

Walleye Searchers of Minnesota Club Tournament Guidelines

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1. These Tournament Guidelines are in effect for all club tournaments except for the NTC side pot events.
2. By participating in a club tournament, said participant agrees to abide by all of the guidelines for club tournaments.
3. All participants in club tournaments agree to abide by all of the laws, rules and regulations of the governing body of any location where the tournament may be held.
4. The member whose boat is used to fish in the tournament will be paid \$40 by the other member for the use of the boat. Dock fees and bait are to be divided equally between the two anglers, unless otherwise agreed upon.
5. The maximum number of anglers per boat will be 2, no exceptions. The maximum number of lines will be 4 per boat.
6. There will be eight tournaments a year that will count towards the overall point's total. In the event of a cancellation, the event shall be postponed until the first week in December. Each person's best five tournaments will be used for the final score of the season.
7. Only Walleye, Sauger or Saugeye shall be allowed to measure and counted for points. Any further reference to "FISH" within these guidelines is to mean Walleye, Sauger or Saugeye.
8. The vice president is the official Director of all club tournaments. It is the members responsibility to get the official tally count to the vice president by the return time (refer to section 11 & 12 for late returns.). The count will be tallied and points will be award as follows in section 10.
9. A length limit of fifteen inches per fish shall be in effect at all tournaments. A person having a "SHORT" fish will not be allowed. Fish are to be measured with their mouth closed and touching the "zero" reading on the ruler, and then pinch the tail to obtain the longest reading. All fish will be measured by using the official "Judge Ruler". This may be purchased from the walleye searchers or any location that sells them. A ruler may be used if calibrated for accuracy by the official ruler and an officer is a witness to the accuracy. The fish length will be converted to weight by use of the weight conversion chart, listed at the bottom of the guidelines. All fish shall be measured to the nearest 1/4", rounding down for any fish between marks. Therefore a fish measuring 16-3/8" would be scored at 16-1/4".
10. Ties in club tournaments shall be broken by "The team measuring the longest fish"; therefore, the longest fish shall be the largest recorded fish at each tournament. A member of the team will select which fish will be the big fish out of their catch. If both teams remain tied after longest fish is determined, then both teams will be awarded points for the higher place (tied for 3rd and 4th, both teams get 3rd place points).
11. Points shall be awarded based on a 100 point system for 1st place. 2nd place points shall be determined by dividing the second place team's weight by the first place team's

weight, this percentage shall be the awarded points. All following places shall be calculated in the same manor. Points shall be rounded to 2 decimal places.

Example as follows:

1 st place	32.15 lbs	100 points	
2 nd place	27.57 lbs	85.75 points	$27.57/32.15=.85754$
3 rd place	27.23 lbs	84.70 points	$27.23/32.15=.84696$
4 th place	19.00 lbs	59.10 points	$19.00/32.15=.59097$

12. Each member who fishes a tournament but fails to catch any fish shall receive 1 points.

13. If you are forced to fish alone for any reason you will be awarded 15% bonus of your total weight. If you elect to fish alone you will only be awarded the exact weight. If your partner does not show up to fish you will be allowed the 15% bonus.

14. As a guideline, the start of each tournament shall be 7:00 AM and the return shall be at 3:00 PM. Local conditions and participating member's majority decision shall take precedence over start and end times. The location of the launch site shall be the site to launch and return, unless announced by the tournament official prior to the start of the tournament. Boats shall take off in the order they were drawn at the monthly meeting, the last boat drawn at the monthly meeting shall be responsible to safely flight out teams as he or she sees fit. If the last boat drawn is not present the day of the tournament the next boat is ascending order shall flight out the boats. Any team leaving before they were properly signaled to do so or out of order shall be eliminated. If all the boats are present and ready to flight out, the tournament can be started if the signaling boat chooses to do so.

You must be within sight of the take off point and off plane by the designated return time or the following penalties shall apply:

A. Up to five minutes: Deduct 1/2 the total weight.

B. Over five minutes: No points awarded

15. The Vice President shall be the official timekeeper. A boat towing another boat due to mechanical problems shall have no points deducted from any member involved in the assistance of the disabled boat, including the members in the disabled boat.

16. A member who wishes to fish a tournament but is unable to attend the meeting prior to the tournament shall notify a club officer or member prior to the meeting or sign up online @idofishing.com on the Walleye Searchers Private Group Forum. If a member signs up to fish after the pairings have been selected they will not be eligible for any points, but shall be eligible for any prizes. If you sign up late you must have a partner to fish with.

17. A member who has been drawn to fish a tournament but is then unable to fish shall notify a club officer. Failure to notify someone, unless there is a valid reason, will result in that person being ineligible to fish in the next club tournament. Failure to contact your partner at least 15 minutes before the scheduled take off time will result in that person being ineligible to fish the next club tournament.

18. Any member using a cell phone or other device to communicate to another angler to locate fish will be disqualified.

19. Tournament format:

A. Tournament boat mates will be drawn at the regular meeting prior to each tournament. The first boater drawn during pairing shall have preference of fishing out of his boat. Pairing of boat mates will be a random drawing. If you refuse to fish with the drawn partner, you will not be eligible to fish the monthly tournament.

B. There will be no boater or non-boater category, all members who wish to fish will be placed in the drawing. If the last angler is not paired they can fish alone.

C. If the selected pairings have fished in a previous tournament together, the second name drawn will be placed back in the drawing and a new name will be drawn. This will eliminate the same people fishing as boat mates in the tournaments all the time. These tournaments are supposed to be fun as well as a chance for each of us to try and learn new fishing techniques. By not fishing with the same person all the time, each person may learn something new.

D. A total of the top five fish per team will be in effect for each tournament.

E. Fish are considered legally caught if hooked gill plate and forward.

F. There will be no set limit on the number of fish caught, but they must abide by the measurement rules in section 9 and may not exceed any limit set forth under state and local laws of the fishing waters.

G. There will be no boundaries for the water. You may fish anywhere that you would like. It is up to the team in the boat to determine where they fish. This includes all boarder waters and tributaries. You must follow the state and local laws for fishing inland waters if you decide to fish outside the train tracks on the Mississippi river. All boats will take off from the same location, no trailering to another location will be allowed.

20. Gift cards shall be awarded as follows:

A. Club members shall determine the value of gift cards for each season prior to the start of each fishing season. This decision shall be based off previous seasons, tournament committee suggestions, member suggestions and the financial standing of the club. If a member is required to fish by himself he shall receive both gift cards.

21. The tournaments are to be both fun and educational. All of the above items are only guidelines and can be interpreted differently. Any disputes during the day of tournament shall be settled immediately. The vice president shall make a decision on how to handle the resolved dispute, if the vice president is not present the next officer in command shall rule. If no officers are present the members who fished the tournament shall take a vote to settle the dispute. All decisions are final, any member who disrupts the harmony of Walleye Searchers or has broken the tournament guideline rules more than 2 times will be asked to not participate in any scheduled events.