

2025 OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS of Virtual Tournament



Tournament Director: David Kolquist

1. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:

- Participation as an individual.
- Each contestant must possess a valid state fishing license.
- The 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.
- 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.
- Individual angler ages must conform to one of the following:
 - Individuals is 18+
 - Individual is under 18 and fishing with parental/guardian consent or provides a current MN DNR boater safety certificate plus parental / guardian consent
- You must be eighteen (18) years of age or older to be eligible to win any prizes. Any participant under the age of 18 will assign their prizes to their parent or guardian.
- 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. Participants under the age of 18 must have a waiver signed by their parent or guardian. Boat owners must also sign a waiver and provide liability insurance with limits of at least \$100,000.

2. ENTRY FEE. The entry fee for the Virtual Tournament is \$200 per person and is nonrefundable. Entry forms and fees must be in Never Surrender's possession no later than May 30, 2025.

3. ZEBRA MUSSELS AND AQUATIC VEGETATION:

- A. Prior to entering any 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 and not in the lake.
- 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 liability limits of at least \$100,000 with a completed registration form. 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. **SCORING.** Scoring shall be determined by the length of the individual's catch during the tournament. Any infraction of Minnesota DNR rules will result in disqualification. Measurement of fish will be done by the FishDonkey application. Photos must include the complete fish on the bump board with its mouth closed and tail pinched, a photo of the fish being released. Only submitted photos will be used for scoring. All measurements must be made on an Official Tournament Ruler provided by the Tournament. **All photos must be received by 4:30 pm on May 31, 2025.**
7. **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 before 5 pm on May 31, 2025. 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.
 - 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.
8. **FLCD RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ISLAND LAKE:**
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. The Noise Limit is 84 decibels at fifty (50) feet.
9. **SAFETY:** Each competitor must observe safe boating conduct at all times.
- 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.
 - Anglers on boats equipped with an emergency ignition shut-off device need to have it attached when the combustion engine is in operation above trolling speeds.
 - 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 retains the right to delay, cancel or restrict Tournament waters in the case of severe weather.
 - 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.
10. **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.