

2010 FALL CLASSIC OF CHAMPIONS

HEADWATERS CHAPTER OF MUSKIES, INC.

Release Tournament RULES and REGULATIONS



FISHING HOURS

FRIDAY, September 24, 2010 – Registration: 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

SATURDAY, September 25, 2010 – Fish 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 26, 2010 – Fish 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

- ★ PICK YOUR PARTNER
2 Person Team Event
2 Persons per Boat
- ★ NO LIVE BAIT-Artificial Only
- ★ Fishing THREE LAKES CHAIN
EXCEPT Whitefish and Spirit Lakes

Sponsored by Three Lakes Chamber of Commerce & Headwaters Chapter of Muskies, Inc.

OFFICIAL RULES

1. Contestants must enter as 2 person teams. All contestants must have a valid Wisconsin fishing license.
2. All boats will be required to meet U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations as well as those of the State of Wisconsin. Safe boating conduct and all safety precautions must be observed at all times. Each entrant will be required to have a U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD). It must be fastened and worn at the start of each day.

No alcoholic beverages are allowed during tournament hours. Intoxication by any contestant during the tournament hours will not be tolerated and shall be the cause for immediate disqualification.
- Each boat **MUST** display their tournament team numbers at **ALL TIMES**. Failure to do so could result in disqualification of the team. Each boat must have a live well device.
3. Permitted fishing waters are: Three Lakes Chain except Whitefish and Spirit Lakes.
4. **Tournament fishing hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 25 and from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday, September 26, 2010. Boats will start according to team number and must be available for prestart inspection with live wells open. If checking in late, you must go through inspection at the headquarters.**
5. All fish must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner on hook and line using artificial bait only. All fishing must be done from a tournament inspected boat.
6. During tournament fishing hours contestants permitted to go ashore at the authorized "Pit Stops" only. Except for emergencies, any other landings will be the basis for a contestants disqualification.

7. Fish are the responsibility of the team. Team will measure the fish in your own boat with officials overseeing. For scoring purposes all fish must be brought alive to one of the registration stations. A legal fish is 34 inches. One point will be awarded for each inch of fish. Fish will be measured in 1/4 inch increments. In the event a fish is unsuccessfully released, a 50% reduction in points will be assessed.
8. Any contestant has the right to protest against another team or contestant. However, the protest must be filed in writing with the tournament officials in person no later than 1/2 hour after the close of the fishing day. A \$100.00 fee must accompany any protest. A three (3) man protest committee will convene to hear both sides of the issue. Their decision shall be final in all cases. The protest fee shall be returned if the protest is found to be valid. However, the fee will not be returned if the protest is found to be invalid.
9. Any contestant found cheating will be immediately disqualified and the reason for the disqualification announced at the conclusion of the tournament.
10. Any contestant receiving a citation for a violation of any boating or fishing regulation is subject to immediate disqualification.
11. Any questions or problems connected with the rules of this tournament are to be referred to the tournament officials.
12. No fishing within approximately 100 yards of the registration stations.
13. No refunds will be returned after September 1, 2010.
14. This is a transport & release tournament. When a contestant has caught and released a fish, this contestant is finished musky fishing for the day. If the team catches a second fish, the team is finished for the day.
15. Immediately upon catching a legal musky it must be registered at one of the stations.
16. All ties will be broken by the first fish in.
17. All prizes not awarded will be raffled to teams not winning prizes already.
18. All fish must be registered during tournament hours to be eligible for prizes.