

WCTPA TREE CONTEST RULES - (Revised, 2018)

1. Contest is open to full active members of WCTPA. Trees must be grown in Wisconsin by the member. Full active members in good standing are those with dues paid in full for the current fiscal year.
2. Exhibitors will be responsible for placing their trees in the proper class and final location prior to judging. Note: Drilling assistance will be provided but placing the entry tag and positioning the tree in its proper class is the exhibitor's responsibility. Trees shall be in place by 11 A.M. on Friday, the first day of the summer meeting. The exhibit area will be closed to all but exhibitors during the set up period. No names will be visible on the trees.
3. The exhibit area will be open to members for judging at noon. Judging will be by membership only, a full active membership is entitled to one (1) vote for the tree of their choice in each class and one (1) vote for grand champion. Trees receiving the most votes in each class will be the first place winners.
4. Trees entered must be commercially cultivated and must be 6' to 8' in height from the bottom of handle to the top of the leader. The length of the handle shall be at least 6 inches but not more than 12 inches. The tree shall not have been artificially colored. No wiring, tying, or inserting of limbs or branches is allowed. Any tree failing to meet these criteria shall be disqualified from competition.
5. Members may enter any or all classes but may not enter more than one tree per class.
6. There will be 5 classes:
 - Balsam fir (which also includes Canaan fir, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Eastern or any other balsam mix that is not a Fraser)
 - Fraser fir
 - Any pine
 - Any spruce
 - Other (may include Douglas Fir, Concolor, Leeland cypress, Cork bark, Veitch fir or Korean)
7. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners in all classes. Grand Champion winner will receive \$100, a ribbon and a plaque and the reserve champion winner will receive a ribbon.
8. The winner of the grand champion tree will be allowed to provide a similar tree for the Wisconsin Governor's office in early December provided this tradition is still allowed by the Governor.
9. The growers of the two trees with the most Grand Champion votes in the current year contest will be eligible to enter a tree in the National tree contest per National rules. "For the 2009 contest and thereafter, each NCTA affiliated chartered association is eligible to enter two trees in the NCTA Christmas Tree Contest. Entrants are to be the first and second place winners of the most recent association contest".
10. In the event of a tie: The first consideration will be given to a tree that has won its class. This will break a tie with a tree that has not won its class. The second consideration will be given to the grower who has never won or the grower who has presented a tree to the Governor the most years ago relative to the other grower who entered the tying tree. If neither of these criteria break the tie, a coin will be flipped by the chairman of the tree judging contest.
11. The tree contest chairperson and the WCTPA Executive Committee have the final decision to resolve any other problems that may occur.