

2018 LARRY DAHLGREN MEMORIAL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

SPRUCE POINT PARK, KINUSO, ALBERTA

Fishing – Friday, May 25th and Saturday, May 26th, 2018
Rules Meeting – Thursday, May 24th, 2018
CFE# 574463

Participants and Eligibility

- A) All persons 18 years of age or older are eligible. A parent or legal guardian must accompany contestants under the age of 18 years.
- B) Each team must correctly **completely, sign and submit** an official entry form along with all tournament entry fees by the required dates.

OFFICIAL RULES

All rules have “loopholes” It is the intention of organizers to provide an honest sportsmanlike tournament. In the interest of good sportsmanship, contestants are reminded the “spirit of the rule” will prevail in all judgement cases and the decisions of the committee are final. By signing this form you are consenting, to all rules written or expressed up the final reading at the rules meeting the night before the tournament.

Requirements/Tournament Format

- A) Any team, which does not conform to the following requirements and rules of the tournament, will be disqualified and tournament fees forfeited.
- B) A team will consist of a captain and one partner, fishing from the same boat. No other persons will be allowed except for the pre-authorized written permission form the Tournament Director.
- C) All federal and provincial rules and regulations apply to angling and boating. **Barbless is mandatory.**
- D) One member of the team must **attend the mandatory rules meeting** held the evening prior to Day 1.
- E) All winning teams must be present at the award ceremonies following Day 2.
- F) Each live well must have a minimum capacity of 13.5 litres per fish and must be equipped with **BOTH** water exchange pump and separate aeration system.
- G) **Cell phones are mandatory**
- H) Live wells must be inspected by Dock Officials at predetermined locations prior to the launch each day. A team or boat may be inspected at any time. There are marked Security and unmarked Security boats. Tournament Officials may board a contestant’s boat at any time.
- I) All teams must check in at the Time Keeper’s boat which will be stationed at the entrance to the Spruce Point Park Marina. If you have a fish or not we need to confirm you are “SAFE” and will not have to go looking for you. Any Teams that miss weigh in deadline will be disqualified for that day. **Official Timekeepers watch in final.**
- J) The weigh in station will be located in the Spruce Point Park Marina, therefore a release sight will be used. The Release boat will be located to the west of the Marina opening, it will be well marked.

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Anglers will be responsible for transporting their weighed in fish back to this location for release after weigh in is completed. There will be no fishing allowed within 500 meters of the release boat. The process of leaving and entering the Marina will be discussed in detail during the mandatory rules meeting.

- K) NO WAKE ZONES in effect when leaving or entering the Marina or near the release boat location.
- L) NO boats or Contestants may make physical contact with any other boat or shore during the Tournament hours; minimum distance between boats is “15” meters. Anchored boats will have the right of way. (Excluding Security Boats and Medical Staff).
- M) NO Boats or contestants are allowed on the water after Tournament hours.
- N) NO binoculars, mark buoys or underwater cameras are allowed.
- O) Any Team/Individual who is suspected of committing any offense against the Criminal Code of Canada, will have the matter turned over to the RCMP for investigation; pending results the team/individual may be disqualified and banned from future tournaments, plus forfeiting any prize money/product if allocated.
- P) Only 2 (two) fish are allowed on board at any time during tournament hours. All fish brought to weigh in station must be weighed.
- Q) NOTE: It is recommended to transport fish in rear live wells to prevent physical damage to fish.
- R) NO fishing in water that is 18ft or deeper.
- S) Any team that brings in a fish that has been fized is disqualified.
- T) In case of emergency and you assist another team in trouble, the rescued team is disqualified. The rescue boat will not be disqualified but must call Tournament Headquarters immediately following rescue.

Tournament Flights will be in 2 stages:

Day One	Flight 1, Teams	1-40	START at 0600hrs WEIGH IN at 1500hrs (3pm)
	Flight 2, Teams	41-75	START at 0700hrs WEIGH IN at 1600hrs (4pm)

Day Two	Flight 1, Teams	41-75	START at 0600hrs WEIGH IN at 1500hrs (3pm)
	Flight 2, Teams	1-40	START at 0700hrs WEIGH IN at 1600hrs (4pm)

If you miss your start time – you will be held with the next flight.

The committee reserves the right to even out the teams in each flight in the event the tournament does not have a full field. Teams will be assigned the next available team number when registering.

