

#### PRE TOURNAMENT AND RULES MEETING

1. All participants must purchase a boat launch pass to use all municipal landings. Cost is \$5.00 a day, \$20.00 a week or \$35.00 for the year. All vehicles without a pass will be ticketed.
2. All participants must stop pre-fishing Friday June 8, 2012 by 5:00 PM, violation will result in your team paying \$50.00 fine and leaving last on day 1.
3. It is prohibited for you, your partner or any other person to move fish from one part of the lake to another during pre-fishing, violation will result in team disqualification.
4. Rules meeting will be held on Friday June 8, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (downstairs at the Royal Canadian Legion, 86 Front Street).
5. One or both members must be in attendance at the rules meeting. Failure to do so will require your team to attend a special session on day 1 at the Town Dock, after all boats have been released. The rules meeting is important, as any rule changes will be gone and other pertinent information will be given out to participants. Failure to show up at either rules meeting will result in team disqualification and the forfeiture of your team's entire entry fee.
6. At the rules meeting your team will also receive its motor tag. This LUND motor tag must be placed on the motor or other visible area for identification purposes. This tag cannot be removed without the authorization from the Walleye Committee. If tag is removed without authorization, the situation will be reviewed with the potential for your team being disqualified.

#### RULES OF THE LAKE (MAPB)

1. Slot size on MAPB is 18.1 inches to 20.9 inches or 46 cm to 53 cm.
2. All fish within the slot size must be released immediately after measurement.
3. You cannot keep live fish in your live well or on a stringer. All fish kept must be killed
4. The following areas are fish sanctuaries on MAPB and are closed until June 15<sup>th</sup>, English River, Rice River and Red Pine Bay.

#### SIoux LOOKOUT WALLEYE WEEKEND RULES

1. Your team is only allowed to possess 4 walleye per day, either 3 under slot size and 1 over or 4 under slot size for your daily weigh in. Your team will weigh in 8 walleye over the 2-day tournament.
2. Your team can only possess walleye; all other species of fish must be released.
3. All fish that are to be kept must be killed and tagged. Daily fish tags will be provided. When tagging your fish the tag must go through the mouth out through the gill and zipped closed. To ensure the tag is secure the label "Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend" must be facing out.
4. All fish must be kept on ICE in a cooler or in a live well. You are responsible for your fish and you are not allowed to let fish spoil, so bring enough ice to last the day and keep your catch fresh. Your team can come in and weigh fish anytime after 12:00 PM.
5. Your team cannot fish below Pelican Falls and the noted fish sanctuaries. All other areas of MAPB are available to fish.

6. Teams cannot troll or anchor under any bridge or thorough way on MAPB. Your team can troll or anchor around and beside these areas. These areas include The Iron Bridge, Frog Rapids Bridge, The Chutes, Superior Junction Bridge and the Train Bridge on Botsford. These areas are main thorough ways for all vessels on MAPB lakes and we must provide a clear and unobstructed view for all users.
7. When moving through these narrow areas, be considerate of other participants and none participants.
8. Right of way at the Chutes. The Chutes is the narrows that separate Abram Lake from Minnitaki Lake. The right of way is given to those boats that are entering Minnitaki from Abram Lake (going upstream). Those boats coming downstream into Abram must swing out wide and check to see if any boats are coming up before they can proceed down the Chutes.
9. The winner of this tournament is based on the highest overall weight over the 2 days.

#### MORNING BOAT RELEASE

1. All boats, coolers, compartments and live wells must be checked at the town beach dock before the 7:00 AM start time.
2. There will be six check stations set up at the town beach dock. After your boat is inspected your team will receive its daily fish tags.
3. Odd number boats will be inspected from stations 1, 3 and 5 on the left side of the dock and Even number boats will be inspected from stations 2, 4, and 6 from the right side of the dock. A sign will be situated at the front of the dock to instruct your team which side they will be inspected.
4. Your team will be released on both days according to your registration number.
5. We will be releasing 10 boats at a time in pairs, followed by a minute delay, then another 10 boats 2 at a time and so on. The release will be done via megaphone and numbered cards. When your team number is called idle to the red markers. Once you pass the markers you can accelerate and begin fishing.
6. If your team leaves without being inspected or receiving your daily walleye tags, you will not be allowed to weigh in your daily limit.
7. Life vest must be worn at town beach dock and when your boat is up on step and moving from one location to another.

