

# Lady of the Lake Muskie Tournament

## 2021 Tournament Rules & Regulations

**Tournament Date: October 23, 2021**

**IT IS EACH CONTESTANT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE LOTL TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

1. New for the 2021 tournament, registration, day of tournament fish logging and real-time leaderboard will be managed using the FishDonkey App for Android and iPhone smartphones. **(Note that there will not be any paper or manual registration process for this tournament. All will be managed through the FishDonkey App.)**
  - a. FishDonkey Registration Process:
    - i. Remember that only one person per boat/team can register for the tournament and will pay the full registration fees for the team. You are considered the "captain" of your team.
    - ii. Depending on your smartphone type, you can download the FishDonkey App for your Android at FishDonkey.com or at the App Store for your iPhone.
    - iii. Follow the instructions in the FishDonkey App to create your login and password credentials along with adding your personal information.
    - iv. Once registered select "Fish in a Tournament"
    - v. Click the magnifying glass at the top of the screen, then enter "2021 Lady of the Lake Muskie Tournament" to search for our tournament.
    - vi. Click on the tournament.
    - vii. Select "Join Now" at the bottom of the screen.
    - viii. Personal Information Screen - Verify personal information and hit "Continue".
    - ix. Tournament Fees Screen - Review tournament fees, then hit "Continue".
    - x. Credit Card Info – Enter credit card information, then hit "Pay Now".
    - xi. You have successfully registered for the 2021 Lady of the Lake Muskie Tournament.
2. Tournament Prizes - We will payout a total of \$6,250 in cash prizes to the top five teams, plus a \$750 big fish prize, which is all based on a full 75 boat field. Prize money will be adjusted down by percent if less than a full 75 boat field.
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$2,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$1,500, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$1,000, 4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$750, 5<sup>th</sup> Place - \$500
  - b. In case of ties, tied teams will split prizes. Each team is eligible for one prize only.
  - c. In the event that no qualifying muskies are caught for any of the places 1 through 5 during the tournament, we will draw boat numbers to determine the prizes.
3. 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 a parent/legal guardian.
4. Two anglers per boat, each person must be a tournament registrant. Each tournament is limited to 75 boats.
5. Entry Fee is \$200.00, plus a \$10.00 service fee to FishDonkey.com (\$210.00 total).
6. Approximately 1-2 weeks prior to the tournament a packet will be mailed out to the Team Captain (Person who registers the team on the FishDonkey App). The packet will include:
  - a. Tournament Rules
  - b. Boat number stickers (To be affixed to the outboard motor.)
  - c. Two 2021 Muskies Inc Release of Liability forms.
    - i. **These forms are required to be completed, signed and returned by each angler prior to the tournament date. Scanned images or photos of the signed forms can be sent via email or text to one of the LOTL Tournament Officials: Jim Cejna: 630-370-5509 ([jimcej@comcast.net](mailto:jimcej@comcast.net)), Tom Flannery 708-307-6101**

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- d. Lake Geneva Lake Map. (The map will identify the pre-tournament staging area and take off location.)
- e. Tournament angler's invasive species prevention rules from the Wisconsin DNR.
7. Any request for entry fee refund must be received prior to September 30, 2021.
8. BOAT NUMBER ASSIGNMENTS: Starting positions will be assigned in the order of registration on the FishDonkey App. Starting positions will also be posted on the Chicagoland Muskie Hunters website ([www.chicagolandmuskiehunters.org](http://www.chicagolandmuskiehunters.org)) from time to time as they are received.
9. NO LIVE OR DEAD NATURAL BAIT CAN BE USED DURING THE TOURNAMENT.
10. 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.
11. Tournament waters include all of the contiguous waters of Lake Geneva.
12. Entrants are responsible for all launch fees.
13. 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).
14. Tournament Fishing Hours: 7:30 am to 4:00 pm
15. 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. (The "No Wake" period will end at 7:45 AM.) 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.**
16. At the tournament start a live well check will be completed as participants pass by the take-off point officials. All boat compartment lids must be open for inspection.
17. 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.
18. This will be a Catch, Photo and Release (CPR) tournament for all caught Muskies 30" or longer. The FishDonkey App will be used to record and verify all caught Muskies. Winners will be determined by total combined inches per boat/team. To enter a fish:
  - a. Start the FishDonkey App on your smartphone
  - b. Select the "2021 Lady of the Lake Muskie Tournament"
  - c. Select the blue "ENTER A FISH" button.
  - d. The first time you go to enter a fish in the app, an instructions page comes up.
  - e. Select "OK"
  - f. Using the yellow camera icon take two photos:
    - i. A **Bump board photo** that clearly shows the nose of the fish touching the end of the bump board and the tail measurement will be required. Pinching of the tail is recommended to obtain the maximum length.
      1. If the LOTL tournament official cannot clearly read the measurement, they will make their best determination and that decision will be the final measurement. Note that in the event that the submitted photo quality is so

