

OFFICIAL RULES FOR WILLVIL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

Friday June 9th 2017 & Saturday June 10th 2017

1. ELIGIBILITY

All persons 18 years or older may fish the WILLVIL WALLEYE tournament. Anglers under the age of 18 must fish with a parent or guardian.

2. WARNING

This is a catch and release tournament. It is also a barbless hook event. Anyone caught breaking the rules of this tournament shall be disqualified from this and or all future tournaments. Abuse of tournament officials, volunteers or other competitors will not be tolerated and disqualification will result. No defacing of any kind will be tolerated on boat number decals or sponsor decals.

3. WAIVER

Promoters and organizers assisting in tournament operations, their agencies and agents are not responsible for death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire or any loss to entrants. In case of death this includes heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin. By signing this waiver you agree to a Polygraph test if deemed by Willvil Walleye Official's. The signed entry form is a waiver form

4. REQUIREMENTS

- a) Each contestant shall be in the possession of a VAILD Alberta sport fishing license and a pleasure craft license.
- b) All boats will be required to meet U.S or Canadian Safety Regulations.
- c) All contestants are required to observe Canadian rules and regulations concerning boating safety.
- d) All teams' boats must be equipped and use the live wells. These live wells must be aerated to retain live fish.
- e) Each contestant will be required to have a U.S or Canadian Approved floatation device. **They must be worn when the large motor is running and boat is traveling at speeds at or greater than 10 kmh.**
- f) The use of electric trolling motors, electric and electrical depth finders, under water cameras, GPS systems, and oxygen meters are allowed.

5. TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES

The body of Pinehurst Lake. **NO FISHING** in snug cove (mud bay).

6. REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- a) Registration will be held at ELINOR LAKE RESORT in tent. This shall be on Thursday June 8th 2017 starting at 3:00 pm until 6:30 pm.
- b) At least one member of each fishing team must attend the pre-tournament rules meeting to be held at the registration tent. This will be commencing at 7:00 pm.
- c) **BOTH MEMBERS MUST** sign & place schedule A forms in their boats before they can go out fishing.
- d) Bring your fishing and boating license to registration.

7. PROTESTS

- a) Any contestant has the right to make a protest against another contestant. A protest form will be available from the tournament committee and must be filled out and presented back to the committee within one hour of the close of that fishing day.
- b) A \$300 protest fee will be required before any protest will be considered. If the protest is found to be invalid by the protest committee the fee will not be returned.
- c) Any contestant involved in a protest must be available for three hours following the end of that fishing day.
- d) All protest against Dock Master, and or Weigh personal shall be immediately found invalid.

8. WEIGH IN

- a) The scale shall be open throughout the fishing day.
- b) Each team will be responsible for their own catch. Under no circumstances may anyone other than the contestants in that boat shall handle or touch the catch until presented for weigh in.
- c) A team member may accompany the catch to the scale. Each team shall receive a copy of their scales ticket. The scale ticket shall be initialed by a team member. This is an agreement that they accept the fish weight. If not initialized fish will be deemed both a Zero.
- d) All fish shall be inspected in live wells on the boats. All live well lids are to remain closed until doc master enters boat. If pulling up to weigh boat and live well is open, boat will be instructed to go to end of line or wait 10 min, whichever is greater, for fish to be weighed.
- e) All weights and clips must be removed from fish prior to dock master entering your boat for inspection of the catch. If not REMOVED, a 1 min wait time shall incur.
- f) A re-weigh may be requested, but the SECOND WEIGHT will be OFFICIAL.
- g) Fish called as un-releasable will be given a ZERO weight and count as one fish weighed. Two dead fish will make the team invalid to fish the remainder of the day.
- h) All fish on board must be weighed in at that time.