#### RETURNING

1. Scale opens at 12:00 PM on each day of the tournament.
2. Your team must be back at the town beach dock by 4:00 PM each day.
3. For every minute your team is late a  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound (4 ounce) will be taken off your daily total. After 5 minutes your fish for that day will not be weighed.
4. An official checker boat will be stationed at the red markers checking for late boats only.
5. Each team, whether weighing fish or not must at the end of each day report to the official weigh in station to check in and return all daily fish tags. Failure to report on day 1 will be a two-hour delay on day 2. The penalty for failing to report in on day 2 will be immediate forfeiture of any prizes won up to that point.

#### WEIGH IN

1. Upon returning to the town beach dock for the weigh in your team will be given a carry bag to put your daily limit, and you will be given a card with your team number to present to the weigh station official.
2. Place your daily limit in provided fish bag and proceed to weigh station.

3. Once at the weigh in station hand in your card to an official (orange shirt). You will also be asked if you would like to donate your daily limit, if so you will have to sign a waiver form to release your fish. At this time you must also return all unused fish tags for that day.
4. Fish will then have their fish tags removed and will be measured. If a fish is in slot size it will not be weighed and will not be included in your daily weight. The fish will then be turned over to a representative of the Ministry of Natural Resources and your team will have to deal with the fish violation. If a fish is questionable the measuring official will ask the MNR representative to use their official measure board. The measuring board for the Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend is provided by the MNR.
5. Once your fish are measured they will then move to the weigh station. Your team will view the weigh in and be consulted by the weigh in official. Once the weight is agreed upon the weigh in official will call out the weight. Once the weight is called out it cannot be changed.
6. You will then move over to the next station to initial the daily weight sheet and you will receive a receipt for you daily weight.
7. Your daily limit will then be gutted and checked at the gutting station. If you have not signed a waiver to have your fish donated they will be checked then bagged and given to you.

#### CHECKER BOATS

1. All checker boat drivers will be wearing orange safety vests and will have official checker boat identification.
2. Checker boat personnel can come along side participant boats and look in coolers, compartments and live wells. Checker boat personnel can enter any boat registered in the Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend.
3. If you are waived over by checker boat personnel you must stop. Failure to stop will be reported to the Walleye Committee, and will be dealt with by the Walleye Director.
4. Checker boats are prohibited from towing any participants boat during tournament hours.

#### TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

1. The Walleye Committee can delay or shorten the Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend due to weather or other safety issues.
2. The Walleye Committee has the right to alter or restrict tournament waters with prompt notice to all registered/paid teams.
3. The Walleye Committee will allow video, photographers or other sources of media into designated boats.
4. The Walleye Committee can refuse any entry of an individual or team for any reason deemed to be appropriate.
5. The Walleye Committee can disallow the use of any boat, motor or equipment that is deemed unsafe, inappropriate or unsuitable.
6. The Walleye Committee will grant permission for use of specific vessels on an individual basis, and the Committee must receive in writing the reasons for such use by the participants.

## CHEATING

1. Fish that have been altered, tampered with, injected with water or a foreign matter result in your team's immediate disqualification. A metal detector, magnet and lie detector can be used.
2. Participants are not allowed to exchange items or information, as well as, receive items or information from another boat or by phone during tournament hours, with the exception of official checker boats.
3. Participants and non-participants cannot hold a spot on the water for another boat.
4. Teams may be disqualified from the Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend for major infractions of the rules and will not receive a refund of their entry fee. Examples are, unsafe boating practices, gross angling ethic violations and other violations that clearly give the competitor an unfair or illegal advantage over the other competitors. Other Violations include, movement of fish, fishing out of bounds, caged fish, netting of fish, exchange of fish between teams or non-participants and the use of underwater cameras.
5. A team has the right to appeal a disqualification decision to the Walleye Committee. This appeal must be filed 15 minutes after the last team has weighed in and will be voted on by the Walleye Committee.
6. Witnesses may be called and the Walleye Committee will view photos and video. Interpretation of the rules will be based on their spirit and intent.
7. If the protest is found to be valid, the protest fee will be returned to the team leader. If the protest is determined to be invalid, the protest fee will not be returned and the protesting team will have to pay for any investigation costs.

