



NCCTA TREE & CONTEST RULES

Summer Meeting Only

ALL trees and wreath greenery must be made from North Carolina grown materials.

See Tree judging Form and Wreath Judging Form for specifics.

Guidelines:

- Entrants shall be 'Members in Good Standing' of the North Carolina Christmas Tree Association.
- If I am a 1st Place tree or wreath winner, I agree to join the National CTA if I am not already a member.
- 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 subsequent to 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 in two categories at National.

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).

MONETARY AWARDS TREES:

FRASER FIR

1 st Place	\$500 Grand Champion
2 nd Place	\$250
3 rd Place	\$100

NON-FIR SPECIES

1 st Place	\$200
2 nd Place	\$100
3 rd Place	\$ 50

WREATHS:

- Wreaths must be on a 12-inch ring; single or double faced.
- Both decorated and 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.

MONETARY AWARDS WREATHS:

UNDECORATED

1 st Place	\$40 Grand Champion
2 nd Place	\$25
3 rd Place	\$15

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In addition each Grand Champion Tree Contest winner will be given \$500 for attending National Competition. This will be given the year of the National Convention. The Grand Champion will also receive \$100 for attending the presentation ceremonies for the NC Governor.

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 wreath contest will be the responsibility of the Wreath Contest Chairperson and the Convention Chairperson.