



## WISCONSIN YOUTH MUSKIE CHAMPIONSHIP

**June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Lake Waubesa in Madison, WI - Goodland County Park**

### **Contestants:**

1. All participants must be 18 years old or under.
2. Each participant is competing individually. More than one participant may share a boat.
3. Non-participants (such as a parent or other adult) may be in the boat, but they may not fish for any species during tournament hours. Non-participants are allowed to assist participants by offering advice, running the gas and electric motors, and netting fish being caught by youth participants.
4. All participants (both youth contestants and adults in the boat) must sign a Muskie Inc Release of Liability form before the start of competition.
5. Participants should compete with respect and sportsmanship.
6. WYMC officials may disqualify a participant for sportsmanship, rules violations, or other issues at their discretion.

### **Registration and Hours:**

7. Registration and pre-launch boat inspection will take place starting at 5:30am the day of the event at Goodland County Park on Lake Waubesa.
8. All participants must attend a mandatory rules meeting beginning at 6:30am.
9. Tournament fishing hours are 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., though this may be altered due to weather conditions or other considerations.
10. A free dinner will begin at 3:00pm at the Goodland County Park shelter.

11. An awards ceremony will follow the meal.

**Boats:**

12. All Wisconsin fishing and boating rules, regulations and licensing apply. It is the participant's responsibility to know these rules and regulations.

Please be particularly aware of the following requirements:

- anyone born in or after 1989 must have completed a boater safety course to operate a motorized boat, and the certificate must be carried on the boat.
- no one under the age of 10 may operate a motorized boat.
- anyone aged 10-11 may operate a motorized boat only if accompanied by a parent or other adult designated by the parent.
- anyone aged 12-15 may operate a motorized boat only if they have completed a boater safety course or if they are accompanied by a parent/designated adult.

13. Everyone on board must wear Personal Floatation Devices (PFD) at any time when the boat is under power with a gasoline motor, and the driver must use the motor kill switch. Participants are encouraged to wear PFDs at all times while on the water.

14. An identification tape/sticker will be provided during registration. This must be attached to participants' boats allowing it to be seen from a distance at all times.

15. All boats must carry at least one working cell phone in order to contact judge boats.

**Waters:**

15. Tournament waters are limited to Lake Waubesa. The boundaries are the shoreline of the lake, the railroad trestle bridge on the north end, and the lock/dam on the east side at Babcock Park.

16. All tournament boats should try to remain at least 100' away from any other boat, whether that boat is in the tournament or not.

17. Participants may only get into or out of a boat at Goodland County Park, and must check-in with tournament officials when doing so. Boats and participants may not come in contact with the shoreline at any other place during tournament hours.

**Fishing:**

18. Only one (1) fishing line and one (1) lure at a time is allowed in the water for each youth contestant.

19. All fishing must be done by casting with artificial lures. No trolling or use of live/dead bait is allowed. Trolling is defined as moving a lure through the water by the use of oars, gasoline motors, or electric motors.

20. Each boat must contain a net and release tools of adequate size, shape, and condition to contain and successfully release muskies unharmed.

## 21. Fish Registration Process

- When a muskie is caught, keep the fish in the water contained within the net.
- Immediately call a judge boat using the provided cell phone numbers.
- Unhook the fish, but do not remove the fish from the water or bring it into the boat.
- When the judge boat arrives, the judge will assist in the measurement process using the judge's bump board, taking of a photograph, and release back into the lake.

## 22. Scoring

- Winners are determined by the largest single muskie or tiger muskie caught; scoring is not cumulative for multiple fish.
- Measurement will be determined to the nearest ¼" (quarter inch) by the judge.
- Fish must be released alive and healthy. Any unsuccessful release (as determined by the judge) will result in that fish being disqualified.

## **Prizes:**

22. Wisconsin Youth Muskie Championship plaques will be presented to the youth participants registering the three (3) largest muskies. If less than 3 muskies are registered, the remaining places will be ranked according to the largest Northern Pike.

23. A grand prize will be awarded by random drawing to the youth participants. Participants will earn one entry in the drawing for:

- pre-registering by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016
- participating in the tournament
- each muskie caught during tournament hours

24. Additional door prizes will be awarded to every youth participant.

25. You must be present at the awards ceremony to win.

