



# **WORLD ELK CALLING CHAMPIONSHIPS™**

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS TEAM DIVISION**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The regulations contained herein set forth the rules and procedures governing the 2010 Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation World Elk Calling Championships™ Team Division.

### **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONTEST REGULATIONS**

Any entrant failing to comply with any of the requirements as herein set forth shall be disqualified from the contest and will be ineligible to compete.

### **OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the contest is to imitate actual elk sounds including herd dynamics and to allow the contestants to demonstrate their ability to reproduce these sounds. Contestants are encouraged to play to the audience. Every contestant has an equal chance to win.

### **REGISTRATION**

Contestants may register by mail, fax or on-site at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. **All contestants must be pre-registered by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2010.** A maximum number of 10 teams will be allowed to compete. A lottery will be held if more than 10 teams register. Teams will consist of two adults and one child under the age of 18 (optional). All contestants must be current members of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to enter. One membership per household is adequate.

### **CALLING DEVICES/PROPS**

Contestants may use any props they can carry.

### **CALLS**

Teams have 1 ½ minutes to produce their calls.

### **CALLING SEQUENCE**

The contestants will draw numbers and call in the order of the draw. The official scorekeepers will assign numbers to contestants as drawn.

### **DIVISION REQUIREMENTS**

A minimum of three teams is required. If fewer than three teams register, the team division will be eliminated.

### **LOCATION OF CONTESTANTS**

One team member must remain on the stage at all times. Contestants will be asked to remain in an area designated by the contest officials during the contest. Contestants will not be allowed to practice in the room at any time. Contestants who desire to warm up for the competition may use room **D6**.

## **CONTEST OFFICIALS**

There will be a minimum of at least three contest officials. The officials will be announced prior to the start of competition. The officials will inspect and approve all calling devices used by the contestants. The officials have the right to allow or prohibit any calling devices from being used. The decision of the contest officials is final.

## **LOCATION OF JUDGES**

Judges will be out in the audience.

## **JUDGES**

The audience will be the primary judge for the contest. Ties will be broken by three judges. Knowledgeable judges will be scoring the competition. Judges will be comprised of outfitters, guides, wildlife biologists, etc. No person shall serve as a judge if he/she is related to any contestant.

## **PRIZES**

The winners will receive customized belt buckles by Montana Silversmiths.

## **VIDEO AND MEDIA COVERAGE**

It will be required that all contestants sign a personal film/video/media release. Contestants who refuse to sign the waiver will be disqualified from the contest.

## **CONTESTANT CONDUCT**

All contestants must adhere to the rules and regulations of the contest. Any contestants who harass the announcer, calling officials, scorekeepers, or other contestants will be disqualified indefinitely from all Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation calling contests. Anyone who approaches the scorekeepers table during the competition will be disqualified. This includes any family member even if he/she is not competing. Approaching the table will result in the disqualification of the family member competing.

## **CONTESTANT HISTORY**

Contestants shall not have a criminal record containing felony convictions, game law violations, or any other history that may embarrass the Elk Foundation or inhibit its mission. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation reserves the right to disqualify contestants at its own discretion.

## **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

All contestant protests must be put in writing and submitted to the contest officials. Such protests must state clearly the cause of the complaint or appeal, and must be delivered or mailed to a contest official within 48 hours after occurrence of alleged incident. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation. Action on the protest will be handled by the contest officials. A written response will be mailed within 30 days after the protest is received. The decision of the contest officials in the matter shall be final.

## **MANDATORY MEETING**

8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 6, 2010, Reno-Sparks Convention Center A1

## **FINALS CALLING CONTEST**

9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 6, 2009, Reno-Sparks Convention Center A1

## **SPECIAL NOTE:**

All contestants are required to attend the mandatory contestant meetings for which they are registered. Failure to attend will result in disqualification from the contest. We will be drawing numbers for calling positions at this time and reviewing the rules and regulations of the event.