, TN
2nd Place - N/A

Amateur

Best Amateur - Jacob Helbing, Powersville, MO

Youth

Best Youth - N/A

2022 White-tailed Deer Taxidermy Winners

Master of Masters Division

Winner - Butch Irwin, Albany, KY

Masters Division

Best of Show - Cody Hodge, Louisville, KY
Best Open Mouth - Cody Hodge, Louisville, KY
Best Closed Mouth - Cody Hodge, Louisville, KY

Professional

Best of Show - Jason Grant, Fair Play, SC
Best Open Mouth - Michael Humphrey, Buna, TX
Best Closed Mouth - Jason Grant, Fair Play, SC

Commercial

1st Place - Jacob Russell, Vanleer, TN
2nd Place - Taylor Walker, Lewisburg, TN

Amateur

Best Amateur - Tyler Eaton, Fountain Run, KY

Youth

Best Youth - Kali Lewis, Louisville, KY





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Taxidermy Competition Registration Form

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

First & Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

All pre-registrations must be received at NWTF Headquarters no later than Jan. 25, 2023.

Registrations received AFTER Jan. 25, 2023 will be charged an Additional FEE of \$25 on top of the original entry fee.

Please make sure to register your mounts before Jan. 25 to avoid the additional fees.

Mail to:

NWTF, Attn: TAXIDERMY – BETH CHRISTIE

PO Box 530

Edgefield, SC 29824

ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE A DAILY ADMISSION PASS – FREE!

DIVISION	NUMBER OF ENTRIES	POSITION OF MOUNT - Open or closed mouth for deer - Standing, open wing, strutting or group for turkey	\$45 per mount – Master of Masters \$40 per mount – Masters Category \$30 per mount – Professional Category \$15 per mount – Commercial Category \$5 per mount – Amateur Category \$5 per mount – Youth Category
TURKEYS		(Circle One)	
Master of Masters		Standing – Open Wing – Strutting – Group	
Masters		Standing – Open Wing – Strutting – Group	
Professional		Standing – Open Wing – Strutting – Group	
Commercial*		Standing – Open Wing – Strutting – Group	
Amateur*		Standing – Open Wing – Strutting – Group	
Youth (17 and under)*		Standing – Open Wing – Strutting – Group	
WHITE-TAILED DEER		(Circle One)	
Master of Masters		Open or Closed	
Masters		Open or Closed	
Professional		Open or Closed	
Commercial*		Open or Closed	
Amateur*		Open or Closed	
Youth (17 and under)*		Open or Closed	

* A standard mount judged from a distance without use of flashlight

Note total number of: Wall-hanging Mounts _____ Table Mounts _____ Floor Mounts _____

If entering pedestal mounts, indicate dimensions _____

This will be used to determine amount of space needed for each entry. **When entering THREE or MORE mounts, you will receive ONE ENTRY FREE. Example: If you enter three mounts total, you will pay the entry fees for two mounts and the THIRD will be FREE.**

Total Payment \$ _____

Signature: _____

Registration #: _____

* Signature verifies the acceptance of all the rules and regulations.



35th Annual Grand National Wild Turkey and White-tailed Deer Taxidermy Competition Rules & Regulations

