

MICHIGAN DUCK HUNTERS ASSOCIATION
MICHIGAN WATERFOWL STAMP CONTEST
2019 COMPETITION RULES
(For 2020 Stamp)

Please note the following changes from last year's rules. Questions regarding these changes should be directed to the Stamp Contest Coordinator:

- 1) The list of prohibited species and various dates have been updated.
- 2) A request for hi-resolution photos of entries was added to the agreement form.
- 3) The mailing address to send entries to has been updated.

SECTION I: Eligibility:

- 1) Artists must be 18 years or older.
- 2) Artists must be residents of the United States.
- 3) The winning 2018 Artist (2019 Stamp) is excluded from entering this competition.

SECTION II: Entry Rules and Procedures

- 1) Entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, July 24, 2019. For other arrangements, contact the Stamp Contest Coordinator.
- 2) Artists are responsible for insurance fees when shipping their artwork to the Stamp Contest Coordinator.
- 3) A \$50.00 entry fee must be included with each entry, payable to:

MDHA Waterfowl Stamp Program

- 4) A signed Entry Agreement (included at the end of this document) must be returned with each entry.
- 5) The Artist agrees that MDHA and its representatives assume no liability for damage, loss, or theft of any entry.

Mail entry, entry fee, and Entry Agreement to:

MDHA Waterfowl Stamp Contest
c/o Brenton Fetting
83 Huntley Lane
Waite Park, MN 56387

SECTION III: Restrictions

- 1) Must be original artwork.
- 2) Previously published artwork, computer generated artwork, photographs, copies, or duplications are not acceptable.
- 3) Decoys, dogs and/or depictions of Michigan habitat may be used as background, but may not be the major theme of entry.

SECTION IV: Preferred Entered Artwork

- 1) Action is preferred, but not required.
- 2) Pairs of birds are preferred, but not required. If a pair of birds is submitted, the pair **must** be a male and female.
- 3) The 2019 competition is open to all waterfowl species of Michigan except:
Previous 5 years winning species (2014 – 2018 contests):
2018: Northern Pintail (2019 Stamp)
2017: American Wigeon (2018 Stamp)
2016: Northern Shoveler (2017 Stamp)
2015: Green-winged Teal (2016 Stamp)
2014: Common Goldeneye (2015 Stamp)

SECTION V: Technical and Display Requirements

- 1) Entry must be horizontal: artwork is to be 7 inches high by 9 inches wide with a simple white mat that must not make the entry more than 10 inches high by 12 inches wide.
- 2) Entry must be rendered with full attention to tone and detail. Media is not restricted and may include watercolors, acrylics, dyes, etc.
- 3) No scrollwork, lettering or signatures are permitted on the design itself. A numbered entry label will be attached to the back of the entry for tracking.
- 4) An acetate or cellophane cover should be wrapped and taped in such a manner as to protect the entry yet permit easy removal for judging and photographing.
- 5) No entry will be accepted that is under glass or mounted acetate, in a wood frame, or thicker than one-half inch including the mat, backing, and recommended wrapped acetate cover.

NOTE: Entries containing improper subject matter or not conforming to the preceding contest rules listed in Sections I through V will be eliminated at the discretion of the Stamp Contest Coordinator.

SECTION VI: Artist Agreement

The Artist, by entering this contest, agrees that:

- 1) MDHA, as Administrator on behalf of the Michigan DNR's Duck Stamp Program, retains ownership of all printing, publishing, production, marketing, and distribution rights of the winning artwork. The winning design may not be reproduced without the consent of MDHA.
- 2) MDHA will return the original entry as soon as feasible, generally within thirty (30) days after the competition is completed.
- 3) The winning Artist will sign and number up to three hundred (300) prints (includes one hundred (100) Conservation Edition prints and one hundred and fifty (150) Limited Edition prints), up to 10 panes of individually signed stamps, and up to 20 signed panes.
- 4) The winning Artist will create ten (10) color remarques and provide them to MDHA at no additional cost.
- 5) MDHA will proof stamps and prints at time of printing. The Artist can attend printing to proof their winning artwork if they choose to travel at their own expense.
- 6) The winning Artist will also agree to serve as a judge in the 2020 competition. This requirement is waived for out-of-state winning Artists unless they choose to travel at their own expense.

