

MUSKY HUNT 2024 OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

I. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- A. This tournament is open to all anglers with a Wisconsin fishing license. Any persons under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- B. No entries accepted after July 1st.
- C. Entry Fees: **\$175.00**
- D. Entry fee includes tournament hat, all tournament activities and eligibility for door prizes and grand prize drawing.
- E. Contestants are only eligible for one of the eleven prizes in the Release Division. If a contestant qualifies to win more than one prize, he/she may select the prize of their choice, with the next contestants down all moving up one prize, adding places as needed.
- F. Musky Hunt entries are eligible for a refund if they cancel before June 30th. No substitutions will be accepted! Cancellations from July 1st on will not get a refund, but they will be included on the early renewal list for the next year, but one year only, no multiple years. No substitutions.
- G. Entry forms for the next years tournament will be mailed to previous year entrants only no later than February 1st. We cannot accept any new Musky Hunt entries until March 1st. New entries to the tournament can send in their entry form on or later than March 1st. You may also enter in person at Treeland Resort. Please note if a new entrants registration is post marked prior to March 1st, it will be mailed back.

II. REQUIREMENTS

- A. All Wisconsin fishing and boating regulations apply.
- B. Entrants must sign a waiver (on the registration form) to hold the sponsors of the tournament, their agencies and agents, harmless for any death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire or any loss that might result from participation in this tournament.
- C. All occupants of a boat must be registered contestants.
- D. All contestants must wear the Official Tournament Hat while fishing.
- E. All contest winners must be present at the awards banquet Saturday, Sept. 7th, 2024.

III. TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES

- A. Tournament waters are the Chippewa Flowage, including all bays, sloughs and rivers which are accessible without portage.

IV. FISH REGISTRATION HOURS & LOCATIONS

- A. Thursday, Sept. 5th, 6:00AM-11:00AM and 3:00PM-8:00PM,
Friday, Sept. 6th, 6:00AM-11:00AM and 3:00PM-8:00PM and
Saturday, Sept. 7th, 6:00AM-4:00PM
- B. Official tournament registration locations: Treeland Resort, Pat's Landing, Deer Run Resort, Chippewa Pines.

V. NEW RULES: FISH REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- A. The Musky Hunt is a Catch, Photo & Release (CPR) Tournament.
- B. Every boat must provide their own digital camera or high-quality phone camera and have the ability to show and share those pictures with tournament officials.
- C. Every boat must have their own bump board for official photos – measuring sticks and measuring tape will not be allowed.
 - a. Bump boards that slide out from the center are NOT advised, if you have any question regarding if your bump board will work send a picture of it to tournament officials prior to the tournament or show it to a tournament official for inspection.
- D. Entrants must take a photo of the musky on a legible bump board, with the a corresponding fishing session sticker on the board. For the fish to qualify, the nose of the fish must be at the “zero” end and the tail at the point of official measurement with the numbers clearly visible to read the fishes length. Video is also acceptable.
 - a. There will be daily tournament stickers, for each fishing session
 - i. (Thursday AM, Thursday PM, Friday AM, Friday PM, Saturday AM).
 - b. The stickers will be provided in the entrant bags.
 - c. The sticker colors will be announced just prior to each fishing session. Contestants can find the session sticker colors at the following places:
 - i. Text message blast (please provide cell phone number on your registration)
 - ii. All Lake Chippewa Flowage Resort Association establishments
 - iii. Chippewaflowage.com homepage
 - iv. Facebook
 - v. Instagram
- E. The fish must then be RELEASED live & uninjured.

- F. The angler MUST then bring the photo in to register during the registration hours, along with a signed fish registration form.
- G. A tournament official will be on hand at each registration location to judge the photos.
- H. If there is any discrepancy on the legibility of the photo, the tournament official has the right to not accept a photo and fish entry. It is the responsibility of the competitor to clearly demonstrate the fish's length, without doubt, through clear photography using the reference stickers provided.
- I. ANY PHOTOS WITHOUT THE STICKERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION INTO THE TOURNAMENT.
- J. Minimum fish length to be entered 34 inches.
- K. All fish must be caught on legal sport-fishing tackle using artificial baits only. NO LIVE BAIT IS ALLOWED. Snagging, spearing and the use of set lines is not allowed. Motor trolling is allowed; one line per person or a maximum of two per boat.
- L. Down imaging, side imaging and regular sonar only. No forward facing sonar technology, also known as live sonar.
- M. The longest fish by length measured to the nearest one-quarter inch rounded down will take first place with lengths and places following correspondingly through tenth place.
- N. In the event of a tie, the tied anglers next largest fish will determine the winner. If there is no next fish for either angler the first fish caught by time and date will be the winner.

VI. PRIZES

- A. First through tenth places will be awarded prizes.
- B. No place fish, drawing for all fish entered 11th place on up.
- C. Each winner is allowed only one prize.
- D. If any prizes are not won through the qualification of fish, they will be drawn for at the Awards Ceremony after the Grand Prize drawing so all participants are eligible.
- E. GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS: ALL ENTRANTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING TO BE HELD AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY. You must be present to win.
- F. Door prizes will be given away Wednesday at The Landing & Thursday at Deer Run Resort and Saturday at the Awards Ceremony at Treeland Resort. You must be present to win.
- G. Your door prize and grand prize number is your registration number, printed inside of your official tournament hat.

VII. PROTESTS

- A. Written protests must be made prior to 5:30PM Sept 7th, 2024.
- B. Parties involved may be called before the protest committee.
- C. Committee will meet within 2 hours of any protest being formally presented.
- D. A protest fee of \$25 will be required to accompany any formal protest. This fee will be returned if found to be valid by committee. If the protest is invalid, the protest fee will go to the alleged violator.
- E. Any contestant under protest may continue fishing, however, the catch will not be tallied until the protest is resolved.
- F. The tournament committee, acting in the best interests of the tournament, may initiate a formal protest against a contestant at any time during the tournament.
- G. The decision of the tournament committee is final in all cases

VIII. "SPIRIT OF THE RULE"

- A. All rules have loopholes. It is our intention to provide an honest, sportsmanlike tournament. In the interest of good sportsmanship, all contestants are reminded that the "spirit of the rule" will prevail in all judgement cases.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. All decisions of the tournament committee are final.
- B. The tournament committee reserves the right to reject any entries.
- C. Any infraction of these rules will call for immediate disqualification.
- D. The tournament committee reserves the right to use any legal means to authenticate the fish registered.

X. NORTHERN PIKE DIVISION

- A. Northern Pike can be brought in and registered at any resort on the Chippewa Flowage.
- B. Entrants will be given an entry ticket for each Northern Pike harvested for a chance to win \$100 cash at the awards ceremony on Saturday, and additional prize drawings in October. Need not be present to win in October drawings.
- C. Tickets need to be turned in at Treeland's by 5pm on Saturday.
- D. Per Wisconsin fishing regulations, entrants are limited to 10 Northern Pike per day with a possession limit of 10. Harvesting and processing Northern Pike 24" and under is strongly encouraged. Please release anything over.