

Tournament Rules

- All fish must be caught live, and in a conventional sporting manner on hook and line using artificial baits only. No trolling is allowed. Only one line in the water per contestant. Fish will be judged on length, a minimum of 34", and rounding down to the nearest ¼ inch. Winners will be decided by total length per boat (2 persons per boat). In case of a tie for total length, the earliest time a fish was registered will be the tie breaker. Since muskies are not transported you may catch as many muskies as you can per boat each day.
- No physical contact between boats is allowed during tournament hours, except for measuring fish caught by another Team.
- When you catch a musky and you are certain it's at least 34 inches (if in doubt, measure the musky before you start the registration process) call over to the nearest competitors for a measurement while keeping the musky at boat-side in the net.
- If another team isn't close enough to get their attention by calling out, use your air horn with the aid of an orange (or red) flag so a distant team can not only hear your horn, but see your exact location.
- If there is no response from the air horn and flag, call the tournament official at xxx-xxx-xxxx. When calling for a measurement on cell phone use your sectored map to identify the numbered area you are in and the compass direction ...for example: "We are in the South West corner of section 5 on Caldron". The tournament official will attempt to contact other tournament boats to come to verify your fish. If the fish is over 50" you may place the fish in your live well until another team arrives to validate the measurement.
- Keep the musky in the net on one side of the boat and the approaching team to witness the measurement will pull up on the opposite side to where the musky is located. Before the musky is measured, get your digital camera ready. Hand the witnessing team one of the registration slips and a pen.
- The witnessing team should never assist in measuring or handling the fish of any kind ...it is the sole responsibility of the team who caught the musky, this way any mishaps are on them and them alone.
- After laying down the bump board flat near the witnessing team, one angler from the capturing team handles the fish by placing it on the bump board with the front end (nose) touching the end of the bump board and the back of the musky touching the backside of the bump board. The teammate not handling the fish takes the photo so that the tip of the musky is clearly touching the end of the bump board, and the tail (can be pinched) is clearly visible, **with the day's registration tag completely visible and un-obscured**. Measure the fish rounding down to the nearest ¼ inch.
- While the catching team is handling and photographing the musky on the board, the witnessing team is also observing the measurement, calling out the measurement as they see it. If both teams agree on the measurement, the witnessing team writes down on the registration form: the size of the musky, the time of the measurement (just after the size is agreed upon), location, sign their names, their team numbers, and if it was a healthy release ...yes or no.
- All muskies have to be alive and "kicking" to be officially measured. Any musky "dead on arrival" (DOA) with no signs of life when the witnessing team arrives, is not to be counted.
- Although not mandatory, release of your fish is highly recommended. If the musky doesn't release alive, there is no penalty. If the musky stays on top of the water and upright, please stay with the fish to protect it from passing boaters and to avoid the temptation from another team claiming it as theirs.
- Bring your digital camera to the Awards meeting at 5:00 @ at Rene's Dining room, Popps Resort, in case there are any questions or discrepancies to be reviewed by the Tournament Judges.

First Day Lake Choice

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **ST** _____ **ZIP** _____

Partner _____

Address _____

City _____ **ST** _____ **ZIP** _____

High Falls _____

Caldron Falls _____

Send entry TO: Mike Mladenik, N 6550 S 6th Street, Crivitz, WI 54114 715-854-2055

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Enclose entry Fee of \$60