SECTION VII: Judging

- 1) The MDHA Waterfowl Stamp Program Committee will select a panel comprised of seven (7) judges and an adequate amount of scorekeepers. The judging panel will include representatives from MDHA, Michigan DNR, and at least one independent (noncompeting artist, printer, collector, or waterfowl enthusiast).
- 2) Judges and scorekeepers will not be an immediate family member (spouse, child, parent, or sibling) of any entered Artist.
- 3) The judging panel will judge each entry on artistic merit.
- 4) The judging panel will examine acceptable entries in three rounds:

Round One: All entries are judged for competitiveness as a "yes" to continue to Round Two or a "no" to be removed from further consideration. Two (2) judges must vote "yes" for an entry to continue to Round Two.

Round Two: Entries are judged on three categories: (1) accuracy of anatomy, (2) proper habitat, and (3) artistic composition. Each judge independently records a numerical score from one to ten (one being the lowest, and ten being the highest) on a written ballot for each of the three categories. The ballots are given to the scorekeepers for tabulation. The top three (3) entries receiving the highest score will advance to Round Three. In the case of a tie that would advance more than three (3) entries, the number of "yes" votes from the previous round shall be used to determine which entry advances to Round Three. In the case of further tie, judges shall re-judge Round Two for only the tied entries. This ranked scoring tiebreaker will be between only the tied entries to determine which entry advances to the next round. The entry receiving the lowest overall score shall advance to Round Three. Ballots from the individual judges are confidential and remain the property of MDHA.

Round Three: Judges will discuss and evaluate each entry before independently scoring his/her preference for first, second, and third place. Each judge independently records a numerical score from one to three (one being a first place vote, two being a second place vote, and three being a third place vote) on a written ballot. The ballots are given to the scorekeepers for tabulation. The entry receiving the lowest overall score (generally the most first place votes) will be judged the winner. In the event of a tie, for any position, a tie-breaking round between only the 2 tied entries will be conducted. The selection of the winning entries by the judges will be final.

Contestants will be notified of scores in writing within 30 days of the contest's conclusion, and results will be posted online for the public to view at MDHA's website, miduckhunters.org.

SECTION VIII: Prizes

First Place

\$1500 in two (2) installments: one (1) mailed to the winning Artist, generally postmarked within 30 days of contest conclusion, and one (1) after signing and numbering prints and remarques. The winning Artist will receive 40 artist proofs. The Artist retains original artwork.

Second Place

\$300 included with the returned artwork. The Artist retains original artwork.

Third Place

\$200 included with the returned artwork. The Artist retains original artwork.

SECTION IV: Contest Location

The contest will be held at 4:00 PM, August 3rd, 2019, at the:

Bay City State Recreation Area
Saginaw Bay Visitor Center
3582 State Park Drive, Bay City, MI 48706

For any questions please call or email:

Brenton Fetting, MDHA Waterfowl Stamp Contest Coordinator

Phone: 989-245-3509

E-Mail: miduckstampcontest@gmail.com

ENTRY AGREEMENT

RETURN THIS PAGE WITH ARTWORK ENTRY AND \$50.00 ENTRY FEE

2019 MDHA MICHIGAN WATERFOWL STAMP CONTEST

Artist Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Description/Title of Entry: _____

MDHA recommends that you email a hi-resolution photo of your entry, if possible, for posting online after the contest. Photos should be emailed only to miduckstampcontest@gmail.com. If you choose to send a photo of your entry, please ensure the email address is correct to avoid incorrect delivery so your entry remains private until after the contest.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THE 2019 CONTEST RULES.

ARTIST SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____



THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED ONLY BY MDHA STAMP CONTEST STAFF

ENTRY NO:	PROTECTIVE WRAP:	DATE RECEIVED:
NOTABLE DAMAGE:		DATE RECEIPTED: