



## NCCTA Tree & Wreath Contest Rules

Summer Meeting Only

### Guidelines:

- Entrants shall be 'Members in Good Standing' of the North Carolina Christmas Tree Association.
- If I am a 1<sup>st</sup> Place tree or wreath winner, I agree to join the National CTA if I am not already a member.
- **\* NCTA RULE\* Entrants must be 'Members in Good Standing' of the National Christmas Tree Association at the time of affiliated/state contest to be eligible to enter the NCTA contest. \*Please note that you are NOT required to be an NCTA member to enter the NCCTA contest, but if chosen as a winner of the NCCTA contest you will not qualify to advance to compete in the NCTA contest.**
- No Farm or person shall enter more than one entry in any category.
- If I am NC Grand Champion, I agree to be willing to personally present a tree or wreath to the NC governor and take a tree or wreath to National competition. I understand that I am responsible for any expenses incurred with this endeavor.
- If I am NC Grand Champion in the tree division, I agree to work with the Tree Contest Committee in selecting and promoting trees.
- I will be committed to participation in the National presentation at the White House if I am National Grand Champion and I will take a Fraser Fir. I understand that I am responsible for any expenses incurred with this endeavor.
- Grand Champion winners of the NCCTA Christmas Tree Contest are not eligible to participate for one year immediately following the contest in which they won. This applies to the individual member and the farm that was entered. Eligibility of the winners is restored beginning with the second annual NCCTA Christmas tree Contest after their win.
- If the "Other Species" tree winner is a true fir, the winner agrees to take a different species other than a true fir or Fraser Fir to National Competition in order to have entries represented in two categories at National.
- It is assumed that the Grand Champion Tree Contest winner will enter the National Competition. Grand champion tree and wreath winners agree to attend the presentation ceremonies for the NC Governor and provide trees/wreaths for presentation.

### TREES:

- Must be no less than 6 feet in height, and no more than 8 feet in height measured from the bottom of the handle to tip of leader.
- Have a handle which shall be no less than 6 inches and no longer than 12 inches measured along the trunk from the bottom of the handle to the bottom of the first branch(es).

### WREATHS:

- Wreaths must be on a 12-inch ring; single or double faced.
- ALL tree and wreath greenery must be made from North Carolina grown materials.
- Both decorated & undecorated wreaths can be made of mixed evergreens while using a foundation of Fraser Fir.
- NCCTA will enter two wreaths per class in the NCTA Wreath Contest, with a total number of four wreath entries. Those eligible for entry into the NCTA contest will be the first and second place winners of each wreath category. If the first or second place winners are unable to enter National for any reason, the eligibility will be passed to the third-place winner in the same category.

See individual judging forms for additional specifics.

### JUDGING:

- Judges will be appointed by the NCCTA Tree Contest Committee.
- Judges must have adequate knowledge of the Christmas tree industry and current standards.
- Judges shall have no entry in any contest or immediate family, or persons employed by them as an entrant in any contest.

### Interpretation of Rules and Guidelines

Interpretation of rules and guidelines for the NCCTA Tree & Wreath contest will be the responsibility of the committee chairperson and the convention chairperson.

### **Monetary Prizes:**

Fraser Fir Grand Champion \$500  
Other Species 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$300  
Undecorated Wreath Grand Champion \$100  
Decorated 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$100

