

2008 OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

TWIN CITIES CHAPTER MUSKIES INC. FRANK SCHNEIDER JR. MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT
SEPTEMBER 5&6 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM • SEPTEMBER 7 - 7:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

DESIGNATED TOURNAMENT WATERS

LEECH LAKE • BABY LAKE • MAN LAKE • WOMAN LAKE • GIRL LAKE • LAKE WABEDO • LITTLE BOY LAKE
RICE LAKE • LAKE INGUADONA • BOY RIVER • BOY LAKE • SWIFT LAKE • LAKE ANDRUSIA • KITCHIE LAKE
WOLF LAKE • BUCK LAKE • CASS LAKE • PIKE BAY • LAKE WINNIBIGOSHISH • LAKE BEMIDJI • BIG LAKE

- Boats, equipment, and conduct** must comply with all Minnesota State laws. Minnesota State Fishing Licenses are required. All contestants must be wearing an approved life vest when boat is under power.
All fish must be caught during tournament hours in the designated waters using legal sportfishing tackle. **ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES/BAIT MAY BE USED.**
- THERE MUST BE A MINIMUM OF TWO PERSONS IN EACH BOAT. ALL OCCUPANTS IN THE BOAT, INCLUDING GUIDES, MUST BE REGISTERED TOURNAMENT CONTESTANTS** whether they fish or not.
- All muskies entered must be a minimum of 40 inches in length. Contestants must remain with the fish until it swims away unaided. Fish must be returned to the water alive in the presence of one witness. Fish may not be transported. Fish that have been taken to a scale will be disqualified. The first muskie registered by each contestant qualifies contestant for an entry into the Grand Prize Drawing.
- TOURNAMENT HOURS:** 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Friday and Saturday and 7:00 am to 12:00 noon on Sunday. For the duration of the tournament, tournament waters may be fished **ONLY** during tournament hours.
- TOURNAMENT HATS:** Each contestant will be issued a tournament hat. **TOURNAMENT HATS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN ON THE WATER.**
If you pre-registered, your tournament hat and registration packet will be available for pickup on Thursday at the pick-up station you designated when you registered. Your hat and tournament packet will be at that location **ONLY**.
- FISH REGISTRATION:** FOR EACH FISH ENTERED CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO CALL IN TO TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS, TURN IN FISH REGISTRATION FORMS AND DOWNLOAD TWO PHOTOS.
Call in your entry to Tournament Headquarters at the numbers listed in your tournament packet. If you cannot get cell phone reception, go to one of the call-in stations listed in your packet on the lake and have them call in the fish for you. Time of registration will be the time of your call to Tournament Headquarters.
Registration forms and photos must be turned in at a Download Station the day the fish is caught. A fish is not considered officially registered until a Registration Form and two photos are turned in and they have been reviewed by Tournament Officials.
- REGISTRATION FORMS:** Fish Registration forms are in each tournament packet. Complete one Fish Registration form for each fish you register. Turn in the white portion of the Fish Registration at a Download Station on the day it is caught.
Have your witness complete the witness portion. **WITNESS MUST BE ANOTHER TOURNAMENT CONTESTANT IN YOUR BOAT.** Witness must be available at the Awards on Sunday to verify your entry to a Tournament Official.
- PHOTOGRAPHS:** Each contestant must have a digital camera and its USB connection cord. Phone cameras, film cameras and disposable (one-time use) cameras are not acceptable.
Set camera to display the date and time on photos and have camera available in the boat.
EACH FISH REGISTERED MUST HAVE TWO PHOTOS DOWNLOADED.
One photo must show you holding your fish with you wearing your tournament hat on your head. Hat must be visible and identifiable. It is preferable to hold the fish in a horizontal (not vertical) position.
The other photo must show you measuring your fish. The nose/jaw of the fish must be against a flat, upright surface (bump board, side of the boat, etc.). The measuring device (if not a bump board) must be also against the upright surface. Measuring device must be visible in the photo.
Downloaded photos will become the property of Muskies Inc.
- DOWNLOAD STATIONS:** FISH REGISTRATION FORMS AND PHOTOS MUST BE TURNED IN THE DAY THE FISH IS CAUGHT.
On Friday and Saturday evenings Download Stations are open between 6:00-10:00 pm. On Sunday, the only Download Station will be at Tournament Headquarters. All entries on Sunday must be turned in by 1:00 pm.
- POINT SYSTEM:** You will receive 10 points for each 40 inch muskie released. In addition, you will receive one point or fraction thereof for each inch or fraction over 40 inches measured to the nearest 1/2 inch. 1/2inch gets 1/2 point.
Examples: 40 inches = 10 points
42-1/2 inches = 10 + 2-1/2 = 12-1/2 points
- In the case of multiple contestants having the same number of points, the order of place will be determined by the time of the first fish registration by each contestant, with the earlier time getting the better place.
- CONTESTANT CONDUCT:** All contestants must be courteous to others. Trollers will respect weed beds.
The Tournament Committee reserves the right to disqualify a contestant for any obvious misconduct on the water or at a launch site.
- Any protest of violation of Tournament Rules must be presented in writing and signed. Protests must be turned in at one of the download stations on Friday or Saturday evenings, or before 1:00 pm on Sunday. Issue will be resolved in person with all parties involved and Tournament Judges.
- ALL DECISIONS OF JUDGES AND/OR TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS ARE FINAL.**
- Judges may inspect boats at any time during the tournament.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to require a **POLYGRAPH TEST** of any winners at contestant's expense.
- JUNIOR DIVISION:** Contestants 17 and under are eligible for the Junior Division. All tournament rules are the same. Junior Division will have 3 places with its own prizes. Junior Division entries are eligible for the Grand Prize.
- NORTHERN PIKE DIVISION:** One prize awarded to the longest Northern Pike caught in the tournament. All tournament rules will apply except for length requirement which is 38 inches minimum length. Northern Pike entries are **NOT** eligible for the Grand Prize Drawing.

