

## **Big River Walleye Circuit (BRWC) “Slobtoberfest” Official Rules**

*Mississippi River Pool 4 - Hager City, WI*

*Saturday, October 30, 2021 = 7:00AM-2:00PM*

Back Channel/Trenton Island Boat Landing

Registration opens September 29th. Register via the FishDonkey App.

1. The Big River Walleye Circuit (BRWC), its officers and employees, promoters, tournament directors, sponsors, volunteers, and organizations assisting in the tournament operation, their agencies, etc are not responsible for deaths, injuries, damage, liability, theft, fire, or any loss of any kind to entrants.
2. Each team is a representative of the Big River Walleye Circuit and is expected to follow a high standard of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any team failing to uphold this professionalism may be disqualified.
3. Disqualification from the tournament for any reason will result in forfeiture of entry fee.
4. Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 30 and fishing hours shall run from 7:00AM to 2:00PM. Anglers can pre-fish up to 6:00PM the day before the event. Tournament director may adjust tournament hours as deemed appropriate.
5. All teams must launch and take off from the designated launch site. Teams do not need to return by the designated end time, however the FishDonkey App will shut off at the designated end time. However, all teams must check in with director via text by 2:30.
6. There will be a mandatory boat check and rules meeting at 6:30AM the morning of the tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS
7. You may not load, trailer, and relaunch your boat once after you have completed the initial boat check and launch. Putting your boat back on the trailer signifies that you are done fishing for the day. Any exception to this must be cleared by the tournament director prior to loading the boat.
8. Deadline to enter a tournament is 11:59 PM on the Tuesday before the scheduled tournament date. Entry fees and registration must be received and completed on the FishDonkey App by this time. NO EXCEPTIONS
9. Each two-person team is required to pay a \$50 entry fee via the FishDonkey App. A percentage of the proceeds will go to cover tournament administration fees, permits, insurance, prizes/awards, staff, and expenses. Payouts and number of places will be determined based upon the number of boats competing in each event.

10. BRWC will not be organizing and sponsoring a big fish pot. Anglers can organize and establish a big fish side pot if they choose.
11. There will be no age limit; however, an adult must accompany each person under the age of 18. Only two (2) persons will be allowed per boat. The tournament director(s) reserve the right to refuse any entrant.
12. Full Field is limited to 19 teams. If the field fills, alternates will be placed on a waiting list in the order of entry received.
13. In the event of a cancellation of a tournament due to weather or water levels, the event will be rescheduled for another date. Collected entry fees will be applied to the rescheduled event. A team can elect to have their entry refunded less processing fees.
14. All Tournaments will be Catch; Record; Release format events utilizing the FishDonkey App. There is no daily limit or possession of fish as this is a catch and release tournament.
15. Walleye, sauger, and saugeye are eligible. Minimum fish length = 14"
16. All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner per the state regulations. Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. Violation or issuing of a citation by a DNR official will result in immediate disqualification.
17. Fish must be measured on a bump board approved by the Big River Walleye Circuit ("Judge" rulers preferred). Rulers must have engraved or embossed (permanent) measure marks to the nearest 1/4". No stickers or adhesive measuring devices; no tape measures. Please check with tournament director if you have a question regarding your bump board.
18. Measuring of fish - The fish's head must be facing to the left with the belly to the angler doing the measuring. A single photograph of the fish on the bump board clearly showing the nose (mouth closed) touching the bump board and the length of the tail (pinched or swiped) must be presented on each fish recorded in the FishDonkey app. There are to be no fingers placed in the gills or mouth of the fish. Any fingers in the gills or mouth of the fish will disqualify that fish. Once a clear picture has been taken of the fish on the bump board and the anglers feel good about the picture a hero shot of the opposite side of the fish must be taken on the next immediate picture. Finally, a release video clearly showing the fish being released back into the water must also be included.
19. Fish length is to be recorded on the FishDonkey App along with photos of fish on bump board, hero shot, and release video of the fish. Fish length recording will be to the next .25" on the app and score card. Example: 30" walleye on bump board is entered as 30.25 in the FishDonkey App. Weights will be automatically

calculated based off the length entered. Tournament officials will be reviewing and adjusting any incorrectly entered fish. Any pictures that are submitted showing fingers in the gills or the mouth of the fish will disqualify that fish.

20. Weight will be determined by your best five walleyes, sauger, and saugeye on a length to weight ratio.
21. Ties between places will be determined by the team's largest fish recorded. If a tie still remains then places will be determined by flip of the coin.
22. Anglers must possess a valid fishing license for the appropriate state and waters they are going to fish.
23. All state/border water fishing regulations are applicable. In the event there is a conflict between state regulations and BRWC rules, the more restrictive rule or regulation will be used.
24. If enough TWF members are interested, BRWC will host "side pot" event in conjunction with "Slobtoberfest" to allow for teams to qualify for the NTC.
25. All tournament boats must measure a total length of fourteen (14) feet and a minimum of 15 hp for safety reason. Each boat is required to possess liability insurance for their boat in any BRWC event- it is the owner's responsibility to possess this. All boats participating must be in good operating condition
26. Life jackets must be zipped and buckled. Kill switch must be attached to the boat operator anytime the main combustible engine is in operation above idle speed. All life jackets must be US Coast Guard approved
27. If you have boat problems, must leave the event early, or any other problems during the tournament hours please contact the tournament director or tournament committee member to let them know the situation.
28. No drinking of alcohol or illegal drug use during tournament hours.