

2022 Tournament Rules & Regulations

Tournament Date: May 14, 2022

1. This is an open tournament to men, women and youth. Youth participants under the age of (18) must have their Release of Liability signed by parent/legal guardian.
2. Two anglers per boat, each person must be a tournament registrant. If requesting to fish alone, the full fee will still apply. The Tournament field is limited to 100 boats.
3. Entry Fees: \$230.00 before March 15th. March 16th and thereafter, the fee is \$250.00. Entry Fee Day of Tournament will be \$260.00. Entry fee includes tournament entry, dinner, and big fish pool. Any request for entry fee refund must be received prior to April 30, 2022. Refunds will be issued minus accumulated fees at the time of request.
4. Day of Tournament Registration: 5:30 am to 6:45 am at Tournament Headquarters, (Time to Bite, 25836 IL-173, Antioch, IL 60002)
5. BOAT NUMBER ASSIGNMENTS: Starting positions will be assigned in the order that complete entry forms are received and based on postmark date or on-line registration. Starting positions will be posted on the Fox River Valley Chapter of Muskies Inc. website (www.frvmuskie.com) from time to time as they are received.
6. NO LIVE BAIT CAN BE USED DURING THE TOURNAMENTS.
7. Tournament waters include those North of the Stratton Dam in McHenry to the Wisconsin State Line on the Fox River.
8. Entrants are responsible for all launch fees.
9. All USCG, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Fox Waterway Safety regulations apply. Tournament participants are strongly encouraged to wear PFD while operating their large outboards while motoring except when trolling.
10. All boats must have a current Fox Waterway Sticker.
11. Tournament Fishing Hours: 7:00 am to 4:00 pm
12. Bluff Lake will be the central staging and tournament take off point, and for safety reasons will be considered "NO WAKE" for all tournament boats during pre-staging and tournament start, Participants must have starting numbers affixed to motors, and will be released based on boat number, a live well check will be completed as participants pass by the take-off point. All boat compartment lids must be open for inspection.
13. Failure to comply with "No Wake start" rule will result in immediate disqualification, no exceptions.
14. Fish must be hooked and played by one person and only that person may enter the fish in the contest. Assistance landing fish is permitted.
15. All caught 30" or longer muskies entered must be released immediately after measurement and being witnessed. Measurement of the length must be witnessed by at least 2 persons. No more than one witness from the boat in which the Muskie was caught. Witnesses do not have to be tournament contestants. The boat may not be moved in any manner to obtain a witness. Fish must be measured with a ruler lying on a flat surface. Time of release must be entered on release form when witnessed. Any tournament contestant who refuses to witness a fish will be disqualified.
16. Release forms will be provided to each contestant. Contestants must turn in fully completed release forms with a digital or Polaroid picture for each fish at registered no later than **4:30 PM** Tournament day at Headquarters at the **Time to Bite, 25836 IL-173, Antioch, IL 60002**. Late release forms will not be accepted and will result in the catch being disqualified. (Location subject to change)
17. Prize Payout will be based on a 100 boat field. The number and amount of prizes paid will be adjusted based on tournament field if less than 100 boats.
18. In case of ties, first fish caught / time will break ties. Each team is eligible for one prize only.
19. In case a contestant's position is challenged, a **written protest** must be provided to the Tournament Committee Immediately. Individuals concerned may be required to take a truth verification examination. All rules of the 1988 Polygraph Protection Act will be followed.
20. The tournament committee is final judge of all tournament rules.
21. Winners are responsible for any local, state and federal taxes. Payments over \$600 will require filling out IRS Form W-9.
22. If there are any questions concerning the 2022 FRV tournament, please call one of the following people:

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