

## I. Participants and Eligibility

- A. Contestant must register online at NAFishingChallenge.org by June 9, 2023. Confirmations will be emailed.
- B. A maximum of 2 people may register and fish as 1 team. If both contestants are under age 16, a non-fishing guardian or parent must be present. This is an honour system if more than one team of 2 people are fishing in 1 boat then both teams must register to participate.
- C. There will be a virtual rules meeting on Zoom on Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. CST. All anglers must watch the live or recorded event any time before fishing begins. The Zoom link will be sent out on June 14.
- D. All anglers must download the tournament app and sign in to register a test 'fish' prior to tournament day.
- E. Any funds raised to support Adult & Teen Challenge centers must be submitted to the regional office on or before 4:00pm CST on Friday, June 16, 2022 to be eligible to win fundraising prizes. All funds raised are 100% tax deductible. The minimum amount requested that each team raise is \$1000; there is no maximum.
- F. Anglers must have a valid fishing license and abide by all state/province and local laws pertaining to the location they are fishing. Any person ticketed for a violation during this event will be disqualified.

## **II. Scoring**

- A. We will be using the Reel Livewell app to record and enter fish. There will be five divisions: walleye, bass, pike/muskie, trout/salmon, and panfish. Anglers must declare a division within the app prior to the tournament.
- B. You cannot cross or change divisions once you are entered into a division; the app does not allow it.
- C. In the Panfish division, bluegill, sunfish, crappie, rock bass or perch in any combination may be entered. The top five fish will count towards total score.
- D. In all divisions, the top five fish will count toward the final score.
- E. You may enter additional fish into the app, but only the top five will count towards your score.

- F. There are no minimum or maximum length limits. Any fish that are not within the legal length set by state/province game departments must be returned to the water immediately following measuring and photographing.
- G. Anglers must be within cell phone service in time to enter fish BEFORE 3:00p.m. local time. The app automatically shuts off entries at 3:00p.m. local time.
- H. All fish must be photographed on the 40" official tournament ruler with the app's camera. The photo you take of your fish on the ruler must be sent through the app to qualify. Place the fish on the ruler and take a photo of the entire fish showing both head and tail. Photos are time and date stamped within the app.
- I. Only the official tournament ruler provided to you is to be used. Place the ruler against a vertical barrier and put the fish's head up against the barrier. The jaw must be touching the barrier.
- J. Fish are measured with the mouth closed and tail pinched. Measure to ¼-inch. The tail must touch or cross the line. All entries will be verified by our team during the day as they are submitted.
- G. Tournament hours are 7:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. in the time zone you are fishing. Alaskan anglers will fish in the Pacific Time Zone. No fish entered outside those hours will be accepted.

## **III. Tournament Format**

- A. This is a gentleman's start; you may go to your fishing area but do not start fishing earlier than 7:00a.m. local time.
- B. Artificial lures and live bait are allowed unless banned by state/province or local laws in the fishing area. All anglers must abide by the laws of the location they are fishing.
- C. Each competitor must observe safe boat conduct, no-wake zones, local navigation rules, demonstrate courtesy, and act in a sportsmanlike manner.
- D. The tournament director will interpret rules according to the spirit and intent of the rule and his decision in all matters is final.
- E. All prizes and trophies will be awarded following the event. Prizes and trophies will be shipped to the winners within one week following the event.