

Lady of the Lake Muskie Tournament

2020 Tournament Rules & Regulations

Tournament Date: October 17, 2020

It is each contestant's responsibility to read and understand all of the LOTL tournament rules and regulations.

1. This is an open tournament to men, women and youth. Youth participants under the age of (18) must have their Release of Liability signed by parent/legal guardian.
2. Two anglers per boat, each person must be a tournament registrant. Each tournament is limited to 75 boats.
3. Entry Fees: \$200.00 before July 1st. After July 1st, the fee is \$220.00. Entry Fee Day-of-Tournament will be \$240.00. Entry fee includes tournament entry, dinner, and big fish pool.
4. Day of Tournament Registration: 5:30 am to 6:30 am at Tournament Headquarters, (Adjacent to the Williams Bay public boat launch.)
5. Any request for entry fee refund must be received prior to September 30, 2020.
6. BOAT NUMBER ASSIGNMENTS: Starting positions will be assigned in the order that complete entry forms are received and based on postmark date. Starting positions will be posted on the Chicagoland Muskie Hunters website (www.chicagolandmuskiehunters.org) from time to time as they are received.
7. NO LIVE OR DEAD NATURAL BAIT CAN BE USED DURING THE TOURNAMENTS.
8. Motor trolling is permitted for this tournament. The maximum number of rods allowed per angler when motor trolling will be governed by the current Wisconsin DNR regulations for motor trolling on Lake Geneva.
9. Tournament waters include all of the contiguous waters of Lake Geneva.
10. Entrants are responsible for all launch fees.
11. All USCG, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources safety regulations apply. Tournament participants are strongly encouraged to wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and use the appropriate motor kill switches while operating their large outboards (except when trolling).
12. Tournament Fishing Hours: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm
13. The Williams Bay Public Launch will be the central staging and tournament take off point. For safety reasons all of Williams Bay starting at Conference Point and Cedar Point north up to the Williams Bay Public Launch will be considered **"NO WAKE"** for all tournament boats during pre-staging, tournament start and ease out. Participants must have starting numbers affixed to motors, and will be released based on boat number.
 - a. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE "NO WAKE START" RULE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION, NO EXCEPTIONS.**
14. At the tournament start a live well check will be completed as participants pass by the Williams Bay take-off point. All boat compartment lids must be open for inspection. **A TOURNAMENT MEDALLION WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH PASSING BOAT AT THE TAKEOFF POINT, WHICH MUST TO BE USED FOR ALL REQUIRED FISH PHOTOS.** (See Rule #16 for further details regarding the tournament medallion)
15. Fish must be hooked and played by one person and only that person may enter the fish in the contest. Assistance with landing fish is permitted.
16. This will be a Catch, Photo and Release (CPR) tournament for all caught Muskies 30" or longer. Every tournament boat MUST have either a mobile phone with a built-in digital camera or a digital camera with an SD card. The camera must be capable of taking a clear photo of the fish and the contestant. Two photos will be required: (1) A photo of the Muskie on the bump board with the

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tournament medallion visible on the board. (2) A photo of the angler holding the Muskie along with the tournament medallion.

- a. Release forms will be provided to each contestant. As soon as you catch a fish and right after you have released the fish, you must fill out a LOTL Release Form that will be provided to you which will capture the boat number, angler name, time-of-day and length of the muskie (Down to the closest .25 inch).
 - b. Anglers **MUST** have an actual bump board (NOT A RULER OR MEASURING STICK), so your fish can be immediately released after the photo is taken, without delay.
 - c. Photos:
 - i. Mobile Phone with a digital camera - It is strongly suggested that you text your two photos to a LOTL tournament official following the release of the fish in order to avoid delays during the tournament check-in. PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR BOAT NUMBER AND THE NAME OF THE ANGLER WHO CAUGHT THE FISH IN YOUR TEXT.
 - ii. Digital camera with an SD card - You will be required to provide the SD card to the LOTL tournament official to download your photos at Tournament Headquarters along with your release forms.
 - iii. The LOTL tournament official must be able to clearly read the measurement on the bump board. Check your camera to make sure you can clearly see that the nose of the fish is touching the end of the bump board, and that the tail & Tournament Medallion is in clear view.
 1. If the LOTL tournament official cannot clearly read the measurement or medallion, they will make their best determination and that decision will be the final measurement.
 2. The fish may not count - if the official cannot see the picture at all, the sticker, the fishes nose appears to not be touching the front of the board and the measurement is close or there is no picture at all.
 - d. Contestants must turn in the fully completed release forms with the two digital photos for each fish registered no later than 5:30 PM Tournament day at Headquarters at Pino's Last Call Pizza Pub & Grill, 545 Kenosha Street, Walworth, WI 53184. Late release forms and/or photos will not be accepted and will result in the catch being disqualified.
17. Prize payout will be based on a 75-boat field. The number and dollar amount of prizes paid will be adjusted based on the actual tournament field if less than 75-boats.
18. In case of ties, tied teams will split prizes. Each team is eligible for one prize only.
19. In case a contestant's position is challenged, a written protest must be provided to the Tournament Committee Immediately. Individuals concerned may be required to take a truth verification examination. All rules of the 1988 Polygraph Protection Act will be followed.
20. The tournament committee is final judge of all tournament rules.
21. Winners are responsible for any local, state and federal taxes. Payments over \$600 will require filling out IRS Form W-9.
22. If there are any questions concerning the 2020 Lady of the Lake Muskie Tournament, please call one of the following LOTL Tournament Officials:
Jim Cejna: 630-370-5509, Tom Flannery 708-307-6101 Greg Denny: 847-769-3387,

NOTE: TOURNAMENT RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK THE CHICAGOLAND MUSKIE HUNTERS WEBSITE AT chicagolandmuskiehunters.org FOR THE MOST CURRENT RULES.
