

# Wausau Area Muskies Inc.

Chapter 62 – Wausau, Wisconsin

## 2020 Central WI Open Musky Tournament Catch and Release Tournament Rules & Regulations

**Tournament Date: June 6, 2020**

**Fishing Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

1. This is a one day tournament open to men, women, and youth. All participants must sign a **Release of Liability**. Youth participants under the age of **(18)** must have their Release of Liability signed by a parent/legal guardian.
2. Registration and Entry: The entry fee is \$100 per boat. If mailed, registration along with payment must be postmarked no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Entry payment via PayPal will be accepted until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. On-site registration will be available at the mandatory pre-tournament meeting (see item #8), HOWEVER a \$20 penalty will be assessed (\$120 total fee). This penalty will not contribute to the total purse. Entry fees are refundable prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>. After May 15<sup>th</sup>, entry fees will not be refunded—**No Exceptions**.
3. Voluntary Big Fish Pool: \$10 per angler for big musky, \$5 per angler for big pike. Winner take all in each respective category. In the event of a tie, the winning fish called in first to the Registration site will win the pool. (See item #16). Big Fish entry fees will be collected at the pre-tournament meeting (see item #8). The Big Fish Pools are 100% payout. In the event that no fish are registered in a given category, the pool will be filled by random draw of participants.
4. All muskies 30” and longer are eligible for entry. Each entry must be accompanied by a digital photograph on a legible bump board. Photograph must contain a discernible picture of the fish **AND** a tournament director distributed token which will be given to each participant prior to the tournament (see item #8). Pike are to be measured in a similar fashion for the voluntary big pike pool. The minimum for big pike pool entry is 28.” \* **Note – bump boards are required for measurement. Bump boards are to be made available for inspection upon the request of the Tournament Committee.**
5. Tournament waters consist of the following lake groups:
  - Lake Wausau and Rib River
  - Mosinee Flowage: South of Rothschild Dometar Dam to Mosinee Hydro Dam
  - Lake DuBay: South of Mosinee Hydro Dam to the DuBay Dam
  - Stevens Point Flowage: DuBay Dam south to Hwy 66/Clark Street Bridge
6. Participants must select and rank all four (4) choices of lake groups at the time of their entry, in order to of their preference. No more than 19 boats will be permitted on each lake group (13 boats for Mosinee Flowage). Awarding of lake groups will be dictated by date and time of entry – **No Exceptions**.
7. Pre-Tournament Meeting. At least one participant from each boat must be present—**No Exceptions**. Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7 pm at Dale’s Weston Lanes. Participants will meet for rules meeting, and receive photograph tokens. Boat numbers and lake groups will be assigned. Entry Fees are non-refundable.
8. Allowable fishing methods include casting, jigging, or trolling with artificial lures. Only one line per angler is allowed. **No live bait is allowed**.
9. All USCG and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources boating and fishing regulations are to be followed. Tournament participants are required to wear a PFD while operating

their large outboards while motoring. All contestants age 14 and under **MUST** wear a PFD at all times when on the water by state law. Failure to follow prescribed laws and regulations which result in citation on tournament day will disqualify the angler in question.

10. Fish must be hooked and played by one person. Assistance to land (net) a musky is permitted
11. All tournament legal 30" or longer muskies must be released immediately after measurement and photographs. Measurement of the length must be performed and at least one (1) photograph must be on a bump board along with the tournament token. **Please use due diligence in minimizing the handling stress on these magnificent fish! A fish that dies must be taken into possession by the angler. That angler must desist from fishing immediately. A dead fish cannot be registered in a catch and release tournament!**
12. Tournament standings will be determined by total length of legal fish caught. The boat that catches the highest total (in inches) of fish will be declared the winner. For example, if boat #1 enters two muskies 34" and 39.25" their total is 73.25 inches
13. Muskies 30" or longer must be registered immediately after release by calling or texting the Tournament Registrar at (715) 498-2016. Provide your name, your boat #, and the length of the fish to the nearest quarter inch (downward). Last phone registration will be accepted at 4:15 p.m. to the Tournament Registrar. Release forms will be provided to each contestant. Contestants must turn in fully completed release forms along with a digital picture for each fish registered immediately upon arrival at the post tournament ceremony. Release forms will not be accepted after 5:00 p.m. and will result in the catch being disqualified – **NO Exceptions.**
14. If your boat is assigned a PIT reader, we encourage the participants to scan ANY musky caught for a PIT tag—regardless of fish length. The recorded information is to be turned over at the time of the post tournament ceremony. This information is valuable to the DNR and we would appreciate your cooperation in obtaining it, provided it does not put the fish at unnecessary risk.
15. Prizes include a cash payout for the first 3 places. Payout will be based on 60% of the entry fees and distributed by a 45:30:25 ratio (i.e. 50 boats=\$5,000 total entries, \$3,000 total payout, 1<sup>st</sup> place \$1,350, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$900, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$750). In the event that less than 3 boats catch eligible muskies, any remaining payouts will be filled through a random drawing of the remaining boats.
16. In the event a boat's position is challenged by another contestant, a written protest must be provided to the Tournament Committee.
17. The Tournament Committee is the final judge of all tournament rules. **No Exceptions.**
18. If there is any questions concerning the 2020 Central WI Open Musky Tournament, please call: Tyler Kennedy, President, WAMI (715) 498-2016

