



NORTHWOODS MUSKIES

CHAPTER 61 - MINOCQUA, WISCONSIN

2014 Northwoods Musky Open Tournament Rules & Regulations

Tournament Date: June 28, 2014

- 1) This is a one-day tournament open to men, women and youth. Youth participants under the age of (18) must have their Release of Liability signed by parent/legal guardian.
- 2) Entry Fees: \$50 per adult, \$25 per junior (age 16 & under)
- 3) Voluntary Big Fish Pool of \$10 per angler. Winner take all. In the event of a tie- the winning fish called in first to The Musky Shop, will win the pool. (See item #14). Big Fish entry fee will be collected at the pre-tournament meeting (see item #7).
- 4) All Muskies 30" and longer will be eligible for entry. Each entry must be accompanied by a digital photograph on a legible bump board. Photograph must contain a discernible picture of the fish AND a token which will be given to each participant prior to the tournament (see item #7). * Note- bump boards required for measurement!
- 5) Tournament Waters consist of the following lake groups:
 - Big Arbor Vitae & Little Arbor Vitae;
 - Lake Minocqua & Kawaguesaga;
 - Lake Tomahawk;
 - Clear, Carrol, Gilmore, Sweeney, Madeline
 - Squirrel, Shishebogama, Gunlock
 - Brandy, Arrowhead, Johnson

Participants must select three (3) choices of lake groups at the time of their entry, in order of their preference. No more than 19 boats will be permitted on each lake group. Awarding of lake groups will be dictated by date and time of entry- no exceptions.

- 6) Tournament Fishing Hours: 6AM-4PM Saturday June 28, 2014.
- 7) Pre-Tournament Meeting (mandatory) Friday June 27, 2014 at 7PM. Stop at The Musky Shop, check in there, and then proceed to Island City Lanes (across from The Waters- Hwy 51 south of the bridge) for meet & greet, rules meeting and delivery of required photograph tokens.
- 8) Any request for entry fee refund must be received prior to June 1st, 2014.
- 9) Allowable fishing methods include casting or jigging only with artificial lures. No live bait or trolling are allowed.
- 10) All USCG & Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources boating and fishing regulations are to be followed. Tournament participants are strongly encouraged to wear a PFD while operating their large outboards while motoring. Contestants age 14 and under MUST wear a PFD at all times when on the water by state law. Failure to follow prescribed laws and regulations which results in a citation on tournament day will disqualify the angler in question.
- 11) Fish must be hooked and played by one person and only that person may enter the fish in the contest. Assistance landing fish is permitted.
- 12) All caught 30" or longer muskies entered must be released immediately after measurement and photo-

graphs. Measurement of the length must be performed and at least one (1) photograph must be on a bump board with the token given to each angler at the pre-tournament meeting.

13) Escalated Scale Scoring will be used for this tournament. A musky measuring 30" will receive 8 points. Each ¼" additional length over 30" will earn ¼ point. For example- a 35.5" fish will receive 13.5 points (8 points for 30" and an additional 5.5 points for the five and one half inches).

14) Muskies 30" or longer must be registered immediately after release by calling The Musky Shop at 715-356-6011. Provide your name- your boat #, and the length of the fish to the nearest quarter inch (downward). Last phone registration will be accepted at 4:15PM by The Musky Shop. Release forms will be provided to each contestant. Contestants must turn in fully completed release forms with a digital picture for each fish registered, at the post-tournament get together. Late release forms will not be accepted and will result in the catch being disqualified- no exceptions.

15) Prizes include a \$500 Musky Shop gift card for first place; \$300 Musky Shop gift card for 2nd place; \$200 Musky shop gift card for third place. Additionally, the junior angler (16 or under) who catches the longest musky of the tournament will receive a \$100 Musky Shop gift card.

16) The angler who catches the longest musky of the tournament will receive a free graphite replica, courtesy of Fittante Taxidermy of Antigo and Northwoods Muskies.

17) In the event a contestant's position is challenged by another contestant, a written protest must be provided to the Tournament Committee Immediately. Individuals concerned may be required to take a truth verification examination. All rules of the 1988 Polygraph Protection Act will be followed.

18) The tournament committee is the final judge of all tournament rules.

19). If there are any questions concerning the 2014 Northwoods Musky Open tournament, please call one of the following people: Todd Berg: 715-820-2967; Pete Stoltman: 715-614-1412; Mike Sasse: 608-235-4980