9. FISHING HOURS

Flight 1 boats 1-50 Flight 2 boats 51-100

- a) Friday June 9th, 2017 Flight 1 – Fishing day begins @ 7:00am - ends @ 2:00pm
Flight 2 – Fishing day begins @ 8:00am - ends @ 3:00pm
- b) Saturday June 10th, 2017 Flight 2 – Fishing day begins @ 7:00am - ends @ 2:00pm
Flight 1 – Fishing day begins @ 8:00am - ends @ 3:00pm
- c) Contestants who return late will be penalized 1 pound per minute late. After 5 minutes, a zero weight for remaining fish not weighed.
- d) Boats will be leaving by number callout starting with boat 1. This is reversed for day two.
- e) Boats will be inspected before and after that day of the tournament. This will incur at the launch area. During tournament hours, patrol boats may periodically inspect boats and fishing equipment.

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10. FISHING

- a) Only fish **CAUGHT ON A BARBLESS HOOK** and line in normal and usual manner will be accepted.
- b) Each team member will be allowed only one line in the water at a time. Spare rods and equipment can be carried in the boat.
- c) **ONLY FISH THAT ARE 51cm and greater in length (pinched tail)** are allowed to be weighed.
- d) Any fish brought in under 51cm will be counted as one fish but no weight will be given.
- e) No more than two fish maybe in your live well at one time.
- f) Each team may weigh four fish per tournament day.
- g) A contestant must not leave the boat to land a fish or for any other reason during the fishing day.
- h) Participants will conduct themselves as true sportsmen when fishing near another boat. No boat may touch another.
- i) Live baits and artificial baits and lures are allowed. Electric luring devices are prohibited. No live minnows.
- j) Any team not abiding by the Alberta Fishing Regulations will be disqualified.
- k) **NO FIZZING OF FISH!**
- l) Any team found putting dead fish back into the water will be disqualified.
- m) If an emergency exists, patrol boats will be clearly marked for identification and cell numbers given out.
- n) Team disqualification for any reason will result in forfeit of all fees paid.
- o) There will be no tournament boats on Pinehurst lake after 11:59pm Sunday June 4th until 6:00 am Thursday June 8th. Tags are not allowed to be used during this week also since it uses fishing allocation time for the tournament.**
- p) Pre fishing hours are only from 7:00 am to 11:00 am Thursday June 8th. All boats must be off the water by 12:00pm. Any participant(s) found breaking this rule, both team members will be disqualified and entry fee will not be refunded.**

11. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- a) Lightning, winds 35kmh or greater. It will be at the discretion of the tournament committee wither the tournament shall start or continue.
- b) Sunday will be the alternate day with fishing from 7:00am to 2:00pm for all entries. Prizes will be given away by lottery if no fishing occurs.

12. Prizes

- a) All prizes are based on a 100 boat field
- b) Prizes will be awarded for most weight per day and most weight overall for the two days of the tournament.
- c) Prizes will be awarded on a team basis
- d) In case of a tie, the team with the greatest weight taken on day two shall be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, whom ever weighed in first on day to wins?
- e) Prizes will be awarded at 6:30pm. This will occur at the registration tent at ELR.

13. OTHER PRIZES

- a) Contingency prizes maybe available by contributors, supporters, and other parties.
- b) Rules for other prizes maybe stipulated by those offering the prize.

14. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) If one of the team members drops out before the tournament, they may be replaced by the choice of the remaining team member. The tournament committee must be notified of the change before the tournament starts.
- b) If an entire team drops out, the place will be filled by the tournament committee and not by the choice of the team that drops out. The entry fee will only be refunded if that place can be filled by another team.
- c) Each team will consist of one Captain & Partner.
- d) Entry deadline is Sunday June 4th 12:00pm
- d) **The committee has the RIGHT to REFUSE any ENTRY**

15. Sportsmanship

- a) All participants and their guests must conduct themselves in a professional and curious manor. You must follow provincial rules and guidelines. Anyone found causing a disturbance either directly or indirectly in the week prior and during the tournament will be immediately disqualified and all entries will be forfeited. This can be followed up with provincial charges. The committee shall decide future consequences which may include a life time ban from this tournament.

16. SPIRIT OF THE RULE

All rules have loopholes, it is the intention of the organizers to provide an honest, sportsmanlike tournament in the interest of good sportsmanship. Contestants are reminded that the spirit of the rule shall prevailing any and all judgement cases.