

19th ANNUAL BUTTERNUT LAKE MUSKY TOURNAMENT SPONSORED ST. CROIX RODS

CATCH AND RELEASE
August 13th & 14th, 2011
Hosted by Northern Pines Resort

1 ST Place	\$10,000	6 th Place	\$ 500
2 nd Place	\$ 4,000	7 th Place	\$ 350
3 rd Place	\$ 2,000	8 th Place	\$ 350
4 th Place	\$ 1,200	9 th Place	\$ 350
5 th Place	\$ 800	10 th Place	\$ 350

Cash prizes based on 60 teams

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Designated Team Captain _____

\$350 per team entry fee based on two-person team

\$10,000

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Northern Pines Resort

N16243 Lakeshore Drive, Butternut, WI 54514

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Butternut Lake Muskie Tournament Rules

- 1 Entries must be submitted by mail or hand delivered up to the day before the tournament. Entries will be accepted the night before the tournament if space is available, however those teams will ease out last.
- 2 If a team cancels prior to December 31st, their money will be returned. If a team must cancel prior to August 1st, their entry fee will be put towards next year's tournament. Entry fee is forfeited after August 1st.
- 3 At least one member must be present to register and attend the mandatory rules meeting held the night before the tournament. Registration will start at 5:00 p.m. on Friday followed by the reading of the rules at 7:00p.m. A valid excuse for missing the meeting must be approved in advance by tournament officials.
- 4 A team can substitute a team member up to and including the day before the tournament. NO substitutions can be made during the tournament without approval by the Tournament Director.
- 5 Contestants must be at least 18 years of age or fish with a parent or legal guardian.
- 6 All contestants MUST have a horn and flag to alert a judge to register fish. Fish are not allowed to be transported to a judge boat.
- 7 All tournament boats will have a registration (ease out) number affixed to the gas motor.
- 8 Tournament hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 6:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday.
- 9 Contestants will line up according to ease-out number, with all compartments and live well(s) open for inspection. Each contestant should have their life vest on while the gas motor is running.
- 10 Tournament boundaries shall be specified and marked. Fishing out of bounds is grounds for disqualification. Boundaries will be specified by the Tournament Director at the mandatory pre-tournament meeting.
- 11 Tournament officials reserve the right to alter daily start and finish times of events due to severe weather conditions.
- 12 Each person fishing is allowed only one (1) line in the water at a time.
- 13 No live bait, dead bait or gaff hooks are allowed. Only artificial baits may be used.
- 14 No fishing from bridges, piers, docks or the shore.
- 15 Contestant boats must maintain at least 50-foot intervals, with competitor's cast not breaching the 50-foot radius of another tournament boat.
- 16 All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation, and to conduct themselves in a manner that would be a credit to them, the Butternut Lake Muskie Tournament sponsors and to the sport of fishing.
- 17 Each boat will be required to abide by all State of Wisconsin boating and fishing laws.
- 18 No team may leave their boat except at the tournament headquarters.
- 19 No competitor may give, buy or barter a fishing location from anyone during the competition day.
- 20 During the official competition days of the tournament, a competitor may not use a CB radio, a marine-band radio, a cellular phone, or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating or catching fish. Competitors are permitted to transmit by radio or telephone only in the event of an emergency. Cell phones or marine radios can be used to contact judges in order to measure fish. If so equipped, competitors may listen to the marine-band radio weather information.
- 21 All fish must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner on hook and line using artificial baits only. All fishing must be done from a tournament inspected boat.
- 22 All fish will be measured on the lake at boat side and witnessed by an official judge. When the judge witnesses the fish swim away, that time will be recorded as "catch time". No fish will be measured after tournament hours.
- 23 All muskies of legal length will be measured on an official measuring board. Muskies which measure between a quarter of an inch will be bumped down to the nearest ¼ of an inch. The total number of inches at the end of the two day tournament will determine the final standings. A tie will be decided by the first team to reach the final tying point tally. Measurements may be taken with the fish's tail "pinched". The fish shall be handled and placed on the judge or tournament officials' measuring board by the contestant. The tournament judge or official shall then make his or her determination of length.
- 24 Any contestant receiving a citation from the DNR for a violation of any boating or fishing regulation is subject to immediate disqualification.
- 25 No alcoholic beverages are allowed in tournament boats during tournament hours. If alcohol is found or a contestant is determined to be intoxicated, the team can be disqualified.
- 26 The breaking of any rule is grounds for disqualification with no refund of the entry fee.
- 27 All decisions by tournament judges are final.
- 28 All contest winners must be present at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday afternoon.
- 29 Any questions or problems connected with the rules of this tournament are to be referred to the tournament officials.
- 30 A protest can be filed with tournament officials for a fee of \$100.00 with the fee being returned if the protest is valid.
- 31 All contestants can be subject to take a polygraph test before cash and or prizes are awarded.
- 32 As a participant, it is understood upon signing your entry form, that all liabilities of the promoter and their tournament sponsors are waived with no exception.
- 33 All fishermen participating in this tournament will be guaranteed a spot in the following year's tournament if an application and entry fee is received before December 31st.