

# 2023 CANADIAN TIRE SLAVE LAKE ANGLERS' CUP LIVE RELEASE WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

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Fishing - Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> & Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
(Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> alternate date due to weather cancellation.)

Registration

Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

@ Slave Lake Curling Club 5:00-7:00 pm

followed by Mandatory Rules Meeting at 7:00 pm

## PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

- A) All persons 18 years of age or older are eligible. A parent or legal guardian must accompany contestants under the age of 18 years.
- B) Each team must correctly complete, sign and submit an official entry form along with all tournament entry fees by the required dates.

## OFFICIAL RULES

All rules have "loopholes" It is the intention of the organizers to provide an honest sportsmanlike tournament. In the interest of good sportsmanship, contestants are reminded the "spirit of the rule" will prevail in all judgment cases and the decisions of the committee are final. By signing this form, you are consenting to all rules written or expressed up to the final reading at rules meeting the night before the tournament.

## REQUIREMENTS/TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- A. **Any team, which does not conform to the following requirements and rules of the tournament, will be disqualified and tournament fees forfeited.**
- B. **All federal and provincial rules and regulations apply to angling and boating. Barbless is mandatory.**
- C. A team will consist of a captain and one partner, fishing from the same boat. No other persons will be allowed except for the pre-authorized written permission from the Tournament Director.
- D. **RULES MEETING** - Attendance is mandatory.
- E. Each live well must have a minimum capacity of 13.5 liters per fish and must be equipped with BOTH water exchange pump and separate aeration system.
- F. Cell phones are mandatory.
- G. Live wells must be inspected by Dock Officials at predetermined locations prior to the launch each day. A team or boat may be inspected at any time. There are marked Security and unmarked Security boats. Tournament Officials may board a contestant's boat at any time. During COVID restrictions, each partner will wear a mask if their boat is boarded by tournament officials.
- H. All teams must check in at the Timekeeper's boat which will be stationed just outside the entrance to the river. If you have a fish or not, we need to confirm you are "SAFE" and will not have to go looking for you. Any Teams that miss the weigh in deadline will be disqualified for that day. Official Timekeepers watch is final.
- I. NO WAKE ZONE in effect when leaving or entering the Slave River.
- J. NO boats or contestants may make physical contact with any other boat or shore during the Tournament hours; minimum distance between boats is "15" meters. Anchored boats will have the right of way. (Excluding Security Boats and Medical Staff)
- K. NO Boats or contestants are allowed on the water after Tournament hours.
- L. NO binoculars, marker buoys or underwater cameras are allowed.
- M. Any Team/Individual who is suspected of committing any offence against the Criminal Code of Canada, will have the matter turned over to the RCMP for investigation; pending results the team/individual may be disqualified and banned from future tournaments, plus forfeiting any prize money/product if allocated.
- N. Only 2 fish are allowed onboard at any time during tournament hours. All fish brought to the weigh dock must be weighed in.
- O. NOTE: It is recommended to transport fish in rear live wells to prevent physical damage to fish.
- P. No fishing in water that is 18 ft or deeper.
- Q. Any team that brings in a fish that has been fized is disqualified.
- R. In case of an emergency and you assist another team in trouble, the rescued team will be disqualified.
- S. The rescue boat will not be disqualified but must inform Tournament Headquarters immediately following the rescue.



## TOURNAMENT FLIGHT TIMES

Day One	Flight 1, Teams	1 - 25	START at 0600hrs WEIGH IN at 3:00 pm
	Flight 2, Teams	26 - 50	START at 0630hrs WEIGH IN at 3:30 pm
	Flight 3, Teams	51 - 75	START at 0700hrs WEIGH IN at 4:00 pm
	Flight 4, Teams	76-100	START at 0730hrs WEIGH IN at 4:30 pm

Day Two	Flight 1, Teams	100-76	START at 0600hrs WEIGH IN at 3:00 pm
	Flight 2, Teams	75-51	START at 0630hrs WEIGH IN at 3:30 pm
	Flight 3, Teams	50-26	START at 0700hrs WEIGH IN at 4:00 pm
	Flight 4, Teams	25-1	START at 0730hrs WEIGH IN at 4:30 pm

If you miss your start time – you will be held with the next flight. The committee reserves the right to even out the teams in each flight in the event the tournament does not have a full field. **PRE-FISHING ENDS AT 2 PM DAY PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT**

## SCORING

### A) WEIGH IN

Weigh in will be held at the Pumphouse in the river, next to the entrance to the marina. Boats will enter the river, drive by the weigh dock then turn and pull up to the dock going against the current. Once weigh in is complete, anglers will reload their fish back in live well and take them out to the lake to release. A release boat will be positioned outside the mouth of the river. Officials on that boat must see all fish released. They will be in radio contact with the weigh dock and will be aware of how many fish are to be released. This process will happen after each weigh in. This is a catch and release Walleye Tournament. Releasable fish to be weighed will be judged by the Official Fish Judge in your live well. Lids on live wells must remain closed once entering the buoys to Weigh Dock at the pumphouse in the river next to the entrance to the marina. This is for each time the team enters for a weigh in. Teams not following this rule will receive a disqualification for that day, including all fish that have been weighed.

