



SECOND ANNUAL ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL MUSKIE TOURNAMENT



The Shawnee Muskies Chapter of Muskies, Inc. is pleased to sponsor the Second Annual Illinois High School Muskie Tournament. We would like to offer your students an opportunity to experience something new. In 2014 Marion High School took first place honors with at the First Illinois High School Muskie Tournament, and will be back in 2015 trying to keep their winning streak going. This is an open opportunity to any High School in Illinois to participate in a local muskie fishing event on Kinkaid Lake, just west of Murphysboro in Jackson County.

We have received confirmation from Kurt J. Gibson, Associate Executive Director, IHSA, that participating in this muskie fishing event will not cause any eligibility issues if the same students are currently involved in a sanctioned bass program that IHSA supports. We have also secured permission and permits from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.



Tournament Structure and Rules

1 or 2 participating teams per school. No entry fee. Participants must currently be in grades 9-12. Each team will be comprised of two participants and one adult.

Student teams will provide their own boats and make sure that they are safe to be on the water. An adult must operate the boat and is not allowed to fish. All persons in the boat must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. Protective eye wear is mandated for all participants in the boat, including the driver. All boats must go through a safety check prior to the start of the tournament. (See our website for the boat safety check list.)

All fish are to be measured, photographed and released. The team with the most muskie, in total inches, will be the winner. If no muskies are caught, the largest bass will qualify as the winning fish. Fishing only allowed by casting with artificial bait. This is a catch and release event.

All participants agree to behave appropriately, respectfully and comply with all IL DNR rules. All students and their families assume all legal and financial responsibilities for their participation. The winning high school team will be given a trophy for their school.

TOURNAMENT DATE: Columbus Day, Monday,
October 12, 2015, 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

TOURNAMENT LOCATION: Kinkaid Lake
(starting at the main boat launch area by the marina)
<http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/r5/Kinkaid.htm>

SCHOOL REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
Wednesday, September 30, 2015 (Registration
form available on our website)

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