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

1. To be eligible for the Grand Prize, a contestant must register ONE muskie.
2. Contestant's name will be entered into the Grand Prize drawing ONCE AND ONLY ONCE, regardless of the number of muskies registered.
3. The Grand Prize winner will be selected by draw at Awards Ceremony on Sunday.

Grand Prize is in the form of \$30,000 certificate to be applied to purchase price of any vehicle at Lupient Buick Pontiac GMC of Golden Valley. Certificate may be split between more than one person. Winner must pay sales tax.

BONUS PRIZES

"MUSKIE MAGIC" CASH

- OPEN ONLY TO MEMBERS OF MUSKIES INC. You may become a member at the tournament and be eligible for "Muskie Magic" cash.
- "Muskie Magic" fish length between 40 inches and 58 inches (in 1/2 inch increments) will be drawn and will be revealed Sunday.
- The "Muskie Magic" cash will be split equally between the eligible contestant with the earliest registered fish that length and the "Muskie Magic" contributing sponsor whose name is drawn.
- If there are no fish registered by an eligible contestant that matches the "Muskie Magic" length, the cash prize will be held for the next year.

MARY VILLNOW MEMORIAL AWARD FOR WOMEN ANGLERS

The three women contestants of any age with the highest number of points will receive:

\$500	\$300	\$200
HIGHEST POINT TOTAL	2ND HIGHEST POINT TOTAL	3RD HIGHEST POINT TOTAL

to be awarded in cash in memory of Mary Villnow.

ABU GARCIA BONUS PRIZE

The top three legal muskies caught and witnessed using any Abu-Garcia reel will win:

\$500	\$200	\$100
LONGEST RELEASE	2ND LONGEST RELEASE	3RD LONGEST RELEASE

In the form of Gift Certificates for Abu-Garcia fishing products at Reeds Family Outdoor Outfitters-Walker, Joe's Sporting Goods-St. Paul, or Thorne Brothers-Fridley.

