

2021 OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS ISLAND LAKE

Tournament Director: Blake Kolquist



1. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:

- A. Participation as a team entry; two people per boat maximum. Any exception requests to this rule must be made in writing to the tournament directors one week prior to the tournament. The number of anglers in a boat may be overruled if one person has been diagnosed with ALS and director(s) have prior knowledge.
- B. Each contestant must possess a valid Minnesota state fishing license.
- C. The Kolar Toyota ALS Fishing Tournament reserves the right to refuse entry to any individual or team who has been barred from other tournaments for rules violations or unsportsmanlike conduct. Decision will be made by Tournament Director only.
- D. Anglers may not obtain or receive fishing information and/or assistance in the catching of fish from a non-competitor during the tournament day. Competitors may not follow a non-competitor's boat or allow a non-competitor to anchor and/or hold spots for competitors. Competitors may not pay non-competitors to practice fishing for them. Violations of this rule or the intent of this rule will result in disqualification.
- E. At least one individual per team must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. Children will be allowed to fish with an adult as part of a two-person team.
- F. There are ten grand prizes this year. All anglers are eligible to win with the exception of children. You must be eighteen (18) years of age or older to be eligible to win the ten grand prizes of \$500 Marine General gift cards. All individuals with children in their boat will be allotted two chances. (Example: If John Doe is fishing with his five-year old son, John's name will be entered twice into the drawing.) Winners are responsible for taxes.
- G. Each person must sign a waiver releasing Kolar Toyota, Never Surrender Inc, places of venue, employees and volunteers of any and all claims of damage or injury that might occur during this tournament. **Please read and sign the enclosed waiver form and return it along with your registration form.**

2. Contribution Amount:

The minimal contribution for the tournament is \$500 per team and is nonrefundable. Anglers are encouraged to collect donations to meet and exceed the minimum \$250 **individual** amount. Individual anglers are eligible to win incentive prizes for pledges at various levels—per angler, not team. Entry forms and fees must be in the charity's possession no later than June 4, 2021.

3. 2021 PRIZE PAYOUTS: (Based on team's total combined length of fish by species) COMING SOON

Walleye: Each team may submit six (6) walleye per day. Fish will be measured on an official tournament ruler (bump board) with mouth closed. Teams measuring a fish shorter than the legal tournament length (12 inches) will be assessed a 2-inch penalty plus the loss of all short fish. Any infraction of Minnesota DNR rules will result in disqualification. Every team is automatically in the longest fish contest (formerly known as the **Big Walleye Bonanza**) The team with the longest walleye will receive \$1,000 cash to be split between the two anglers.

BASS: Each team may submit five (5) bass per day with a minimum of 12 inches in length. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass shall be measured. Teams measuring more than five (5) bass will be disqualified. Fish will be measured on an official tournament ruler (bump board) with mouth closed. Teams measuring a fish shorter than the legal tournament length (12 inches) will be assessed a 2-inch penalty plus the loss of all short fish. Any infraction of Minnesota DNR rules will result in disqualification. Every team is automatically in the longest fish contest (formerly known as the **Bass Challenge**) The team with the longest bass will receive \$1,000 cash to be split between the two anglers

4. AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES:

A. Prior to entering Island Lake, all watercraft that have been in waters known to be infested with zebra mussels, must be thoroughly dried or washed down with hot water of at least 140 degrees Fahrenheit, both inside and out.

B. Participants must clean all aquatic vegetation from trailers and watercraft, including wet wells and other internal locations, upon leaving the lake.

TO HELP PROTECT MINNESOTA'S WATERS, YOU MUST:

1. **CLEAN** visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels and other prohibited species from watercraft, trailers, and equipment before transporting from any water access.
2. **DRAIN** water from bilge, live well, motor, ballast tanks and portable bait containers before leaving water accesses or shoreline property.
3. **KEEP** drain plug out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.
4. **DUMP** unwanted bait in the trash.

C. Minnesota law states watercraft being transported into State waters must be clean and decontaminated. This can be achieved with the aid of hot water as mentioned above, drying for extended periods of time (5 days or longer) and having the watercraft power washed to rid the watercraft of all zebra mussels.

5. INSURANCE:

All contestants using their boat in the Kolar Toyota ALS Fishing Tournament must submit a copy of a certificate of insurance or a "paid in full" current boating liability policy with a minimum value of \$100,000 with the enclosed registration form. Waivers will not be accepted.

6. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:

A. Contestants may fish anywhere on Island Lake accessible by boat, except designated federal, state, or local posted or permitted areas.

B. Contestants may not fish within 75 feet of another competitor's boat which was solely and first anchored before another competitor's boat was inside the same 150-foot circle. A boat is considered anchored only if it is tied to a fixed structure or has an anchor line over its side with the trolling motor out of the water and a yellow marker placed in the water. When the marker is placed in the water, it will establish a 150-foot fishing circle which may not be fished or navigated through by another competitor. A marker may not be placed in water currently being used by competitors or non-

competitors. Violators of this rule or the intent of this rule will be disqualified.

