

2023 OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Tournament Director: Blake Kolquist



1. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:

- Participation as a team entry; two people per boat maximum to be eligible for prizes. The number of anglers in a boat may be overruled for unique situations (example: one person has ALS and needs assistance) and director(s) have prior knowledge.
- Each contestant must possess a valid state fishing license.
- Never Surrender Inc 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(s) only.
- 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.
- 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.
- You must be eighteen (18) years of age or older to be eligible to win the grand prizes of Marine General gift certificates. 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.)
- Each person must sign a waiver releasing Kolar Toyota; Never Surrender Inc; employees and volunteers of any and all claims of damage or injury that might occur during this tournament.

2. ENTRY FEE. The entry fee for the Island Lake tournament is \$500 per team and is nonrefundable. Entry forms and fees must be in the charity's possession no later than June 2, 2023.

3. ZEBRA MUSSELS AND AQUATIC VEGETATION:

- 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. If watercraft HAS zebra mussels attached, you must: decontaminate and clean all zebra mussels off the inside and outside of the watercraft. This can be achieved with the aid of hot water as mentioned above, drying for extended periods of time (5 days or longer) and then power washed to rid the watercraft of all zebra mussels.

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

5. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:

- Contestants may fish anywhere accessible by boat, except designated federal, state, or local posted or permitted areas.
- 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.

- 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.

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

7. **SCORING.** Scoring shall be determined by the length of each team's catch during the tournament. Walleye and Bass will be the only accepted species. FishDonkey will automatically put the longest six (6) walleye and five (5) bass in your team "basket." Fish measuring shorter than the legal tournament length (12 inches) will not be considered a valid entry. Any infraction of Minnesota DNR rules will result in disqualification. Measurement of fish will be done by the FishDonkey application. Only submitted photos will be used for scoring. All measurements must be made on an Official Tournament Ruler provided by the Tournament, using the following procedure:

- Fish should be recorded immediately, and measurements noted by length
- All submissions must be submitted through FishDonkey and include at least two (2) photos per the instructions below AND a video of the fish being released.
 - Close the fish's mouth, with a closed mouth the fish's nose/mouth must touch the vertical bump of the measuring board with the belly facing you.
 - Take a photo of the fish on the measuring board (with closed mouth touching the bump) showing both the whole head and complete tail in a single photo, a minimum of two (2) photos required of the fish on the measuring board. YOU MUST ENSURE THE ENTIRE FISH IS INCLUDED IN THE PHOTO to ensure accurate measurements.
- If the fish's tail is touching the graduation line of the board, then that is the exact measurement. If the tail crosses the graduation line, round up to the next ¼ inch.
- Take a video of you releasing the fish alive back into the water.
- All participants must have their fish submitted before the end of the tournament. Fish submitted after their designated flight time will not be allowed.

Using the FishDonkey application in poor reception areas: The app will work without internet. Open the app before heading out to poorly covered areas. Tap on the name of the tournament. Once you see the button "enter a fish" head out and fish away. Fish should be entered as normal in bad reception areas. Your digital live well (fish icon) will show you if there are fishing waiting for an internet connection to get pushed into the leaderboard. When you get back to a well-connected area, open your digital live well and leave that screen open/active until all fish are "received." Until your photos are received, do not delete or alter the photos on your phone as FishDonkey will not accept photos as originals. Photos outside of the FishDonkey app will not be considered for official scoring.

8. **TIES.** In case of ties, positions will be determined by:
1st tiebreaker...total number of fish 2nd tiebreaker...longest fish of said species 3rd tie breaker...coin toss

9. **RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS:**

- Contestants will be responsible to know the ALS Fishing Tournament rules as well as state and local rules and regulations which pertain to the Tournament waters.
- All protests must be lodged with the Tournament Director(s) within thirty (30) minutes of completion of daily close. Following interviews with concerned parties, a ruling will be made. The Tournament Director(s) will interpret rules according to the spirit and intent of the rule, and his decision in all disputes is final.
- In the event that rules 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.

10. FLCD RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ISLAND LAKE:

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

11. SAFETY: Each competitor must observe safe boating conduct at all times.

- Each angler is required to wear a US Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver which is fully secured whenever the main combustion engine is running.
- Anglers on boats equipped with an emergency ignition shut-off device need to have it attached when the combustion engine is in operation at trolling speeds.
- All boats must be a minimum of twelve (12) feet in length. No barges will be permitted. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.
- Use of 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.
- The Tournament Director(s) retains the right to delay, cancel or restrict Tournament waters in the case of severe weather.
- The Tournament Director(s) 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.

12. SPORTSMANSHIP:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.