

## 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Fishing Tournament

Saturday, July 15, 2017 – 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (Alternate date: Sunday, July 16) 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 I8 years old and older may compete in the tournament. Persons under I8 may participate only as a teammate of a person that is I8 or older. All entries must be two person teams. Boat numbers will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Entry forms must be received along with the \$200.00 fee by 6:00 p.m., July 4, 2017.
- 2. Headquarters: Site of contest will be Muskeg Bay on Lake of the Woods (Warroad City Boat Ramp).
- 3. Pre-Tournament Meeting: There will be a mandatory pre-tournament meeting at Streiff Sporting Goods on Friday at 6:30 p.m. It is a requirement that there is at least one person from each team at this meeting. Any registered team that has not checked in by 6:30pm will lose their spot to the first available team on the waiting list. Registration fees will not be refunded. Please plan to arrive early so we can begin at 6:30 sharp.
- 4. **Pre-Tournament Inspection:** Every boat's contents and live well will be inspected at check-in prior to the start of the tournament. 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: Boat check-in will be from 6:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. 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 out of the water and to the check in station by their scheduled time.
- 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 Tags: We will be issuing tags for the fish. Each team will be given 4 (four) tags. Every fish you put in your live well or aerated cooler must be tagged. If the boat inspectors check your boat and you do not have a tag on a fish, you will be disqualified. You must tag the fish so that the tag cannot fall off or be pulled out. Any fish brought in with tags that have been tampered with will be disqualified. You must return all of your tags regardless of how many fish you weigh in. Any team not turning in all 4 (four) tags will be disqualified. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- **10. Fish Requirements:** Fish must be a minimum of 14 inches, with only one fish over 28 inches. No fish may be brought in between 19 ½" and 28". The tournament will provide all teams with rulers to measure fish. The rulers will be the same as that which will be used at the weigh in station and will be returned after the tournament.

Any fish judged not to be fresh (caught that day) will result in team disqualification. Fish may be weighed in at any time during the tournament.

Per MN open water tournament laws: "Live wells or aerated coolers must be used. No culling or sorting is permitted." Participants are not authorized to "fizz" walleye suffering from inflated swim bladders.

Teams cannot bring in more than 4 fish or they will be subject to disqualification.

- **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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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:** Boats will be periodically checked on the lake. We will pull up beside you and one person will jump into your boat and inspect your fish and tags. Please help us out and be cooperative with this so we can make it a quick and easy check for everyone.
- 13. Other Rules: The public has first use of the docks for loading and unloading. Please be respectful of that.

It is mandatory that all teams check in at the end of the tournament and return all tags and team numbers, even if you do not have any fish to weigh in. If you do not check in, you will not be allowed to enter our tournament again. We will bill you \$50.00 for the ruler, tags, and team number. No exceptions!

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.

It will be illegal for participants to use binoculars or cameras with telephoto lenses.

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

- 14. Tournament Check In: We will have a tournament official on the docks at the check in times. It is your responsibility to report to that person on time. There will be no exceptions. When you pull up to the dock to unload your fish, one team member should already have the fish in the bag along with your team number and all of your tags. The tournament official will confirm your arrival and then the team member with your team number and fish need to report directly to the weigh in station. Do not put the team number or your extra tags in the fish bag. Once you have dropped off your partner to go weigh fish, please pull away from the docks so other boats may unload. After weighing in the fish, your partner will return to the boat or get the trailer for you to load the boat.
- 15. Scoring Prizes will be based on the total weight (pounds and ounces) of each of the team's fish. Ties will be broken by the individual weight of the largest fish between the two catches. The next largest fish from each respective catch will determine ties between the largest walleyes. Cash prizes are based on an 80% pay back; if the field of participants is less than 125, amounts will be adjusted accordingly. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams will have their choice of boat position for next year's tournament. Door prizes will also be awarded to participants. Prizes are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place			7 <sup>th</sup> place		10 <sup>th</sup> place \$600	Largest Walleye \$500
2 <sup>nd</sup> place			8 <sup>th</sup> place	•	11 <sup>th</sup> place \$500	
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$2500	6 <sup>th</sup> place \$1600	9 <sup>m</sup> place	\$800	12 <sup>th</sup> place \$400	

**Catch and Donate:** Once cleaned, all fish become the possession of the tournament and will be donated to the Warroad Senior Living Center, Greenbush Nursing Home, and Roseau Nursing Home.

Awards and door prizes will be presented at The Point after weigh in is completed. This should be around 5:30 p.m.

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

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



Address Email Address Phone Number			
		I will help clean fish.	
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Cost per Team: \$200 Method of Payment:	Cash Check Credit Card # Expiration Date	I will help clean fish.	

There is room for 125 boats in this tournament. The first 125 applications turned in will be entered into the contest. If you cancel, you must do so by July 1, 2017, or your money will not be refunded.

Date & Time turned in:\_\_\_\_\_