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- poor that a length cannot be reasonably determined, that fish is subject to disqualification and will not count.
2. 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.
    - ii. An **Angler photo** with a proper horizontal hold of the Muskie is also required.
    - iii. Note that you can take multiple photos if you are unsure of the quality.
  - g. **Release Video** using the yellow video icon record the live release of your Muskie. The video is 30 seconds max. You can take multiple videos to capture the entire release.
  - h. When finished select the yellow checkmark button, which will take you to the screen where you can review and delete any unwanted photos or videos.
    - i. Select the species "Muskie"
    - j. Enter the total inches to the nearest .25".
    - k. Hit the yellow "Submit" button.
    - l. Your fish will be entered into the real-time leader board.
19. **NOTE THAT EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A COVID-19 VACCINE BEING ADMINISTERED IN THE US, THINGS ARE STILL TOO UNCERTAIN FOR US TO OPERATE UNDER NORMAL CONDITIONS. WITH THAT SAID, AGAIN FOR 2021 THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL TOURNAMENT IN ORDER TO LIMIT PERSON TO PERSON CONTACT. IN ADDITION, MOST OF THE LOCAL RESTUARANTS IN THE AREA ARE STILL LIMITING THE SIZE OF GATHERINGS, OR HAVE NO IN-PERSON DINING. FOR THAT REASON, WE WILL NOT HAVE AN AWARDS DINNER THIS YEAR. ALL PRIZE MONEY WILL BE PAID BY CHECK AND MAILED OUT TO THE WINNERS THE FOLLOWING WEEK.**
20. 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.
  - a. If the actual boat field total is less than 25-boats on the day of the event, we will reduce the number of cash prize payouts from five (5) prizes down to three (3) prizes.
21. 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.
22. The tournament committee is the final judge of all tournament rules.
23. Winners are responsible for any local, state and federal taxes. Payments over \$600 will require filling out an IRS Form W-9.
24. Tournament winners will be contacted the day of the tournament via the FishDonkey App, with a follow-up phone call and/or text/email. Prize checks will be mailed to the winning teams. The tournament results will also be posted to the [chicagolandmuskiehunters.org](http://chicagolandmuskiehunters.org) website within 24-hours of the conclusion of the tournament.
25. For tournament questions, please call one of the following LOTL Tournament Officials: Jim Cejna: 630-370-5509 ([jimcej@comcast.net](mailto:jimcej@comcast.net)), Tom Flannery 708-307-6101 ([flannman13@aol.com](mailto:flannman13@aol.com)) or Jim Starwalt 847-548-2625 ([jim@starhometeam.com](mailto:jim@starhometeam.com))
26. For those with marine radios, we will also be monitoring **channel 68** throughout the day.

**NOTE: TOURNAMENT RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK THE FISHDONKEY APP AND CHICAGOLAND MUSKIE HUNTERS WEBSITE AT [chicagolandmuskiehunters.org](http://chicagolandmuskiehunters.org) FOR THE MOST CURRENT RULES.**