- C. All angling must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing water. The boat must remain in the tournament water during the tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat and must remain in contact with the boat at all times except in case of emergency.

7. **OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT POLICY:**

The Island Lake Minnesota Power Landing off Highway 4 will be the official checkpoint. This location will include boat inspection, ease-off in the morning, and check-in in the afternoon. Any violation of this policy will result in immediate disqualification.

8. **SCORING:**

Scoring shall be determined by the length of each team's catch during the tournament. Walleye and bass are the only accepted species. The limit shall be six (6) walleye per team and five (5) bass per team. Any team who possesses more than the Tournament limit shall be immediately disqualified. The official length for walleye and bass shall be twelve (12) inches. Fish submitted for consideration that fail to measure at the prescribed length limit will be penalized at the rate of 2-inches for each "short" fish presented. Each team's fish must be uploaded to the FishDonkey application.

9. **LATE PENALTY:**

Contestants who are not at the official check-in area at the appointed time shall have their day's catch disqualified. All fishing shall cease upon check-in.

10. **TIES:**

In case of ties, positions will be determined by:

- 1st tiebreaker total number of fish
- 2nd tiebreaker longest fish of said species
- 3rd tiebreaker coin toss

11. **RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS:**

- A. Contestants will be responsible to know the Kolar Toyota ALS Fishing Tournament rules as well as state and local rules and regulations which pertain to the Tournament waters.
- B. All disputes must be logged with the Tournament Director within thirty (30) minutes of completion of daily weigh-in. Following interviews with concerned parties, a ruling will be made. The Tournament Director will interpret rules according to the spirit and intent of the rule, and his decision in all disputes is final.
- C. In the event that rule infractions are brought to the Tournament Director's attention at any time and investigation proves a violation occurred, disqualification from the Tournament could result. Cash prizes and awards given to contestants subsequently disqualified must be returned if so requested.

12. **FLCD RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ISLAND LAKE:**

- A. Watercraft speed limit is forty (40) miles per hour during the daytime, and twenty (20) miles per hour at night. There is a no-wake speed within eighty (80) feet of shoreline, including channels.
- B. The Noise Limit is 84 decibels at fifty (50) feet.

13. SAFETY:

- A. Each competitor must observe safe boating conduct at all times.
- B. Each angler is required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver which is fully secured whenever the main combustion engine is running.
- C. All competitors must have an emergency ignition shut-off device securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation.
- D. All boats must be a minimum of twelve (12) feet in length. No barges, pontoons, or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.
- E. Use of and/or possession of alcohol or drugs (other than prescribed by a licensed physician or purchased over the counter) during the Tournament is prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- F. In the event of severe weather while on the water we advise you use your best judgment and get to land if necessary. Please call the emergency phone number located on the back of your license plate if necessary. In the event of a delay, no additional time will be added to any launch group.
- G. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify the use of any boat and/or motor he deems unsafe, inappropriate, or unsuitable for use in competition. The Tournament Director's decision in this matter may be made at any time and is final.
- H. All anglers, regardless of launch location, must make contact with tournament officials before leaving Island Lake, either by returning to the weigh-in site, or by contacting us via telephone. A phone number will be provided for this purpose. We have many anglers that launch from other locations on Island Lake and go from their favorite fishing hole directly to their trailer, and in those cases, we don't have any indication of their safety. For your benefit, we ask that even if you have no fish to report, please let us know you're done fishing. This tells us that you are safe and not stranded on the lake somewhere and in need of assistance.

14. SPORTSMANSHIP:

- A. All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.
- B. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be in Tournament waters. Violators of this rule will be disqualified.
- C. Any radio communication (broadcasting or monitoring) during Tournament hours, except in cases of equipment breakdown or for safety reasons is prohibited. Violation of this rule could result in disqualification.

15. PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING:

- A. The pre-tournament meeting will be held on Friday, June 4, 2021, at the University of Minnesota - Duluth; Ward Wells Field House, 1228 University Dr, Duluth, MN 55812. **Famous Dave's** will be serving dinner for all fishing participants. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm.

Check-in and drawings for flight and boat positions will take place around 7:00 PM. Each flight will be allotted 7 hours of fishing on the lake. ***Flight times are subject to change:***

7:00 AM to 2:00 PM
7:30 AM to 2:30 PM

8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Those who are unable to attend the Friday meeting can find their launch times online at www.kolartoyotafishing.com near 9pm on Friday, June 4, 2021.

- B. Each contestant will be given a gift bag at check-in containing a tournament shirt and many other great gifts, compliments of the Tournament sponsors.
- C. The official hotel is the Country Inn & Suites, 4257 Haines Road in Hermantown. Please call 218-740-4500 to make your reservations.
- D. Please send your registration forms and additional information to:

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