

# The Yough Walleye Association Spring Open Tournament

## May 18, 2024 – Yough RiverLake

### Somerfield Boat Launch

**Tournament Hours:** First Flight 7 A.M. - 3 P.M. Second Flight 7:15 A.M. - 3:15 P.M

Registration/Team Sign-In/Boat Check: 5:15 A.M. - 6:45 A.M.

Registration/Entry Fee: \$110 per Boat/Two Man Team (\$120 Morning of) - Lunker Pot Included

Prizes based on a 50 boat field
First Place - \$1,600
Second Place - \$1,000
Third Place - \$800
Fourth Place - \$400
Fifth Place - \$200
Lunker - \$500

*Top Three (3) places and lunker pot winner will receive plaques*

**You can register on our website or mail in the form below!**

*Food and refreshments will be provided.*

*Door prizes awarded after weigh-in is complete.*

Website - [www.youghwalleyeassociation.com](http://www.youghwalleyeassociation.com)

Facebook - Yough Walleye Association

Boat numbers for those pre-registered will be drawn at our May 7th meeting.

**Mail completed form with check payable to Yough Walleye Association.**

**Mail to:** Yough Walleye Association  
P.O. Box 613  
Hopwood, PA 15445

**For Further Information Call:**  
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### 2024 Yough Walleye Association Spring Open Registration Form

Registration/Entry Fee \$110/Boat

Boat Owner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Rider

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

We agree to waive and hold harmless the Yough Walleye Association or any supporters for any and all liability with the operation of the tournament. We agree to abide by all the rules and regulations, decisions of the judges and polygraph test.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Rules and Procedures

1. All Pennsylvania State Boating and Fishing regulations must be followed.
2. All teams must be checked in by 6:45 AM the morning of the tournament.
3. Boat numbers/starting position for those pre-registered will be drawn at our May 7th meeting. Those registering the morning of will be given numbers in the order they register.
4. Teams are responsible for knowing their start and end flight times.
5. Livewells will be inspected by a tournament official during check in. Your livewell must be checked before launching.
6. One functional livewell per boat is required or a cooler with a functioning aeration system.
7. Life Jackets / PFDs must be worn when the combustion engine is in operation.
8. Payout is top (3) places, then one (1) place per every five (5) boats after 15 boats. Payout is based on total weight.
9. Prizes (70% Payout of entries) are based on atleast a 15 boat field. If the field is not full, prizes will be reduced according to the same payout percentage calculations.
10. Six (6) fish limit per boat.
11. 15 inch minimum size walleye - measured mouth closed, tail slightly compressed. There will be a 4 oz. penalty per dead fish. **Any team that attempts to weigh a short fish will be disqualified.**
12. Any type of legal fishing methods can be used.
13. All fishing must be done from a boat.
14. No team boats/team members are allowed on shore during tournament hours except in the case of an emergency. Please contact a tournament official prior to heading ashore
15. Ties will be broken by the single largest walleye.
16. The lunker pot will be determined by the weight of a team's single largest walleye. One (1) lunker will be paid.
17. No littering on or off the water.
18. No team will be allowed within 50 feet of another boat.
19. The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited during the tournament.
20. The Yough Walleye Association reserves the right to modify or change the rules and regulations when needed.
21. Tournament will go off rain or shine.
22. Protests must be made within thirty (30) minutes of the end of the weigh-in.
23. The Tournament committee's decision is final.
24. Tournament hours may be adjusted at the discretion of the Yough Walleye Association due to severe weather or unsafe water conditions.
25. All fish become the property of the Yough Walleye Association to be released.
26. Failure to observe the tournament rules will result in disqualification and forfeiture of fees.

### Launch Procedures

1. A designated tournament official will call boat numbers by bull horn from their boat on the water.
2. Upon your boat number being called please idle past all boats before throttling up on plane. Please obey all boating signs and regulations.

### Weigh-In Procedures

1. The check in point will be at the launch ramp.
2. **All teams** must be within the line of sight of the launch ramp dock by the end of their flight.
3. A tournament official will be at the check in point. Please have a teammate check-in with the official before retrieving your truck/trailer.
4. **Any team arriving late to the check in point will not be allowed to weigh in.**

Cabela's National Team Championship Side-Pot  
May 18, 2023 – Yough River Lake  
Sommerfield Boat Launch

*Side-Pot registration is \$50. You must be a member of The Walleye Federation*

This is an optional sign-up.

The Cabelas' NTC Side-Pot is held in conjunction with the Yough Walleye Association Spring Open.

A minimum of ten (10) teams are needed for the side-pot.

**Winners of the side-pot tournament receive paid entry (\$300) into the 2025 Cabela's National Team Championship, a cash travel stipend, and custom plaques.**

For more information and to register, please visit [www.thewalleyefederation.com/sidepot-tournaments/](http://www.thewalleyefederation.com/sidepot-tournaments/)

**You MUST register online prior to the tournament**

Please contact us via our website, Facebook, or phone with any questions.

You may also contact The Walleye Federation at 1.580.765.2319