PRE-FISHNG ENDS AT 2 PM DAY PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT

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SCORING

- A) This is a catch and release Walleye Tournament. Releasable fish to be weighed will be judged by the Official Fish Judge in your live well. Lids on live wells must remain closed once entering the marina to Weigh Station. This is for each time enters for a weigh in. Teams not following this rule will receive a disqualification for that day, including all fish that have been weighed.
- B) **CRITERIA FOR FISH HEALTH:**
Walleye must maintain an upright position on their own in the water column displaying other signs of good health, including regular gill movement, be free of obvious exterior damage to gills, fins and face. The fish is NOT to be the bottom of the live well without regular gill movement or caved in bellies will be deemed unhealthy. Any fish found to have weights attached to its body at the weigh in by the Weigh-In Master will be disqualified for that day.
- C) **UNHEALTHY FISH RULE:** Any fish deemed un-releasable by the Official Fish Judge/Weigh-in Master/Fisheries Official will be disqualified from daily accumulative weight total. (Zero weight will be given for each fish deemed unhealthy, but will count towards your daily fish total of fish).
- D) **1.** Only 2 Walleye with a **MINIMUM** length of 51 cm in length or longer are eligible for weigh in at one time. Fish length will be determined by the judge pinching the tail. If Weigh-In Official determines the fish does not meet length requirements, a short fish will result in a 2lb penalty for the boat, will be disqualified and will count towards your daily catch. **This is a by weight tournament.**
2. A **MAXIMUM** of 4 walleye per team per day will be eligible for weigh-in. Each team is allowed only 2 walleye in their live wells at one time. Possession numbers decreases with each fish weighed in. Boats can return to a weigh-in as many times as needed during the day. The greatest 2 Day weight of accumulated fish will determine the Winners. Cash payout is based on a full field of teams.
3. In the event of a tie, the team with the largest weight on Day 2 will be declared the winner. If still a time the 2 places cash will be combined and divided equally.
- E) The use of wet cotton gloves is mandatory when handling fish. This on the lake as well as in the weigh-in area. Any team found handling fish without gloves will be issued one warning and then disqualified for the day including any fish already weighed in. When releasing fish during Tournament, only 1 glove is required. When handling fish at weight-in, 2 gloves are required.
- F) The handling of the fish is very important. Any fish released in the lake by participants must be done in a safe manner to the fish. Any team found to be tossing or throwing a fish back will be issued one warning and then disqualified for the day including any fish already weighed in.
- G) When removing the fish from your live well to the baskets provided, you must ensure that a hand is around the tail loosely and the other hand under the belly or transfer. Any team found tossing, dropping or throwing fish will be issued one warning then disqualified for the day including any fish already weighed in.
- H) **1. ALL PROTESTS** by contestants or officials may be lodged with their Tournament Director within 30 minutes of the completion of daily weigh-in for each flight. A \$250.00 cash fee and the protest in writing are required. A Protest Committee made of Tournament Officials will determine action. If the protest is not found valid the fee will not be returned. Any contestant or team with formal protest

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against him/her may continue to fish the Tournament. However, that catch will not be tallied until the protest is resolved. The decision of the committee is final.

2. Verbal and/or physical abuse of Tournament Officials or Volunteers will result in immediate disqualification.

- I) **BREAKDOWNS** – Boats which break down & do not make their flight time will be disqualified. Boats which assist will not. (i.e. rescue unless it is dangerous to boaters, a tournament boat will be sent to tow in.)

TOURNAMENT BOUNDRIES

The tournament boundary will be to the west side: 55°24'53.71 N 115°46'18.59W south shore big grassy and 55°30'37.26 N 115°47'14.95W north shore. And to the east side: 55°25'58.34N 115°24'36.91W south shore and 55°29'26.61N 115°24'57.65W north shore. There is no fishing allowed in any tributaries flowing in or out of the tournament boundaries including bulrushes and any man made or natural marina and channels to marinas. Suitable markers will be placed and contestants should be familiar with the lake maps in the pre-tournament package.

SAFETY

- A) Use of alcohol or drugs (other than prescribed by a physician) during the tournament is prohibited. Violation will result in Team disqualification.
- B) The Tournament committee reserves the right to refuse entry of any individual or team, or boat/motor deemed unsafe.
- C) Any teams that sustain problems while on the lake must notify the Tournament Director IMMEDIATELY. Non-compliance may result in team disqualification. If the team needs additional rescue the team will bear the costs fully for helicopter/fuel/staff etc.
- D) Approved PFD – Personal Flotation Device must be worn at the start of the day and any time trolling speeds are exceeded.
- E) Lightning or winds over 35km/hr will determine foul weather. IN the event of foul weather forcing cancellation of either Friday or Saturday, Sunday becomes another angling day. Contingent for inclement weather will be given at the rules meeting. Winds will be determined from the Environment Canada web site.
- F) When average surface water temperature exceeds 20 degrees Celsius this may force cancellation and an alternate angling day to be used.
- G) One team member must remain in the boat at all times. A team will be disqualified for the day if both team members exit the boat at the same time during the tournament.
- H) Once a team has been checked each day, the boat may not use any other dock other than the one located at the Spruce Point Park Marina. A team will be disqualified for the day if found to be in violation.