

Tournament Rules and Regulations

Best of the Best Muskies Inc International Muskie Fishing Tournament

October 15 & 16, 2011 - Green Bay, WI

1. The entry fee is \$300.00 per team. A portion will go to the DNR of the state in which the tournament is held. The fee must be paid no later than 15 days before tournament date. The starting team positions will be determined by the order in which payment was received.
2. There shall be no refunds of entry fees unless certain conditions are met. Sufficient prior notice must be given by team captain to tournament committee if there is inability to make the tournament. Example: illness, death in family, etc. The tournament committee will make the decision if a refund is to be made.
3. Tournament registration will be mandatory at the Green Bay Yacht Club on Friday night. All team members must register in person and an I.D. will be required. A mandatory tournament rules meeting will follow. If a team is unable to make this meeting they may still fish in tournament if notice is given two days before tournament date and they receive the committee's approval. The team will then have a thorough briefing of the rules by tournament committee at a time and place determined by them. Each contestant must sign a waiver/entry form before fishing this Muskies Inc. tournament.
4. All tournament boats must pass boat and live well inspection at the Green Bay Yacht Club to the satisfaction of tournament committee before their starting number and Muskie bump board is released to them. Assigned team number stickers provided by Muskies Inc must be placed on each side of outboard motor cowling or in a location on inboards where it can be seen from a long distance. These stickers must stay in place throughout the tournament. Failure to comply with these rules could result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fee.
5. Tournament hours shall be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. There will be no fishing allowed on the day of start before starting time and no fishing at end of start day or before start on Sunday. Muskies Inc tournament committee reserve the right to alter starting times and finish times, and if severe weather or unforeseen conditions may alter or cancel date. Fishing times are final. No fish will be registered after the closing time.
6. Tournament boundaries have changed for 2011. Anglers will be allowed to fish from the De Pere dam on the Fox River to a line drawn between Little Tail and Red Banks Park on the Bay of Green Bay. Boats with Tournament officials will be on the water to enforce boundaries.
7. For safety purposes all boats should have a marine band radio or cell phone.
8. There shall be NO Alcohol consumed by teams immediately before starting time or during tournament hours.
9. All State fishing and boating rules and regulations are to apply and be followed by contestants. It is the responsibility of contestants to know rules and regulations of state the tournament is being held in. Special note: Green Bay and the Fox River are Coast Guard regulated waters and have special safety requirements.
10. Tournament rules permit two (2) anglers with the use of two (2) lines and two (2) lures per contestant in the water at one time.
11. No live bait or dead natural bait allowed.

12. Contestants will not be allowed to leave their boats during tournament hours without checking with Muskies Inc. tournament committee officials at designated checkpoints. Teams can not at any time place their boats on shore, except during inclement weather for safety. Contestants must not fish within (100) feet of another boat of any kind. Exceptions being officials, film, or press boats.
13. State law permits motor trolling. Contestants using this method shall keep a distance of (100) feet from all other boats and not follow a path to close to a casting angler boat by (200) feet. If a caster can reach your boat with a cast you are too close. For casters do not motor in and cut off the path of a trolling team closer than (300) feet. Consideration of your fellow contestants will show your professionalism.
14. Cheating: Should any contestant be caught cheating it will result in immediate disqualification of team and forfeiture of entry fee. Muskies Inc. expects and demands strict compliance to all rules.
15. Failure to comply: Any team not complying with any tournament rules may result in disqualification and loss of entry fee.
16. Personal Flotation Devices: Muskies Inc. will require all contestants to wear their (PFD) when operating a boat above trolling speeds and use the appropriate motor kill switch. All tournament boats must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment.
17. Awards Presentation: The awards will be given out at the Green Bay Yacht Club beginning at 2:00p.m. Sunday. Prize awards to be split between team members. Places will be determined on the combined team total point accumulation for muskies over 30 inches caught during the tournament.
18. If less than a full field of 60 competing teams the payout amounts may be adjusted downwards based on percentage figure determined by the actual number of participating teams.
19. Sportsmanship: Teams should conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times especially when near another boat.
20. All contestants shall cooperate with members of the press after tournament for interviews or photographs that may be used by Muskies Inc.
21. This is the cash payout for the tournament:

1st	\$5000
2nd	\$1500
3rd	\$800
4th	\$400
5th	\$300

Note: These rules are accurate, but Muskies Inc International Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify these rules at any time. All contestants or teams are responsible to read and understand all the printed rules.

