



22nd Annual Summer Fishing Tournament

Saturday, July 17, 2021 – 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (Alternate date: Sunday, July 18)

Lake of the Woods (Muskeg Bay, Warroad, MN) • \$100.00 Per Person Entry Fee/2 Person Team • Limited to 125 teams

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. Eligibility:** Fishermen 18 years old and older may compete in the tournament. Persons under 18 may participate only as a teammate of a person that is 18 or older. All entries must be two person teams. Boat numbers will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. There is room for 125 boats in this tournament. Entry forms must be received along with the \$200.00 fee by 6:00 p.m., July 16, 2021. Refunds will not be issued after July 1, 2021.
- 2. Headquarters:** Site of contest will be Muskeg Bay on Lake of the Woods (Warroad City Boat Ramp).
- 3. Pre-Tournament Meeting:** On hold until we know what is allowed.
- 4. Pre-Tournament Inspection:** Boat check-in will be from 6:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Every boat's contents and live well will be inspected at check-in prior to the start of the tournament.

*****You are required to have all compartments and coolers open in your boat so that we can inspect without touching everything.**

Alcohol will not be allowed in the boat. Boats and trailers will also be inspected for (and must be free of) vegetation prior to start of tournament. Tournament officials or other fishermen may observe teams.

- 5. Fishing Hours:** The tournament will feature a staggered start at 7:45, 8:00, 8:15, 8:30 and 8:45 a.m. Boat check in will also be staggered at 3:15, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00 and 4:15 p.m. It will be the participant's responsibility to get to the check in station by their scheduled time. There will be no exceptions. When you pull up to the dock please hand your team number block to the tournament official. You can keep the ruler.
- 6. Tournament Start:** We will be starting the boats from the city dock area. We will be doing this in flights of 25 boats at the times outlined above. You will be responsible to present your boat number at the time your flight is to depart. It is mandatory that you depart in numeric sequence within your flight. You are responsible to line yourself up while you are waiting for your scheduled departure time. If you are not in sequence within your flight you will be asked to move to the end of your flight. If you miss your scheduled time you will leave at the end of the last flight.
- 7. Fishing Area:** Lake of the Woods (Minnesota waters) only.
- 8. Tackle:** Live or artificial bait may be used. Down Rigging will not be allowed.
- 9. Fish Requirements:** This is a Catch, Record, Release Tournament for Walleye only. Only Walleye over 32" may be kept. Any fish judged not to be fresh (caught that day) will result in team disqualification. No fish can be entered outside of flight designated fishing times.

10. Measuring and Photo Documenting:

- a. All Photo's and Videos must be taken through the FishDonkey App and on the measuring board that you will be provided.
- b. We have paid for 125 teams to participate. One person per team can use the app for this tournament.
- c. It is your responsibility to know and understand how to use the app.
 - i. The app will date and time stamp pictures and videos even if you don't have cell service.
 - ii. At 8pm on the day of the tournament the event will close on the app. It is your responsibility to get your fish submitted by that time.
- d. Fish should be recorded immediately and measurements noted by length
 - i. **Mandatory Measuring Process:** Close the fish's mouth. The nose must clearly touch the bump of the measuring board and the belly should face you. Pinch or move the fish's tail so it crosses the nearest ¼" line. The tail must touch the line to be counted as that ¼". If it does not touch the line, round down to the next ¼". In the event that there is a difference in a fish's length between your picture(s) and video(s) the fish will be entered as the shorter length.
- e. **All entries must include:**
 - i. **One picture of you holding the fish**
 - ii. **One picture of the entire fish on the board**
 - iii. **One video that shows the entire fish on the board(in the manner noted in "d") plus you releasing the fish into the lake.**

While you can take as many pictures and videos as you'd like we recommend you submit only one of each of the three requirements.
- f. If you catch a Walleye longer than 32" please bring it in for an official to measure.

11. Safety: All Minnesota fishing and boating regulations must be observed by tournament teams. In case of inclement weather, the tournament will be moved to Sunday, July 18th. Should the weather continue to be uncooperative, the event will be canceled; entry fees would be refunded in their entirety.

12. On the Water Inspections: We will be on the water observing participants as they fish. We may come aboard your boat if needed.

13. Other Rules: The public has first use of the docks for loading and unloading. Please be respectful of that.

Life jackets must be worn when running to and from fishing areas.

It shall be illegal for any boat to go ashore or come together, other than at the check-in point. Exceptions to this rule would include storm, sickness, mechanical difficulties, or other emergency situations. Marine band radios or cell phones may be used in case of emergency situations only. In the event of an emergency (and if contacted), tournament officials will help notify local law enforcement, emergency services, or the Coast Guard so they may assist you. The tournament will not be responsible for break downs or equipment failures.

Any infractions of tournament rules may result in disqualification; tournament officials will make all decisions.

14. Scoring Prizes will be based on the total length of the teams 5 longest Walleye and on the single longest Walleye(for largest walleye). Ties will be broken by the individual length of the longest fish between the two catches. The next longest fish from each respective catch will determine ties between the longest walleyes. Cash prizes are based on an 80% pay back; if the field of participants is less than 125, amounts will be adjusted accordingly.

Cash Prizes are as follows:

1 st place \$4100	4 th place \$2200	7 th place \$1300	10 th place \$600	Largest Walleye \$500
2 nd place \$3100	5 th place \$1900	8 th place \$1000	11 th place \$500	
3 rd place \$2500	6 th place \$1600	9 th place \$800	12 th place \$400	

*****Post Tournament gathering is on hold until we know what is allowed.**

ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES, OR WEIGH-IN PERSONNEL, WILL BE FINAL.

NEITHER **THE WOODS**, NOR ANYONE AFFILIATED WITH **THE WOODS OR THE TOURNAMENT** SHALL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENT OR INJURY TO PARTICIPANT OR THEIR EQUIPMENT.



Application

2021 FISHING TOURNAMENT

P.O. BOX 49 WARROAD, MN 56763
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Team Member:

#1 _____ Age _____
Address _____
Email Address _____
Phone Number _____
MN DNR Number _____
Signature _____

Team Member #2 _____ Age _____
Address _____
Email Address _____
Phone Number _____
MN DNR Number _____
Signature _____

Cost per Team: \$200

Method of Payment:

Cash
 Check
 Credit Card # _____
Expiration Date _____

