

2009 DWF Tournament Rules

Please be aware that although there are few rules, they WILL be enforced 100% with no exceptions!! The final decision on all rules will be the responsibility of the Tournament Chairman.

2009 Schedule

- #1 Sunday March 29, 2009 (Elizabeth Park) River-both sides, Lake Erie Mich water only
- #2 Sunday April 5, 2009 (Elizabeth Park) River-both sides, Lake Erie Mich water only
- ** Sunday May 3, 2009 Make up Date, if needed for weather cancellation
- #3 Sunday May 17, 2009 (Elizabeth Park) River-both sides, Lake Erie Mich water only
- #4 Sunday, June 14, 2008 (Elizabeth Park) River-both sides, Lake Erie Mich water only

Kid's Tournament

Kid's Tournament will be posted as soon as details are finalized

New Tournament Season Points Champion System

For the purpose of the season point's championship, all 4 spring tournaments will be set up as points and pounds. The total weight of the 5 fish weighed plus 10 points for each fish weighted. It's simple and a lot easier to determine and levels the field by making ALL fish caught over the season count!

Boat names: All tournament entries will be set up by boat name. All club members fishing will have their names listed under that boat name. Reason being is it's a lot easier and seems to be more fun. More like a team event. That boat claims the points and winnings of each tournament and the overall tournament championship.

1. Each boat entered in the tournament must have a **BOAT NAME**. The points accumulated will be applied to the Boat Captain who holds the Boat Name.
2. Prizes will be awarded to the Boat Captains in the top four (4) places after the four (4) spring tournaments..

What are the benefits of a season point's system championship? The DWF would love to see more club members fish each tournament and be more active in the club events. This is one way to get a higher turn out for all of the tournaments. It makes it more beneficial for those who fish the first tournaments to fish those after.

2009 Tournament Rules

1. Entrants must be a current, paid up member of the Downriver Walleye Federation. Fees are \$20 per Angler (includes \$5 Big Fish).
 - a. A non-member guest will be permitted to fish one (1) tournament with a DWF member. Only one (1) non-member per boat will be allowed. Non- members will pay an additional \$5 fee.
 - b. Participants can launch at any site but must weigh in at the designated weigh-in site (Elizabeth Park) by the deadline or will be disqualified.
2. Tournament entries will close at 8 p.m. on the **FRIDAY** before the scheduled tournament.
3. Contestants are required to abide by all U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard, DNR/MNR rules/regulations.

4. Teams will be allowed to weigh a total of 5 walleyes/sauger/saugeye per team and winners will be determined by total weight. Prizes will be awarded as follows - 100% of Big Fish money will go to the big fish winner. 15% of the entry fees will be retained by DWF for expenses - 1st place will pay 50% of balance - 2nd place - 25% - 3rd place 15% - 4th place 10%

Example - \$100 total purse

DWF - \$15
1st pl. \$42.50
2nd pl. \$21.25
3rd pl. \$12.75
4th pl. \$8.50

5. In the event of a tie in weight, the teams will split the 1st & 2nd place prize equally. The same rule applies to all ties except the Big Fish contest, in which ties will be determined by length.
6. Winners must pick up their prize money at a DWF General Meeting within 6 months of the tournament or forfeit winnings to the DWF Kid's Fund.

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

7. Fishing times can be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
8. **Entry forms may be picked up/turned in at DWF meetings, Andy's Tackle or Bottomline Bait & Tackle or mailed to Paul George, along with a check or M.O. at 4202 Lexington Dr., Trenton Mi, 48183 and be received by the FRIDAY before the tournament**
9. No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances may be consumed or in the possession of any contestant or guest during any D.W.F. tournament, or at any D.W.F. weigh-in site during tournament hours. Once the weigh-in is over, the tournament is considered over. After this time the D.W.F. is NOT responsible for the actions of any persons that participated in the tournament.
10. All protests must be filed with the Tournament Director by close of scales. A protest fee of \$50.00 will be required for a protest to be considered. If the protest is upheld, then the money will be given back to the protester. If the protest is not upheld, the money will be awarded to the contestant or team being implicated.
11. Contestant(s) may be disqualified and required to forfeit all tournament entry fees, Big Fish fees, or any winnings for that tournament. Contestant(s) may be refused entry to future D.W.F. tournaments.
12. ***All questions, judgments or problems during a tournament will be referred to the Tournament Directors. Tournament Directors have sole authority and jurisdiction in determining the application of the Downriver Walleye Federation Tournament rules & Regulation and subsequent penalties.***
13. Fishing times may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Please print legibly on Entry Forms.