

## 2017 MONTANA GOVERNOR'S CUP WALLEYE TOURNAMENT RULES

**1. Eligibility:** Any applicant under the age of 18 must be accompanied by and adult (18 and over) partner. There will be no more than 200 teams fishing in the tournament. The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any individual.

**2. Rules Meeting:** At least one team member must attend the rules meeting on the evening prior to the beginning of the tournament at 5:00 p.m. at Kiwanis Park, Fort Peck, Montana. Pre-fishing is not permitted after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday; violators will be disqualified from the tournament.

**3. Regulations:** Each entrant must possess a valid Montana fishing license. All contestants must observe U.S. Coast Guard and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Park's rules and regulations.

**4. Teams:** Contestants must enter as **two-person teams**. Tournament officials must approve any change of team members and a new application must be completed by the team and signed.

**5. Tournament Headquarters:** Tournament headquarters will be located at the Fort Peck Marina in Fort Peck, Montana.

**6. Fishing Area:** Fishing will be allowed only within the boundaries of the tournament area as described on a map which will be provided to each team prior to the contest.

**7. Tournament Hours:** Tournament hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. In the event the competition is cancelled on either Friday or Saturday, Sunday will become a "make-up" day.

**8. Inspection:** Boats will receive an inspection each day prior to launching and receive the scorecard for that day. All boats in the tournament must display identifying marking provided by tournament officials. All tournament boats maybe subject to an inspection by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks prior to tournament start for exotic plant and aquatic species. No boat may have walleye on board prior to the fishing tournament.

**9. Tackle:** Artificial and live baits are allowed. Each contestant may fish with up to two lines at a time. Spare rods and equipment may be carried in the boat.

**10. Boat Operations:** All teams must depart by boat from the starting area under the direction of the tournament officials. The order of departure will begin with a randomly selected team number and be reversed on the second day. Cellular phones/text messaging, CB's or marine band radios may not be used to relay tournament fishing information and should be used for emergency transmissions only during tournament hours.

**11. Fishing:** The tournament will be operated as a "Catch and Release" format. Fish may be measured at patrol boats. A dead fish will receive zero weight. Fish length will be recorded and the fish released if alive and in releasable condition. Any live walleye 24-inches or longer can be tagged and kept as a trophy with no penalty. **The same rules will apply for Big Fish Northern.** Teams will not be allowed more than 5 fish in the boat at any time, excluding the Wee Walleye (Under 10 inches). Sauger and Saugeye must be released immediately as they are a species of special concern and may not be in your possession during the tournament. Non-releasable fish (i.e. dead fish) will be tagged, counted in the 5 fish maximum through the rest of the day and counted as a zero on the score card.

**12. Scoring:** There is a 14.25 inch minimum length requirement for any walleye caught. The length of the fish must hit the 14

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inch mark to be scored a legal fish. There will be no 14 inch fish shown on weigh cards. Daily scores will be the total measurement converted to weight of up to 5 walleye. These 5 will be selected by the team from all the fish measured and recorded for that day. The 5 selected MUST INCLUDE any TAGGED FISH.

**13. Checking in/Late Penalty:** All boats must be checked in each day with the officials on the official check-in boat even if no fish were caught. **Late arrivals will be penalized 50% of that day's catch weight and will be eliminated from any big fish prizes.** Boats over 15 minutes late will be completely disqualified for the day. ALL scorecards (even if no fish were caught) must be turned into tournament officials by 4:00pm. Any cards turned in after 4PM will be discounted 50% of their weight and disqualified them for the big fish pot. Any card turned in after 4:15 PM is zero weigh for the day. If a team chooses to quit early they MUST turn in their weigh card to the headquarters and not to a weigh boat.

**14. Alcohol:** No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the contestants' boats.

**15. Spirit of the Rule:** It is the intention of this tournament to promote good sportsmanship and fair play. Unsportsmanlike conduct and cheating will result in disqualification. Interpretation of the rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament officials; all decisions are final.

**16. Cheating:** If any participant has been caught cheating in this tournament or any other tournament, we reserve the right to impose a lifetime ban at our tournament. CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!

**17. Protest Policy:** Only contestants and tournament officials have the right to protest the actions of another team or contestant. Protests by contestants must be filed in writing to a tournament director. The committee will convene to investigate and make a decision regarding the protest. **Protests must be made to a tournament director, no later than 30 minutes after results are posted.** A \$100 protest fee must accompany any protest offered by a contestant. The protest fee will NOT be refunded if the protest is found to be invalid. Any person found violating the rules may be immediately disqualified and the reasons for said disqualification announced at the Tournament Headquarters area.

