

18th ANNUAL BUTTERNUT LAKE MUSKIE TOURNAMENT

CATCH AND RELEASE
August 7th & 8th, 2010
Hosted by Northern Pines Resort

ONLY 60 TEAMS

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| 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

Name _____ Name _____

T-shirt Size: Large X-Large XX-Large T-shirt Size: Large X-Large XX-Large

Address _____ Address _____

City, State & Zip _____ City, State & Zip _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

Designated Team Captain _____

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

\$10,000

Make Checks payable and mail to:
Northern Pines Resort
N16243 Lakeshore Drive, Butternut, WI 54514
For more information call: (715) 762-3001

Butternut Lake Muskie Tournament Rules

1. 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.
2. 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.
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. One team may substitute for another team (ONE only) in the event both team members cannot attend the rules meeting (a VALID excuse for missing the meeting must be approved **in advance** by tournament officials.)
4. A team can make a substitution for a contestant up to and including the day before the tournament.
5. Tournament boundaries shall be specified and fishing out of bounds is grounds for disqualification. Tournament boundaries shall be specified by the Tournament Director at the mandatory pre-tournament meeting.
6. All judges will have marine band radios and cell phones. All contestants must have a horn to alert a judge to register fish. The tournament sponsors are not responsible for dropped cell calls. No transport of fish is allowed.
7. Tournament officials reserve the right to alter daily start and finish times of events, due to severe weather conditions.
8. Contestants must allow judges, film or press boats to approach closer than the 50-foot minimum distance.
9. All contest winners must be present at awards ceremony.
10. Entries must be submitted by mail up to the day before the tournament. Walk-in entries will be accepted if space is available; however, those teams will ease out last.
11. 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 for a tournament inspected boat.
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 will be allowed. Artificial baits only. Wisconsin Fishing Rules Apply.
14. All muskies 34" or longer will be measured on an official measuring board Muskie measurements which are 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 fishing 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.

15. All fish will be measured on the lake at boat side witnessed by an official judge. All fish will be released live to earn team points. All fish will be released prior to judges announcing length. No fish will be measured after tournament hours.
16. All decisions by tournament judges are final.
17. Contestants must be at least 18 years of age or fish with a parent or legal guardian.
18. No fishing from bridges, piers, docks or the shore.
19. Contestant boats must maintain at least 50-foot intervals, with competitor's cast not breaching the 50-foot radius of another tournament boat.
20. All tournament boats will have a registration number affixed to the gas motor.
21. Each boat will be required to abide by all State of Wisconsin boating and fishing laws.
22. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in tournament boats during tournament hours.
23. No team may leave their boat except at the tournament headquarters, or other designated sites during the tournament hours.
24. The breaking of any rules is grounds for disqualification with no refund of the entry fee.
25. No competitor may give, buy or barter a fishing location from anyone during the competition day.
26. During the official competition day(s) 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.
27. All contestants can be subject to take a polygraph test before cash and or prizes are awarded,
28. Any questions or problems connected with the rules of this tournament are to be referred to the tournament officials.
29. A protest can be filed with tournament officials for a fee of \$100.00 with the fee being returned if the protest is valid. All decisions by tournament officials are final and binding.
30. Any contestant receiving a citation for a violation of any boating or fishing regulation is subject to immediate disqualification.
31. All prizes not awarded will be raffled off to teams who have not won any prizes.
32. 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 themselves, the Butternut Lake Muskie Tournament sponsors and to the sport of fishing.
33. 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.
34. Designated Team Captains will be guaranteed a spot in the following year's tournament if application and entry fee is received before January 1.