## 2020 Central WI Open Musky Tournament

### Lake Groups Selection List

The tournament includes three (4) different lake groups in the Wausau area. These lake groups include:

- **Lake Wausau and Rib River**
- **Mosinee Flowage: Below Rothschild Domtar Dam to Mosinee Hydro Dam**
- **Lake DuBay: South of Mosinee Hydro dam including entire body of Lake DuBay**
- **Stevens Point Flowage: DuBay Dam south to Clark Street Bridge**

When you register for the tournament (see entry form), you will be asked to select/rank the three (4) lake groups in order of preference. No more than nineteen (19) tournament boats will be awarded to each lake group (13 for Mosinee). Awarding of lake groups will be done on a “first come-first served” basis in order of entries received on a website. A document will be posted and updated periodically on the website to show lake groups awarded by entry.

There will be no “tournament take-off” as different lake groups exist. Fishing hours will be from 6 AM to 4 PM and the honor system will be used for start and end times. Please show good sportsmanship and adhere to start and end times. You may launch your boat at any time you wish on tournament day but tournament fishing hours do not start until 6 AM. Official tournament time synchronization will take place at the pre-tournament meeting (mandatory attendance) on Friday evening, June 5th, at 7 PM at Dale’s Weston Lanes.

Thank you for fishing the 2020 Central Wisconsin Open Musky Tournament. **Have Fun and Good Luck!!!**

**2020 Central WI Open Musky Tournament  
Fish Release Form**

**Boat Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Anglers Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Length of Catch** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Nearest Quarter Inch;  
Measurement must be witnessed)**

**Body of Water Caught** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lure** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time Caught** \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness Information:**

**Witness Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**All of the information must be completed in full. If there is any missing information, your entry will not be counted. This form must be turned in along with the digital photograph showing entire fish and tournament token immediately upon arrival at the Tournament Awards Location. No entries will be accepted after 5:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS.**





## RELEASE OF LIABILITY – READ BEFORE SIGNING

Participant's Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please Print)*

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate among and on boats under the auspices of Muskies, Inc. International and Wausau Area Muskies, Inc., I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. "I am aware of the inherent risk associated with fishing and boating, including but not limited to the risks of collisions with other boats and stationary objects in and around the lake, including rocks, reefs or piers, or other vehicles and trailers at landing areas. I am familiar with other risks up to and including death by drowning associated with rough water, changing weather patterns, heavy winds, and lightning storms. I expressly assume all risks associated with this tournament and I hereby release Muskies, Inc. International and the Wausau Area Chapter of Muskies, Inc., the host, sponsors, and event officials from all claims of negligence resulting from injury and/or property damages incurred in connection with the tournament."
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of those persons released from liability below, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and
3. I will comply with all rules and regulations. If I have any question or observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my participation, I will immediately bring such to the attention of the nearest official; and
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Muskies, Inc. International and Wausau Area Muskies, Inc., the owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, their officers, officials, ("Releasees"), with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature

### **FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE**

(Under Age 18 at Time of Registration)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian of this participant, do consent and agree to his/her indemnification, release and hold harmless as provided above of all Releasees, and I, for myself and behalf of my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all claims incident to my child's involvement in these programs even if arising out of the negligence of the Releasees, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature