

Chili Bowl Fishing Tournament Rules

10/14/2023

Rule Changes

These rules will remain unchanged. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director. The decision of the tournament director shall be final in all matters. Failure to comply with any rule may result in disqualification. All rules have “loop holes”; contestants are reminded that the spirit of the rule will prevail in all judgment cases.

Registration and Rules Meeting

All contestants must be registered by 8AM the day of the event.

RULES MEETING – October 13 at 6:00pm with prime rib dinner to follow.

There will be a mandatory rules meeting at Border View Lodge at 6:00 pm, the night before the tournament. If you cannot attend, it is your responsibility to ensure you are clear on the tournament rules. If you miss the rules meeting, please call us ahead of time and check-in at least 1 hour early so we can answer any questions you may have. Boats take off at 8:30am the morning of the tournament.

End of fishing, all contestants must be checked in to the dock by 3PM or penalties will apply.

Age Limit

Contestants under 18 years of age must have the signature of his/her parent or legal guardian on the entry form, as well as the contestant's signature.

Safety

Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each contestant must wear Coast Guard approved personal floatation device at all times when the combustion engine is operating above trolling speed. The floatation device must be fastened securely and the safety-stop switch attached.

Boat Requirements

All boats must meet State safety requirements. Motors may not exceed BIA rating established by the manufacturer. There is no minimum or maximum size boat allowed for this contest.

Sportsmanship

All contestants are expected to follow highest standards of safety, conservation and sportsmanship.

Ties

In case of a tie, positions shall be determined by combining the awards and dividing them equally among those contestants.

Entry Fees

150.00 per person, 2 people per team, maximum 75 teams. Individuals that wish to compete as an individual will pay \$300.00 entry fee. Entry fees may be taken at any time on a first come first serve basis after past attendees grace period. Once 75 teams are entered the contest is full. Entry will be closed at 8AM the day of the event.

Boundaries

All angling will be done between the points indicated in this section. The North Concrete ramp of the public access at Wheelers Point there will be an imaginary line going straight across the river. Ending at Manitou Rapids there will be an imaginary line going north to the Canadian border. All fishing must be done in Minnesota waters between these two points.

Boat Inspection

There will be random boat inspections. All teams are subject to an inspection at any time during tournament hours.

Weigh-in

Teams must come to the official weigh-in site by water. Teams must check in by official check-in time or be penalized. Dock slip #1 to check in. You must check-in whether weighing fish or not.

Weather and Conditions

Tournament officials will only begin the tournament during acceptable weather conditions. It is solely the responsibility of the contestants to be aware of changing weather conditions. If conditions change during tournament hours to unsafe conditions, the contestants are permitted to seek safe shelter until weather conditions pass. Cellular phones, CB's or Marine radios are allowed for emergencies.

Responsibilities

Each contestant is responsible for their own actions and behavior. Contestants will not hold Tournament director, sponsors, staff, or employees liable for any incident.

Protests

A protest must be in writing and handed to the tournament director within 15 minutes of 3pm. The burden of proof will be on the team filing the protest. All decisions by tournament officials will be final and without recourse.

Chili Bowl – Photo/Release/Tournament – P.R.T

1. All Walleye recorded must be from Rainy River.
2. All boats will be inspected before takeoff.
3. Anglers must provide and use a camera that utilizes secure digital (SD) format memory card. The camera must feature a standard rectilinear type of lens. (No 'Fisheye' type lenses allowed).
4. Event is designed for weigh-in through photo and score card process. No fish will be brought to weigh-in.
5. This format requires a complete photographic record of each fish scored. Both sides of each fish must be photographed.
6. Partners agree on the length of the fish to ¼-inch accuracy. If the tail of the fish touches or crosses a ¼-inch graduation line on the ruler, the length may be rounded up an additional ¼-inch. DO NOT get greedy on lengths or you can lose the entire fish if it is not what you say it is. Be Conservative. Look at the little bit you are gaining. Be sure of it.
7. **Once fish is caught, it is placed on the ruler. Bump bar on ruler must always be to the left. One hand (palm) over the fish gill plate, mouth closed, and tail pinched. Fish measured any other way; you will lose that fish.**
8. With the fish being held on the ruler, a photo must be taken of fish validating the agreed upon length. This photo must clearly show the head and tail of the fish. The photo must be taken of the left side of the fish only. Belly of fish towards the angler holding the fish, head to left. Remember Belly to Belly on the partner measuring the fish. Bump bar must always be to the left on person measuring fish. A photo that does not clearly show the head of the fish and tail of the fish on the left side of the fish on the ruler will not be scored.
9. Another photo must be taken of the Right side of the fish – Media Shot, If No Media Shot- NO Fish.
10. The fish must then be released back into the water.

11. Record the length of the fish on Scorecard
12. If two fish are caught at the same time, the PRT format requires that one fish be measured, photographed, recorded and released as quick as possible before the next fish is processed.
13. NO fish are ever to be put in your Live-well and NO fish can be held in water with nets, stringers, etc. You will be disqualified if fish enter your well.
14. While a fish is in the boat being measured, anglers are not allowed to reset or put fishing lines in the water until after the fish is processed and released. Normal fishing can then resume.
15. 5 fish scored total.
16. If a photo is visually blocked or not the right length, you will lose that fish. Now you are down to 4 fish. We will not replace fish.
17. Add correctly. Double check. If you write a number down that is over your total, we will correct your math and then take ONE POUND off your total weight. If you write down a number lower than what your total should be, you will only get credit for that amount.
18. If you check 6 fish in your TOP 5 column, you will be zeroed. It is the same as bringing too many fish to the scales.
19. Minimum length is 14 inches, so a fish 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ equals 14.
20. A fish can only be scored ONCE. Violators will be dealt with severely – we will bust you.
21. Everything (ruler, clipboard, scorecard, conversion chart, pencils, sharpener) all get turned in, in the bag they were given to you in, all at once at the end of each day. Loss of anything will result in a ZERO for the day.
Lost ruler \$75.00

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