

## **California Duck Stamp Art Contest**

### **2014/15 Contest Rules and Entry Form**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is conducting a competition to select a design for the 2014/2015 California Duck Stamp. To enter, please read the rules below and mail the completed entry form and participation agreement with your entry.

1. The contest is open to U.S. residents who are 18 years of age or older by February 19, 2014. CDFW employees are ineligible. The winning entry will be reproduced on the 2014/15 California Duck Stamp.
2. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed and signed entry form and participation agreement.
3. Entries for the 2014/15 California Duck Stamp contest will be accepted from 9 a.m., April 25, 2014 through 4 p.m., May 23, 2014.
4. Entries may be mailed, shipped or delivered in person to: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, 1807 13th St., Suite 104, Sacramento CA 95811. The art should be protectively packaged, and the exterior of the package and all protective materials should be clearly labeled with the artist's name to ensure proper repackaging.
5. The primary subject of the 2014/15 California Duck Stamp will be the scaup (lesser or greater).
6. All contest entries must include a prominent rendering of this species in the design. If background detail is included in the design, it must be accurate and representative of a natural habitat in California.
7. The design is to be in full color and in the medium (or combination) of the artist's choosing, except that no photographic process, digital art, metallic paints or fluorescent paints may be used in the finished design. Photographs, computer-generated art, art produced from a computer printer or other computer/mechanical output device (air brush method excepted) are not eligible to be entered into the contest and will be disqualified.
8. The design must be the contestant's original "hand drawn" creation. The entry design may not be copied or duplicated from previously published art, including photographs, or from images in any format published on the Internet.
9. No writing or other information printed on a finished duck stamp may appear on the painting or mat. No scroll work, lettering or accent borders may appear on the painting or mat.

10. The overall dimensions of the entry, including mat, cannot exceed 20 inches by 15 inches. Any mat used must be white. The image size cannot exceed 18 inches by 13 inches and must be horizontal.
11. The painting must not be framed or under glass. Any acetate or other protective covering used must be lightly fastened to facilitate removal before judging.
12. CDFW's Office of Communications, Education and Outreach will select the judging panel, which will choose the winners. The judges will have expertise in the fields of ornithology, conservation, art and printing. The members of the judging panel will be announced on the date that the judging takes place.
13. All designs will be judged on originality, artistic composition, anatomical accuracy and suitability for reproduction as a stamp and print.
14. There shall be a period of 15 days immediately following the contest judging during which any artist may make a plagiarism claim against the winning design. In the event any such claim is upheld by CDFW, the first runner-up shall be declared the winning design, subject to the same 15-day plagiarism claim period.
15. The winning artist may be required to make minor changes to his/her design in order to ensure that the artwork is suitable for reproduction as a stamp.
16. The winning entries (first through third place and honorable mention) will be retained by CDFW for display purposes through August 23, 2014.
17. Non-placing entries may be claimed immediately after the judging by any artists in attendance. All other non-placing entries not picked up at CDFW's Sacramento office will be returned to the artists by August 31, 2014.
18. It is the responsibility of each entrant to obtain adequate property insurance for their contest submission. CDFW will not insure any contest entry and CDFW assumes no liability for any damage, loss or theft of any entry, before, during or after the judging event.
19. Any entry that fails to comply with any of the requirements of this competition may be disqualified.

**Participation Agreement**

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Signature of Artist\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print clearly)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\_\_\_\_\_

## Entry Form

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Attach this part to the back of your entry, and send your entry and the Participation Agreement to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

1807 13th Street, Suite 104

Sacramento, CA 95811

Telephone (916) 322-8911

Fax (916) 322-8989

Artist's Name (Please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Artistic Medium Used \_\_\_\_\_