LINDY-M/G BONUS PRIZE

The longest muskie caught (and witnessed) on an M/G Spinnerbait or M/G Buck-A-Boo by Lindy will win a \$500 certificate redeemable for Lindy and Beckman product.

FCIS ANGLERS CHOICE AWARD

The Farm and City "Anglers Choice" team member who registers the longest muskie will receive \$250 from Farm and City Insurance. To be enrolled in the Farm and City "Anglers Choice" team, go to www.fcisanglerschoice.com and get a quote.

LARGEST RELEASED MUSKIE

A graphite replica from Lax Reproductions will be awarded for the largest released muskie. Fish must be a 53 inch minimum. Please take girth measurement for fish replica.

IN CASE OF TIE FOR ANY BONUS PRIZE, FIRST FISH REGISTERED WILL HAVE BETTER PLACE.

DOWNLOAD STATIONS

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS: Moondance

Fairgrounds, 7050 39th Ave NW, Walker, MN (2.5 miles east of Hwy. 371/Hwy. 200 intersection).

Open 9:00 am tournament days. Downloads 6:00-10:00 pm Friday and Saturday, until 1:00 pm Sunday.

Feeds with free food, results, door prizes, celebrity speakers, silent auction, product displays, book signings Friday and Saturday. Meal, Awards Ceremony and Grand Prize Drawing on Sunday.

STONE POINT RESORT, 5510 US Highway 2 NW, Cass Lake, MN. (218) 335-6311.

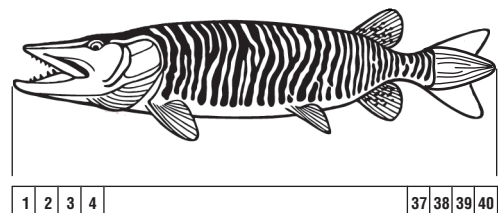
Downloads 6:00-10:00 pm Friday and Saturday evenings. Feeds with free food, results, door prizes, celebrity speakers, silent auction, product displays, book signings both nights.

ANCHORAGE INN, 2972 County Road 7 NE, Longville, MN. (218) 363-2236.

Downloads 6:00-10:00 pm Friday and Saturday evenings. Feed with free food, results and door prizes both nights.

MEASURING A FISH

To determine the total length of a fish, lay it flat on its side, with its nose or jaw, whichever is longer, against a flat, upright surface. Lay your measuring device against the same upright surface. Squeeze the tail from tip to tip and measure from the nose or jaw, whichever is longer, to the farthest tip of the tail when fully extended.



information from www.dnr.state.mn.us

Minnesota statute 84D.09 prohibits the transportation of aquatic vegetation on any public roadway including state forest roads. This statute also prohibits the placement of any watercraft or trailer into State waters that has any aquatic vegetation, zebra mussels, or prohibited exotics species attached. Tournament sponsors will require inspections of all watercraft when entering or leaving tournament waters. Inspections will include a thorough search, inside and out, for the presence of any aquatic vegetation, and other prohibited exotic species, including zebra mussels. No boat may be launched when entering tournament waters until all vegetative materials have been removed and properly disposed of, and until all live wells and bilges have been drained and boats have been made free of any prohibited exotic species. Similar inspections must be made when leaving tournament waters.

Tournament officials and/or contestants may not usurp the boat ramp(s) or parking spaces at a public access. Tournament anglers may not usurp an area of the lake to the exclusion of non-tournament anglers. All anglers, whether participating in the contest or not, must be allowed access to all areas of the lake surface.

Muskellunge entered in the catch and release division shall not be held in livewells. ... Culling or livewell sorting is prohibited. ... Fish released by anglers must be capable of holding themselves upright in the water and have a high probability of survival. Under no circumstances will a muskellunge exceeding the legal length limit in poor condition, likely to succumb to post-release mortality, be released. (M.S. 6212.2600, subp. 2)