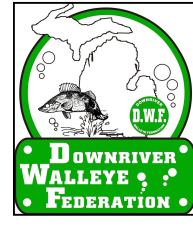


## 2011 Downriver Walleye Federation Tournament Rules & Regulations



The final decision on all rules will be the responsibility of the DWF Tournament Director, Tournament Captain and/or with the DWF Tournament Committee.

1. Eligible Entrants - Must be a current Downriver Walleye Federation member. One (1) non-member guest may enter one tournament for the season. Only one (1) non-member guest is allowed per boat. The Maximum number of Team/Crew members is the maximum number of passengers your vessel is approved to carry by the U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard, DNRE/MNR rules/regulations for your vessel. Boat Captains are responsible for the conduct and safety of his Team/Crew & Vessel.
2. Tournament Entry Fees - \$20.00 per Angler which includes \$5.00 entry per angler for Biggest Fish Purse/Prize (CASH ONLY - NO CHECKS). Non-member guest will pay an additional \$5.00 fee. No entry fee will be charged for children under the age of 17 years, unless that child maximizes your rod count (see 6 rod rule for Lake open water trolling).
3. Tournament entry Forms must be in by 8:00 P.M. on the Thursday before the scheduled tournament.
4. Tournament Cancellation & Postponement - Tournaments cancelled due to unsafe weather conditions on Saturday will be reschedule for the following day, Sunday. Refunds will be made to those that are not able to fish the tournament re-scheduled for Sunday. If the tournament can not be held on Sunday, an alternate weekend will be chosen and refunds will be made available. The Tournament Director, Tournament Captain and Weather Advisory Panel will determine if the weather is not safe or suitable to hold the tournament. Consideration will be given to small craft advisories for the area. Captains will be notified of cancellation or postponement by phone as early as Friday night and as late as the morning of the tournament including up to 3 hours into the tournament. Three (3) hours will be required to constitute a tournament.
5. Attendance Call (Safety) - Vessel Captains entered into the tournament must immediately call by cell phone if they are not able to fish because of an emergency prior to or during the tournament. If during the tournament an emergency arises you should call via your Marine Radio. Tournament anglers must call by cell phone the Tournament Director or Tournament Captain if they do not weigh in. This is common courtesy and safety consideration.
6. Launch Site - Tournament participants can launch at any site.
7. Fishing Boundaries - Detroit River only Tournaments - From the North point of Peche Island (~N42°20.958 ~W82°55.476) to South point of Celeron Island (~N42°04.409 ~W83°10.204) (See Map). Tournaments on Lake Erie - Michigan, Ohio & Canadian Waters from Colchester Harbor (~N 41°58.712 W82°53.516) on a SW heading running along the East side of West Sister Island along the Lucas Co., OH/Ottawa Co., Oh County Parish, Boundaries to Toussaint River, OH at (~N41°37.349 W83°09.894) (See Map).
8. Six (6) Rod Rule - While fishing tournaments in the Lake Erie/River, where by law it is allowed to fish with 2 or 3 rods per angler, that no matter how many anglers are registered in the boat (unless there is one), a maximum of 6 rods will be used to fish in the water at any one time during the tournament. 6 Rod Rule does not apply to Detroit River and Canadian side.
9. Fishing Times - Start Fishing Time will be Civil Twilight time for the Detroit Area based on US Naval Observatory Astronomical Applications Dept. and (as designated on DWF Entry Form, DWF Tournament Flyer or DWF Website). Fishing times can be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Director, Tournament Captain and/or Tournament Committee.
10. Weigh-In Time - The designated weigh-in Time deadline is 3:30 P.M. You MUST be in line at weigh-in scale at 3:30 P.M. or your Team/Crew will be disqualified.
11. Weigh-In Location - The designated weigh-in location will be on the DWF Entry Form, Tournament Flyer & DWF Website.

12. Fish Qualification - Each Team/Crew may weigh up to three (3) Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye between 15 and 23 inches in length or may weigh two (2) Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye between 15 and 23 inches in length and one (1) Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye more than 23 inches in length. You cannot weigh more than one (1) Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye more than 23 inches in length. Once the three (3) Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye are measured on the official scale they cannot be exchanged. If any Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye is less than 15 inches in length or if more than one (1) Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye is over 23 inches in length. These Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye will be eliminated from the total amount weighed and Big fish if applicable. The winners of Prize/Purse places will be determined by total weight brought to the scale. In the event of a tie in weight for total of three (3) Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye, the length of the biggest Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye shall determine the winner. If length is equal winner will be determined on the flip of a coin.
13. Biggest Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye - Each Team/Boat will weigh their largest one (1) Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye and winners will be determined by weight. In the event of a tie in weight for the Biggest Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye, length of the biggest fish shall determine the winner. If length is equal, winner will be determined on the flip of a coin. The Biggest Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye Prize/Purse will be \$5.00 per angler which is included in the \$20.00 entry fee.
14. Prize/Purse Pay Out - Fifteen percent (15%) of the entry fees will be retained by DWF with the balance distributed for prizes/purses as follows:  
 As an Example:  
 14 Boats or less 1<sup>st</sup> place will pay 60% & 2<sup>nd</sup> place will pay 40%  
 15 Boats or more 1<sup>st</sup> place will pay 50%; 2<sup>nd</sup> place will pay 30% & 3<sup>rd</sup> place will pay 20%  
 Example 20 Teams/Boats with 60 anglers = \$765 Total Purse (after 15% of Purse to DWF = \$135)  
     1<sup>st</sup> Place will pay 50% = \$382.50  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Place will pay 30% = \$229.50  
     3<sup>rd</sup> Place will pay 20% = \$153.00  
     Big Fish \_\_\_\_\_ = \$300.00  
 Pay out will be immediately after the winners have been determined at weigh-in.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. All questions, judgments or problems during a tournament will be referred to the Tournament Director & Tournament Captain(s). Tournament Director/Captain(s) have sole authority and jurisdiction in determining the application of the Downriver Walleye Federation Tournament Rules & Regulations and subsequent penalties. 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.
18. Entry forms may be picked up/turned in with CASH ONLY (No Checks) at DWF meetings or returned to:  
 Andy's Tackle Box - 17485 Dix-Toledo (at Oakwood), Melvindale, MI 48122 - (313) 388-FISH (3474)  
 Bottom Line Bait & Tackle - 32600 W. Jefferson - Rockwood, MI 48173 - (734) 379-9762  
 The Bait & Tackle Box - 4088 West Jefferson - Trenton, MI 48183 - (734) 301-3281
- Mark Bodrie - Tournament Director - Home (734) 676-8357 Cell (734) 626-0804  
 Greg Warsow - Tournament Committee Member - Cell (734) 552-4693 Home (734) 782-1742  
 Mike Barkley - Tournament Committee Member - Home (734) 281-1649  
 Terry Pickard - Tournament Committee Member - Cell (248) 520-0116  
Tournament Captains  
 Tom Dinneweth - (313) 561-6379  
 John Mills - (734) 558-6013  
 Jim Navyac - (734) 675-3141