**18. Right to Disqualify:** Tournament directors & committee reserve the right to disqualify any teams participating in the fishing tournament that are being rude or disrespectful to any tournament staff or volunteer.

**19. Marine Band Radio:** Radios should be present in participants' boats both days for everyone's safety and check-in and penalty purposes. Any team experiencing mechanical difficulties (i.e. dead in water) will radio to patrol boats for assistance. Anglers should be on marine band radio #21 and patrol boats will use #22.

**20. Withdrawal Policy:** Entry fee refunds will be made only if the team gives written notification of withdrawal 2 weeks prior to the tournament starting date. A service charge of \$60 will be assessed.

**21. Weather:** Sustained winds of 25 mph or greater at the start of the day of fishing will result in a delayed start, no later than 9:00 a.m. or a cancellation that day. The cancelled day will be made up on Sunday.

**BOUNDARIES: SAND ARROYO BAY TO BEACON C. CROOKED CREEK BAY TO BEACON F**

**PLEASE PRINT & FILL OUT ALL INFORMATION COMPLETELY!**

**ENTRY FORM MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT TO RECEIVE TEAM NUMBER.**

First Team Member:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Check any that apply. Adult/Child Team  Mixed Couple Team

Second Team Member:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Angler ID # (Please use your MFWP/ALS # which can be found on your fishing license)

Angler 1 # \_\_\_\_\_ Angler 2 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Sponsor or Sponsors:** \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Boat \_\_\_\_\_ Motor Make and Size \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult/Child Tournament/ Guys & Gals Tournament**

Entry Fee: \$25. Thursday, July 8, 2017 8:00am – 2:00pm

Team Member Names \_\_\_\_\_

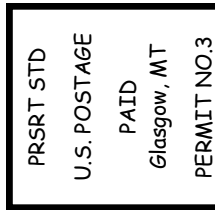
I acknowledge that I am VOLUNTARILY participating in the Montana Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament. In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Montana Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament, I do for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assign, hereby release and forever discharge the Montana Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament, the Montana Governor's Cup Committee, Glasgow Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, Inc., the tournament director, and any and all sponsoring companies, entries, and individuals, their heirs, successors, administrators and assigns, from any and every claim, demand, actions or right of action, of whatever kind of nature, either in law or in equity, arising from or by reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries, known or unknown, death or property damage resulting or to be result from any accident which may occur as a result of my participation in the Montana Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament, activity or any activities, in connection with the Montana Governor's Walleye Tournament, whether by negligence or otherwise.

I further release all officials, staff, volunteers, participating sponsors companies and agencies from any claim whatsoever on account of first aid, treatment or service rendered me during my participation in the Montana Governor's Cup Walleye Tournament. This release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

I HAVE READ THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY, PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT CAREFULLY AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I SIGN UP VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS.

Signature of First Team Member \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Second Team Member \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_



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OFFICIAL RULES & APPLICATION FOR THE

*30th Annual*  
**Montana Governor's Cup  
Walleye Tournament**  
July 6, 7 & 8, 2017  
Fort Peck, Montana



\$100,000 CASH & PRIZES PAYBACK BASED ON 200 TWO PERSON TEAMS

**100% PAYBACK!**

**\$300/ TEAM ENTRY FEE**

**\$25 late fee assessed July 6, 2017**

**Day Money:** May accompany registration (\$100 for Friday and Saturday.)

**Big Fish:** May accompany registration (\$20/species per day, total of \$80 for tournament)

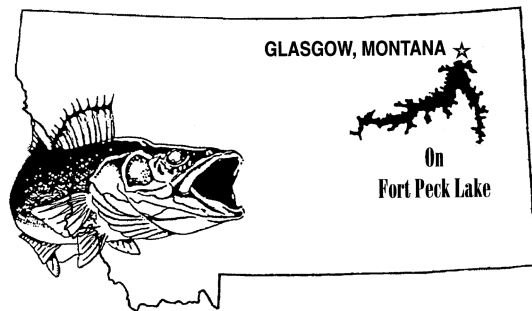
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Team Number  
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 Entry Fee paid in full \$300.00  
 Day Money \$100.00  
 Big Fish (Northern) \$40  
 Big Fish (Walleye) \$40  
 Guys & Gals  
 Check if Paid \$25.00  
 Adult/Child Team  
 Mixed Couple Team