## PARTICIPANTS

1. All participants must at all times have a valid Ontario fishing licence or Status Card in their possession. Also, they must know all tournament rules and follow Ontario Sport Fishing regulations and Canadian Coast Guard regulations.
2. All participants must be 18 years of age or older, if under age the participant must be accompanied by a person over the age of 18. Also, those under 18 must provide written permission upon registration from their guardian or parent.
3. All participants must remain a safe and courteous distance from other participants, and must be considerate of non-participant boats.
4. Participants must practice safe boating at all times.
5. Participants can only leave their boats in the case of a thunderstorm, lightning or severe weather. In the case of severe weather participants may head to the nearest shoreline, until it is safe to resume fishing or head back to the weigh station.
6. Participants may come to shore only at the town beach dock to use the washrooms.
7. If a participant breaks down they can phone the emergency numbers provided and ask for a checker boat to pick up one member to come to the weigh station with their fish. This courtesy will only be available up to 3:00 PM each day.

## ANGLING DEFINITION FOR TOURNAMENT

1. Angling for fish in the Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend is defined as the use of a rod and reel with fishing line, hooks and bait. No other means of catching fish is allowed.
2. Live bait, artificial bait and depth finders are allowed in this tournament.

## FEE'S

1. The fee for the Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend is \$400.00 for registration and \$20.00 for the big fish contest. 70% of total registration fees will be paid back to the top 10 weights for the 2-day tournament. 70% of the big fish fees will be paid back to the biggest fish, 35% on day 1 and 35% on day 2.
2. Your team may withdraw from this tournament with written notice up until May 30, 2012. The entry fee minus a \$100.00 non-refundable portion will be returned to the team leader, or you can transfer the full fee to the next year's tournament.
3. Entry fees will be locked in as of 6:00 PM June 5, 2012. Cancellation after this date will require a medical certificate. The entry fee minus a \$200.00 non-refundable portion will be returned to the team leader. Or you can transfer your full fee to next year's tournament.
4. You can only transfer your team's fee once. If you cancel and wish to transfer your entry fee a second time there will be a \$100.00 deduction.
5. As a participant in this year's tournament your team has the option to pre-register for next seasons tournament. This position must be paid for in full by October 31, 2011. If you have not paid for your spot by October 31, 2011 your team will be removed and all spots will be based on a first come first serve basis.
6. Payment must be in Canadian funds and can be paid by cash or cheque. Payment can be made in person at Al's Sports Excellence 84 Front Street Sioux Lookout. Or cheques can be made out to the Sioux Lookout Anglers and Hunters and sent to "Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend Box 1268 Sioux Lookout, Ontario P8T 1B6".

## NUMBER OF BOATS

1. The Sioux Lookout Walleye Weekend is limited to the first 60 boats registered and paid teams. There will be a 10% over flow, which will allow 6 extra boats, for a total of 66 boats.

## TIES

1. The team with the highest daily weight will decide all ties.

## AWARDS

1. Awards will be held downstairs at the Royal Canadian Legion. The Legion will be open at 4:30 PM and the awards will start at 5:30 PM.
2. The Walleye Weekend will provide sandwiches and salads during the awards.
3. Awards will be top 10 cash and prizes.

## INDEMNIFICATION

1. The Sioux Lookout Walleye Committee, it's promoters, sponsors, organizers, hosts, directors, officers and affiliated organizations assisting the running of this tournament, are not responsible for any death, injury, damage, liability, fire, theft, or loss that may occur prior to, during or after the tournament however caused. All participants must sign a registration form, as well as, a release and indemnification agreement.