

A Fish For You
Bass Fishing Tournament to raise money for

A Place For You

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TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

General tournament rules

Tournament participants can register prior to the tournament by visiting our website at apfy.org, printing and mailing your registration form and payment of \$150 per boat to the address below. Registration can also be completed at the day of the event.

There may be no more than two people per boat.

All tournament participants must check in at the Pine County Fair Grounds to receive their tournament packets.

No early fishing before the contest start time is allowed. Live wells may be checked during the check-in process.

Tournament start and stop times will be staggered to reduce congestion at weigh-in stations. We will begin registration at 7:00 am and will do our final weigh-ins at 3pm. Anyone not in line within 15 minutes after their scheduled weigh-in will be disqualified.

One five fish bag per boat will be allowed.

All fish must be kept live and returned to the water with as little stress to the fish as possible.

Parking space is limited at the Public Access in Pine City, however, parking is available at the Pine County Fair Grounds. Other public access sites may be used at the participants' discretion

All Participants must adhere to all state and local fishing rules and regulations.

All participants are to clean their boats from evasive species prior to leaving the public access and fair grounds.

Participants can only fish Pokegama Lake, Cross Lake, and the Snake River.

SAFETY

Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by Participants. During the official competition, each participant must wear a Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver anytime the combustion engine is in operation. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely, and maintained in that condition until the combustion engine is shut off.

It is recommended each participant successfully complete a boating safety course.

When boating in low visibility situations i.e. fog, heavy rain, during competition, participants must operate their boats at a safe speed and in a safe manner.

Tournament officials have the right to delay, shorten or cancel any part of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the participants. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CALL 911 FIRST AND THEN NOTIFY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PARTICIPANTS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE BOAT AND SEEK SAFE SHELTER IN BAD WEATHER WHERE DANGER MAY BE IMMINENT.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Participants in the A Fish For You tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.

Use of alcohol or the use of drugs (other than those purchased over-the-counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any participant, during the official tournament, will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future A Fish for You tournaments. No alcoholic beverages or prohibited drugs shall be allowed in the boats during the official competition, or when in the weigh-in area.

Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non- participants who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a participant, which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters and courtesy, may be reason for disqualification.

All participants are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the state of MN. Participants are responsible for research of fishing and boating regulations.

ANGLER CODE OF CONDUCT

Anglers participating in any A Fish for You event shall observe this code of conduct and the applicable rules for the specific event in which they are participating. Anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a professional manner that demonstrates integrity, honor and respect toward fellow participants, tournament staff and the general public and does not reflect unfavorably on A Fish for You, it's members, officers or representatives, tournaments or sponsors. Anglers are frequently in the public eye and are considered role models by young people; therefore, it is imperative that tournament participants demonstrate good sportsmanship in fishing. Sportsmanship is defined as fair play, respect for opponents and polite behavior while competing in the sport. Following are examples of unacceptable behavior by participants in the A Fish For You event that will be cause for penalties as outlined in this document. •Heated public disagreements with officials, other participants and fans and volunteers during an event. •Public attacks through media, including social media, upon the integrity of A Fish For You rules or officials. •Public comments that an angler knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of A Fish For You, A Fish for You officials, or its sponsors •Displays of anger and displeasure for reasons related to fishing participants where members of the public, including other anglers, spectators and the media, are present. •Publicly questioning or criticizing a tournament official or official decision, ruling or penalty except through the proper channels. •Abuse (physical, verbal, threatening or slanderous) of tournament officials, volunteers, fellow participants or others connected with a A Fish For You event. •Offensive or slanderous comments with racial, cultural or sexual overtones regarding event officials, event personnel or fellow anglers. •Intentionally interfering with a fellow angler's ability to compete. Any angler who violates any of the provisions of the Sportsmanship Rules or the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to disqualification.

Use of grippers for landing bass is prohibited during tournament participants. One lure is defined as a single manmade device designed to attract and/or catch one fish at a time. Adding trailer hooks, plastic trailers, blades, etc., to a single lure is acceptable. If multiple fish are caught on a single manmade lure, on a single cast, all fish are considered legal and may be added to the daily catch subject to scoring rules. No "live bait," "dead bait," or "prepared bait" will be permitted during official competition, with the exception of pork strips or rinds. Any umbrella-type rigging, harness, or other device designed to hold more than one lure at a time – with or without hooks – is not allowed. Such rigging, harness, or device cannot be added to a single lure as described above. Traditional twin arm spinnerbaits or buzzbaits are allowed. Trailer hooks and plastic trailers must be on the main hook of the bait; only spinner blades can be affixed to the arms. The head on the main stem may be hinged. On these twin arm spinnerbaits or buzzbaits, no more than two wires, with a maximum length of 6 inches, may extend off the main arm or body of the lure at the line tie point. The "head and hook" portion of the lure must be even or trail behind where the blades attach to the wires. A Fish for You officials have the sole authority to determine whether a lure is considered a single lure as defined above. Only ONE casting, spin casting or spinning rod (8-foot maximum length from butt of handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time. A hung or snagged lure that is not in or on the water is not considered in use and may be set aside while another is in use. Other rigs as specified above may be in the boat ready for use; however, only ONE is permitted in use at any given time. If a participant breaks his line while setting the hook or retrieving a fish, he is allowed to make an attempt with the rod being used or with his hands to secure the visible line and land the fish for it to be counted as legal. He may NOT hook the line with another lure, rod and reel, or other device. No competitor may intentionally snag or foul hook a bass to be counted in their daily catch. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their catch disqualified. When visually fishing for bedding bass, to be counted as a legal fish, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth and must be verified by your partner before being unhooked. With the mouth closed naturally, you must not be able to see where the hook point enters the fish to be considered hooked inside the mouth. Participants, including those who have been "cut" from competition in an event, are allowed to share baits and tackle with one another at any time.