### B) CRITERIA FOR FISH HEALTH

Walleye must maintain an upright position on their own in the water column displaying other signs of good health, including regular gill movement, be free of obvious exterior damage to gills, fins and face. The fish is NOT to be floating on the surface gulping for air or listing on its side. Fish that remain fixed on the bottom of the live well without regular gill movement or caved in belly's will be deemed unhealthy. Any fish found to have weights attached to its body at the weigh-in by the Weigh-In Master will be disqualified for that day.

### C) UNHEALTHY FISH RULE

Any fish deemed un-releasable by the Official Fish Judge / Weigh-in Master / Fisheries Official will be disqualified from daily accumulative weight total. (Zero weight will be given for each fish deemed unhealthy but will count towards your daily total of fish).

**1.** Only 2 Walleye with a MINIMUM length of 51 cm in length or longer are eligible for weigh in at one time. Fish length will be determined by the judge pinching the tail. If Weigh-In Official determines the fish does not meet length requirements, a short fish will result in a 2 lb. penalty for the boat, will be disqualified and will count towards your daily catch. This is a by weight tournament.

**2.** A MAXIMUM of 4 walleye per team per day will be eligible for weigh-in. Each team is allowed only 2 walleyes in their live wells at one time. Possession number decreases with each fish weighed in. Boats can return to a weigh-in as many times as needed during the day. The greatest 2 Day weight of accumulated fish will determine the Winners. Cash payout is based on a full field of teams.

**3.** In the event of a tie, the team with the largest weight on Day 2 will be declared winner. If still a tie, the boat who weighed in first will be the winner.

### D) The use of wet cotton gloves is mandatory when handling fish. This on the lake as well as in the weigh-in area. Any team found handling fish without gloves will be issued one warning and then disqualified for the day including any fish already weighed in. When releasing fish during Tournament, only 1 glove is required. When handling fish at weigh-in, 2 gloves are required.

The handling of the fish is very important. Any fish released in the lake by participants must be done in a safe manner to the fish. Any team found to be tossing or throwing a fish back will be issued one warning and then disqualified for the day including any fish already weighed in. When removing the fish from your live well to the baskets provided, you must ensure that a hand is around the tail loosely and the other hand under the belly for transfer. Any team found tossing, dropping or throwing fish will be issued one warning and then disqualified for the day including any fish already weighed in.

### E) **1. ALL PROTESTS** by contestants or officials may be lodged with their Tournament Director within 30 minutes of the completion of daily weigh-in

for each flight. A \$250.00 cash fee and the protest in writing are required. A Protest Committee made of the Tournament Officials will determine action. If the protest is not found valid the fee will not be returned. Any contestant or team with formal protest him/her may continue to fish the Tournament. However, that catch will not be tallied until the protest is resolved. The decision of the committee is final.

2. Verbal and/or physical abuse of Tournament Officials or Volunteers will result in immediate disqualification.

#### **F) BREAKDOWNS**

Boats which break down & do not make their flight time will be disqualified. Boats which assist will not. (i.e. rescue unless it is dangerous to boaters, a tournament boat will be sent to tow in.

#### **TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES**

North shore - N 55.31.801, W 115.03.012 (west of Oilman's Creek)

Canyon - N 55.23.779, W 115.09.757 – landmark with the white tank in the field on south shore.

There is no fishing allowed in any tributaries flowing in or out of the tournament boundaries including bulrushes and any man made or natural marinas and channels to marinas. Suitable markers/buoys will be placed on the lake.

#### **SAFETY**

- A. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than prescribed by a physician) during the tournament is prohibited. Violation will result in Team disqualification
- B. The Tournament committee reserves the right to refuse entry of any individual or team, or boat/motor deemed unsafe.
- C. Any teams that sustain problems while on the lake must notify the Tournament Director IMMEDIATELY. Non-compliance may result in team disqualification. If the team needs additional rescue the team will bear the costs fully for helicopter/fuel/staff etc.
- D. Approved PFD – Personal Flotation Device must be worn at the start of the day and any time trolling speeds are exceeded.
- E. Lightning or winds over 35km/hour will determine foul weather. In the event of foul weather forcing cancellation of either Friday or Saturday, Sunday becomes another angling day. Contingent for inclement weather will be given at the rules meeting. Winds will be determined from the Environment Canada web site.
- F. When average surface water temperature exceeds 20 degrees Celsius this may force a cancellation and an alternate angling day to be used.
- G. One team member must always remain in the boat. A team will be disqualified for the day if both team members exit the boat at the same time during the tournament.
- H. Once a team has been checked each day, the boat may not use any other dock other than the one located at the Municipal District Boat Launch. A team will be disqualified for the day if found to be in violation.