1. All participants must register no later than Jan. 25, 2023. If registering AFTER Jan. 25th an ADDITIONAL FEE of \$25 will be charged on top of the ORIGINAL entry fee. Please make sure to register no later than Jan. 25, 2023 to avoid additional fees.
2. Unlimited entries per person. When entering THREE OR MORE mounts, you will receive one entry free. EXAMPLE: If you enter three mounts total, you will pay the entry fees for two of the mounts AND the third mount will be free. Competitors in the Masters Division OR Master of Masters Divisions are not eligible to enter in the Commercial Division.
3. Competitors must declare a category for each mount, either standing, strutting, flying, or group. Entrants must choose one category for each mount. If there are multiple turkeys attached to the same base, and they are entered into the group category, they cannot be entered individually. Competitors may not change category choice after Jan. 25, 2023.
4. Mount deliveries and grooming must be done from 1-6 p.m. Feb. 15 or 8-11 a.m. Feb. 16.
5. All mounts must remain on display until 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18 (no exceptions) and are required to be picked up no later than 7 p.m. Any contestant who removes his/her mounts before this time will forfeit all prizes and awards and will be ineligible to compete in the 36th Annual Grand National Wild Turkey and White-tailed Deer Taxidermy Competition.
6. Neither the NWTF, NTA nor TTA are responsible for loss or damage; all mounts are entered at the owner's risk. All competitors must sign a form releasing the NWTF from any liability for mounts entered in competition. While the NWTF strives to be as careful as possible with all mounts, everyone is advised that accidents are possible and that competitors should purchase insurance on their competition entries. The NWTF, its officials, Board of Directors or Competition Committee shall not be responsible for any mounts entered in competition under any circumstances.
7. Mounts must be the work of the entrant. The entrant must paint freeze-dried turkey heads. All exposed areas of mounts must be completely finished. Mounts are judged disregarding habitat, but outstanding habitat may add to the mount and receive bonus points.
8. Wild turkey mounts will be displayed on a table; wall-hung mounts must have their own support. All deer mounts, unless table-mounted, will be displayed on a wall; if table-mounted, you must provide your own stand. All glass cases must be removed prior to judging. All floor-mounted entries must be on rollers. The NWTF will not provide electricity for displays. All contestants are encouraged to bring a dolly for loading and unloading of mounts from parking area to taxidermy area. The NWTF reserves the right to move mounts within the taxidermy area.
9. All competitors must stay out of the judging area during judging.
10. Children are not allowed in the main taxidermy area except Youth Division registrants.
11. All judges are NTA members and will use NTA score sheets. No score sheet will be released until all judging is complete and awards have been placed on entries. Judges' decisions are final. Entrants may place business cards on or near their mounts after judging is complete.
12. National Taxidermist Score Sheet: 90-100 = 1st Place; 80-89 = 2nd Place; 70-79 = 3rd Place. Note to those not familiar with NTA score sheets: There can be more than one 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbon.
13. Contestants must receive a 1st Place Ribbon to be eligible for "Best of Category" in any division. If a 2nd Place Ribbon is the highest score in a division, then no "Best of Category" will be given. Contestants will automatically be moved up into the Masters Division after winning either two Blue Ribbons or a "Best of Category" in any prior NWTF Grand National Competition. To be eligible for Master of Masters, you must win "Best of Show" or three "Best of Categories" in the Masters Division in any prior NWTF Grand National Competition. When you qualify for Master of Masters, you will automatically be moved up into Master of Masters Division. No Masters level or higher contestants can enter the commercial division.
14. Any complaints regarding judging should be brought to the attention of the NWTF Competition Committee - NOT to the judges. Sportsmanlike conduct is expected at all times. NWTF Competition Committee will address complaints or inquiries after awards are presented Feb. 18, 2023.
15. Technical issues related to professional taxidermy techniques will be covered by the NWTF Competition rules. The NWTF Competition Committee will resolve any questions arising from the competition. Its decision will be final.
16. The NWTF Competition Committee reserves the right to reject any entry deemed inappropriate or detrimental to the image of taxidermy, hunting, fishing, trapping or any other outdoor-related activity.
17. Any infraction of an NWTF Grand National rule will result in disqualification of the entry and forfeiture of any awards won by that entry. Registration fees will not be refunded.
18. All awards will be presented at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 18. Any monetary awards will be mailed to winners after convention.
19. Sale of mounts is not permitted.

Prizes & Awards

TURKEY:

Master of Masters

Best of Show - \$1,200 + trophy
Master of Masters Ribbon

Masters

Best of Show - \$1,000 + trophy
Best Standing - \$200 + trophy
Best Open Wing - \$200 + trophy
Best Strutting - \$200 + trophy
Best Group - \$200 + trophy

Professional

Best of Show - \$300 + trophy
Best Standing - \$100 + ribbon
Best Open Wing - \$100 + ribbon
Best Strutting - \$100 + ribbon
Best Group - \$100 + ribbon

Commercial

1st Place - \$100
2nd Place - \$50

Amateur

Best Amateur - Plaque

Youth

Best Youth - Plaque

WHITE-TAILED DEER:

Master of Masters

Best of Show - \$1,200 + trophy
Master of Masters Ribbon

Masters

Best of Show - \$750 + trophy
Best Open Mouth - \$200 + trophy
Best Closed Mouth - \$200 + trophy

Professional

Best of Show - \$300 + trophy
Best Open Mouth - \$100 + ribbon
Best Closed Mouth - \$100 + ribbon

Commercial

1st Place - \$100
2nd Place - \$50

Amateur

Best Amateur - Plaque

Youth

Best Youth - Plaque