

# Rules and Regulations

## **I. Participants and Eligibility**

A. Contestants must enter as two-man teams. Any person under 18 years old must be teamed with their parent or legal guardian.

B. The first 180 properly completed entry forms with the \$400 fee will determine the tournament field.

C. Entry fee refunds will be made only if written notification is received by the tournament directors by July 10, 2018. A \$50 service charge will be applied for any refund.

D. Each entrant must have in his possession, a valid South Dakota Fishing License.

E. Promoters, tournament directors, and organizations assisting the Tournament operation, their agencies, agents, etc., are not responsible for

Death, injuries, damages, liability, theft, fire, or any loss of any kind to entrants. Each entrant, upon signing an entry form will in effect, be signing

a waiver form.

## **II. Safety**

A. All boats will be required to meet U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations as well as those of South Dakota.

B. Safe boating conduct and all safety precautions must be observed at all times.

C. Each entrant will be required to have a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD). It must be worn and fastened any time the boat is on full plane

D. No alcoholic beverages are allowed during tournament hours. Drunkenness by any competitor during the tournament hours will not be

tolerated and shall be cause for disqualification.

E. In the event of thunderstorms or lightening, contestants are allowed to put into the nearest shoreline until it is safe to continue fishing.

## **III. Tackle and Equipment**

A. All fish must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner on hook and line. All fishing must be done from a tournament inspected boat.

B. Each contestant will be allowed a maximum of two (2) lines in the water at any time. Spare rods and equipment may be carried in the boat.

C. CB or marine radios are allowed for emergency use only. Transmitting information over a cell phone or radio concerning any aspect of

taking fish during the tournament is prohibited.

D. All fish weighed must be kept and carried in live wells, on ice, or in coolers with ice. The use of fish stringers, wire baskets, boat bags or

other means of keeping fish, are prohibited.

#### **IV. Permitted Fishing Waters**

A. Fishing is permitted on portions of Lake Oahe beginning at the Oahe Dam extending North to Bush's Landing. Also included is the

Cheyenne River Arm to Minneconjou Boat Ramp. Boundaries will be posted with markers on opposite shore lines, GPS coordinates will be provided

at the rules meeting.

#### **V. Fishing Hours**

A. Tournament fishing hours are indicated on contestant weigh-in slips. Boats must be available for pre-start inspection as shown on weigh-in

slip. All boats must be inspected and tournament weigh-in slips validated before being allowed to leave in the flight.

B. The tournament field will be divided into flights according to the number of contestants. Each boat in each flight will go out single file,

15-20 seconds apart. Your number will be called by the lead boat at the starting line, and you must advance at no wake 40 yards past the start

boat before going to full throttle.

C. Contestants who return later than the assigned flight times as indicated on contestant weigh-in slip or who leave in an earlier flight will be

disqualified for that day. **No exceptions and no excuses.**

D. No contestant is permitted to be on the lake July 21 or 22 except during tournament hours. Pre-tournament practice is allowed anytime up

to 4 p.m. July 20, 2018.

#### **VI. Inspection**

A. All teams are subject to inspection during the tournament and patrol boats may conduct inspections at any time.

#### **VII. Scoring**

A. Prizes will be based on the most weight of walleyes, sauger, or saugeye caught in the tournament. Each boat will be allotted 8 tags per day.

All 8 fish must be tagged properly in the mouth of which 6 of the 8 fish will be weighed. The contestant will be responsible for the selection of

the 6 walleye to be weighed.

B. Minimum Size Limit: 15 Inch. MAXIMUM SIZE LIMIT: Two walleyes per day per boat (2 anglers). Twenty (20) inches or longer.

Fish will be measured from the top of the mouth to the farthest extension of the tail on a flat surface. STATE LAW: Lake Oahe-Daily limit may

include no more than one walleye/sauger 20 inches or longer (year around).

C. Any fish mauled, mashed, frozen, stringered, injected with water or other fluids, containing foreign matter to add weight, or showing extreme

loss of gill color may result in disqualification at the discretion of the tournament director.

D. Prizes are awarded to teams.

E. In the event of ties, final placing will be determined by the largest weight on the second day.

F. It is now illegal to high grade/cull walleye and sauger once they have been placed on a stringer, or in a live well, or other storage container.

(State Law)

G. Must be present at the awards ceremony held immediately after Sundays weigh-in in order to accept any prizes or awards.

## **VIII. Protests**

A. Any contestant has the right to protest another team or contestant. The protest must be filed in writing with the tournament director in person

no later than 1/2 hour after close of that fishing day. A \$200 protest 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. Tournament officials reserve the right to utilize polygraph

examinations in determining if prizes will be awarded. The fee will be returned if the protest is found valid. If found invalid the fee will not be

returned. Anyone found cheating will be immediately disqualified and the reason for disqualification announced at the weigh-in.

## **IX. Miscellaneous**

A. All questions of problems connected with the rules of this tournament are to be referred to the tournament officials.

B. Contestants are not permitted to fish within (20) yards of another boat at any time. In the interest of good sportsmanship, it is expected

competitors will not crowd nor impede each other. No contestant boat may pull up to another contestant boat during tournament hours.

C. Patrol and safety boats will pull up and may inspect contestants at any time.

D. Disqualifications for any reason will result in forfeiture of entry fee.

E. All rules have "loopholes." It is the intention of the sponsors to provide an honest sportsman-like tournament. In the interest of good

sportsmanship, contestants are reminded that the "spirit of the rule" will prevail in all judgment cases.

### **X. Tagging**

A. All fish must be tagged properly (in the mouth) when placed in live wells or coolers, on ice.

B. All tags must be accounted for each day at weigh-in. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

C. Each team will be issued 8 numbered tags each day.

D. Fish found not properly tagged by inspection teams will result in that teams disqualification.

### **Registration/Rules Meeting**

**July 20th - 5:00 PM**

**Ramkota, Pierre, SD**

### **Reminder**

All tags and tag bags for each day must be presented to tournament officials during the weigh-in to register the

team weight.