

MISSISSIPPI WALLEYE CLUB

2018 TOURNAMENT RULES

Tournament Entry

1. All tournament anglers must be members of the Mississippi Walleye Club in good standing and at least 16 years of age to participate. With the permission of a parent or legal guardian. An angler under the age of 16 is eligible to fish in PICK tournaments only. Each angler must pay a \$15.00 entry fee prior to the start of each tournament. All entry fees are nonrefundable.
2. To be eligible to fish in a tournament, members must be signed up for the tournament by the director prior to the drawing of partners for DRAW tournaments or prior to the drawing of boat order for PICK tournaments. Members may sign up for tournaments at the last regular club meeting before the tournament or may contact the tournament director via phone before the drawing occurs at the meeting. No members will be allowed to fish the tournament for any reason after the drawing has been completed. Pick Tournament teams may sign up the morning of the tournament. Any exceptions must be reviewed and approved by the executive board.
3. The Board will determine the ramp site and boundary waters for each tournament. Fishable waters extend from DAM to DAM and railroad TRACK to TRACK within a given river pool or within the boundary of a LAKE.
4. The tournament director and board members will determine the fishing hours (start time, return time) at the last regular club meeting before the tournament and will have the final say regarding fishing hours. All boats must be within view of the designated ramp site at the return time to avoid penalty or disqualification. Late is Late, you will be disqualified.
5. Two anglers will fish per boat as a team. The board will determine the method of partner selection for each tournament. Anglers may only fish with the same person in a pick tournament once per year. Anglers under the age of 16 may fish in all pick tournaments with their parent or legal guardian as their partner. If a decision on boat operation becomes a conflict, the angler that has the most fishermen of the year points will have their choice. A coin toss will be used if the anglers are tied for points for the year. You may only use 2 rods per angler.
6. If an angler does not show up for a draw tournament, their partner may fish alone or they may receive a credit to a future tournament. If the angler does not have a boat, they can find one, but must return to the designated ramp site for weigh-in. The angler may also choose to fish with another angler in the tournament if the other angler is also fishing alone and they both agree to fish together.

7. If a team is late to the start of the tournament or chooses to start late in a tournament, the team must launch their boat from the tournament ramp site. Before the late team can start fishing, their boat must be inspected by another tournament boat.
8. A member of the board will check all live wells, coolers, and other areas of the boat they deem necessary at the ramp site prior to the start of the tournament. Any tournament boat that has weighable fish in it prior to the start of the tournament will be disqualified from all tournaments for the remainder of the year.
9. The boat starting order will be determined by a draw at the last regular club meeting prior to the tournament. The official start boat is usually the last boat number in the order. While traveling at idle speed, all boats must pass the start boat in order before accelerating on plane. Failure to do so will result in a weight penalty of 0.5 lbs.
10. The tournament director and board members have the final word on delaying the start time or cancellation of the tournament due to weather or any other unsafe boating conditions such as lack of sunlight or fog.

Tournament Weigh-in

11. The tournament director, (or designated representative) will conduct the weigh-in. No tournament fish may be kept by an angler unless it is a trophy fish. Anglers are encouraged to release all fish alive.
12. Any protest against another team or team member must be filed verbally within 30 minutes after the last fish has been weighed. A written protest, signed by both team members, must be sent or handed to the board chairman within one week of the tournament date. The board will not act upon the protest unless the above criteria are met. All persons involved will be notified when the board will meet to make a decision on the protest. All persons involved will be given the opportunity to speak at the meeting. The board will make a final decision on the protest in a closed session.
13. All fish will be measured, weighed and identified one team at a time at the weigh in immediately after the boats have been removed from the water. All fish will be measured with the mouth closed and be measured to be as long as possible. The official tournament ruler is the Lake Borne Tackle "The Judge Tournament Ruler". Fish will only be measured on the official tournament ruler provided by the board. No exceptions. Legal weighable tournament fish are: Walleye, Sauger and Saugeye. Walleyes, Saugers and Saugeyes must be a minimum of 15 inches in length. Saugeyes will be considered a Walleye and will follow Walleye rules, regulations and awards.
14. Any tournament fish in a team's boat or possession that is not legal will result in the loss of that fish plus a one pound deduction.

15. A maximum of twelve (12) Walleye, Sauger and Saugeye are allowed in a boat's live well during the tournament. No culling of fish is allowed during the tournament. Only five fish may be brought to the scale to be weighed. Extra fish must be released at the ramp before the boat is removed from the water and must be witnessed by another tournament boat. No dead fish may be released or culled. All dead fish must be brought to the weigh-in. The team will be penalized a half a pound for each dead fish at weigh-in.
16. According to 1994 state law, all tournament boats will have a live well that pumps in outside water. An aerated live well must have the capacity to pump fresh water into the live well and should be operated continuously during the tournament.
17. Anglers should use common courtesy when fishing. An example would be to pull in behind another boat fishing a wing dam. The first boat at the wing dam shall determine how the dam will be fished. No anchoring on a spot is allowed unless the boat anchoring is the first boat on the spot or unless all other anglers on the spot agree to allow the boat to anchor.
18. Each angler will conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner by obeying all conservation laws, state and federal boating safety laws and extending courtesy to all individuals using tournament waters. All tournaments conducted in Pool 12 will comply with Iowa fishing rules and regulations. All anglers must wear life jackets at the start of the tournament. No alcohol may be consumed during tournament hours. Person or persons found guilty of violating any of these laws will be disqualified from that tournament and could be expelled from all future tournaments.
19. It is complementary for the two anglers (boater, non-boater) to share or split the expenses associated with participating in the tournament including fishing prior to the tournament and the day of the tournament. Typical expenses include bait, boat gas, vehicle gas, engine oil and lodging (if required).
20. If a team wants to pull out of a tournament early, the team must contact the tournament director, Mr. Lance Kirby (563-580-0154), or club president, Mr. Rick Anderson (563-590-7202) or another tournament boat either verbally or by a note before leaving. One of the anglers from the team must be at the weigh-in to qualify for the tournament. If this is not followed, both parties may be disqualified for the next tournament.
21. All fishing must be done from a tournament registered boat with the fish being brought to the boat, by hook and line method, hooked forward of the gill plate. Willow cats may not be used in tournaments.
22. No electronic communication between two anglers, teams or any other fisherman is allowed during the tournament.

23. Any point not covered will be considered and decided upon by the board. All rules have loopholes. In the interest of good sportsmanship, anglers are reminded that the spirit of the rule will prevail in all cases requiring judgment or interpretation of a rule.

Tournament Awards and Points System

24. Winning a tournament will be determined by total weight. Second place will be determined by the second highest total weight. The team with the largest fish will break any ties. If there is still a tie, the points will be shared by both teams.
25. For tournaments with 15 boats or less, trophies will be awarded for 1st and 2nd place. For tournaments with more than 15 boats, trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
26. To maintain season long interest, a trophy will be awarded for the 1st and 2nd largest Walleye and largest Sauger caught during the tournament season.
27. Points will be awarded according to the following system

15 Points – 1 st Place	9 Points – 7 th Place	3 Points – 13 th Place
14 Points – 2 nd Place	8 Points – 8 th Place	2 Points – 14 th Place
13 Points – 3 rd Place	7 Points – 9 th Place	1 Point – 15 th Place
12 Points – 4 th Place	6 Points – 10 th Place	1 Point – All other
11 Points – 5 th Place	5 Points – 11 th Place	
10 Points – 6 th Place	4 Points – 12 th Place	

- a. One point will be given to both team members for the biggest fish of the day. If there is a tie for biggest fish of the day, each angler on each team will receive one point.
- b. Each angler will receive one point for fishing the tournament.
- c. The last tournament of the year will be a 50/50 draw. Of the anglers signing up for the tournament, the top fifty percent will be paired by draw with an angler from the bottom fifty percent. The top fifty percent and bottom fifty percent will be determined using the highest three tournament point totals for each angler.
- d. Fisherman of the year will be determined by using the highest four tournament point totals for the year.
- e. Anglers who have not fished a club tournament the prior year and who is 18 year of age or older is eligible for Rookie of the Year award. An angler is eligible after they turn 18 even if they have fished a club tournament before.
- f. If there is a tie for rookie of the year, the total weight of fish caught for the year will determine the winner.
- g. If there is a tie for fisherman of the year or any other year-end placing, the tie will be broken by using the greater number of 1st place finishes. If there is still a tie, the greater number of 2nd place finishes will be used. If there is still a tie, the greater number of 3rd place finishes will be used and so on until the tie is broken. Only the angler's four highest tournament scores will be used to break the tie.

If the greater number of finishes still results in a tie, the greater total weight will be used. Only weights from the four highest tournaments scores will be used. Weights from tournaments not included in the four highest tournament scores will not be used. In the event that the angler's fourth, fifth or sixth highest tournament scores are equal; the tournament score with the greater weight will be used for the fourth highest score.

For anglers who participated in less than four tournaments, ties will be broken using the greater number of tournaments fished.

- h. All points will be final after the next club meeting following the tournament.

Cabelas Qualifying

- 28. To fish the Cabelas Team Championship as someone's partner, a person must be a member in good standing by June 30th of the qualifying year. Membership waiver and dues must be received by the treasurer by June 30th at 12:00pm. If no club members want to go to the NTC as a partner, club member can pick anyone.
- 29. The following monetary awards will be paid to be used towards the Cabelas NTC tournament entry fee. If the 1st or 2nd place fisherman of the year chooses to not participate in the Cabelas Team Championship, the next place fisherman of the year (i.e. 3rd place) and their co-angler will be eligible to participate and receive the monetary awards.
 - a. 1st place fisherman of the year - \$150
 - b. 1st place fisherman co-angler - \$150
 - c. 2nd place fisherman of the year - \$100
 - d. 2nd place fisherman of the year co-angler - \$100

MISSISSIPPI WALLEYE CLUB 2018 TOURNAMENT DATES

DATE	POOL	TYPE	RAMP	DAY
March 25th	Bellevue	Draw	City	Sunday
April 15th	Dubuque	Draw	Schmidt	Sunday
June 10 th	Clinton	Pick	9 th Street Ramp	Sunday
July 15 th	Bellevue	Draw	City Ramp	Sunday
Sept 16th	McGregor	Pick	Ramp under Bridge	Sunday
Oct 21 st	Dubuque	TBD	Schmidt	Sunday

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*The March 26th and June 11th tournaments will be catch, photo release.

*June 11th tournament will launch from the Bellevue DNR ramp with the weigh in at Off Shore.

General Tournament Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Times are Subject to Change for Weather.

Contact Phone Numbers:

- Mr. Lance Kirby - (563) 580-0154 (Tournament Director)
- Mr. Rick Anderson – (563) 590-7202 (President)

I, _____ have received and read the
(Print Name)

2018 Tournament Rules of the Mississippi Walleye Club.

Signed _____

Date _____

Please sign and return to Mr. Lance Kirby- Tournament Director