

# Jeremy Meissner Memorial Classic Fishing Tournament

## **2016 Tournament Rules & Regulations**

### **ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION**

1. Each participant must complete, submit a JMMC Official Entry Form. Registration forms are available at [www.jmmc.info](http://www.jmmc.info). Registration forms, along with the correct entry fee, can be mailed to: Josh Witt, address, city, state, zipcode. Credit card payments can be made to Nick Beil at [njbeil45@gmail.com](mailto:njbeil45@gmail.com)
2. Tournament entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable regardless of the date of cancellation.
3. All participants must possess a valid fishing license for the tournament waters being fished.
4. As a condition of participation in the tournament, each participant must execute a Release of Liability. The release indemnifies the Jeremy Meissner Memorial Classic tournament, its officials, and tournament sponsors.
5. Participants must have proper liability insurance for the boat being used in the JMMC fishing tournament.
6. As a condition of participation in the tournament, each participant must sign a Publicity Release Form. This release allows the use of the participant's likeness in all marketing.
7. A team can have up to two (2) adults and up (2) youth 14 years and younger and must fish in the same boat. One (1) team per boat. Youth 15 and older shall count as adults.
8. The JMMC Tournament reserves the right to refuse entry to any individuals who have been barred or disqualified from any tournament for rules violations.
9. Participants under 18 years of age must have the signature of his/her parent or legal guardian on the entry form, as well as the participant's signature.

### **FORMAT/SCORING**

1. Fish will be brought to the "Official weigh-in stage" at CWPCO Boat Landing.
2. The general weigh in procedures are as follows:

Weigh-in will be held on CWPCO Boat Landing located at 1470 River Lane, Mosinee, WI, 54455 at **1:45 p.m.** All participants shall be past the official tournament boat by **1:30 p.m.** Any participant arriving after that time will be disqualified. No exceptions. If you keep a fish that does not meet the measured requirement of Lake Dubay you will be disqualified. Fish will be measured with the mouth closed, the nose of the fish must touch the bump plate on the left, and the lower fin of the tail is extended back to its maximum length to the right. Your boat **MUST BE** off plane when passing the start-end boat when you are returning for weight in. If you go past the start-end boat on plane or fly by it you will be disqualified.

3. This is a multi species tournament for walleye, bass, northern pike and panfish (live or artificial bait may be used). Bag limit shall be per boat. Each boat shall be allowed up to **4** walleye, **4** bass of any Variety, **2** northern pike, and **20** panfish. A boat may not have its passion at any time more than the bag limit.

4. Each participant may fish with only 2 rods, a maximum of 4 rods per boat. However, you may carry more rods in your boat.

**5. DNR regulation for size and weight of fish shall apply.**

6. Tournament standings, contingency awards and final winners shall be determined by the total combined weight of each team. Any fish altered (before or after being caught) which enhances the weight or circumvents tournament slot limits will not be allowed and will be grounds for immediate team disqualification if so determined by the tournament rules committee. **All sport Fish brought in dead will have a 10% weight reduction for the fish.**

**Panfish are not considered sport fish.**

7. All fish must be caught on a hook and line in a conventional sporting manner. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging fish (that is, not hooked in the head per state regulations) will be disqualified. Rough Fish may be taken by any legal mean for biggest rough fish competition.

8. Photos of each fish may be used for display at the Awards Ceremony, on the tournament website, Fore the Kids website, and future tournaments.

9. One participant from the team is required to sign the Official Scorecard to certify their boats catch.

10. The Awards Ceremony will be at the CWPCO landing. The Awards Ceremony will begin after the weigh-in is complete.

## **RULES MEETING**

1. A rules meeting will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2015 at CWPCO at 6:45 A.M. Registration activities will begin at 6:00 A.M. Please be registered and check in by 6:30 A.M.

## **PREFISHING**

All pre-fishing must end at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13, 2015. You must be off the water no later then 5 pm! **The tournament director may change the ending time of pre-fishing if circumstances dictate.**

## **COMPETITION**

1. The Jeremy Meissner Memorial Classic fishing tournament is restricted to Lake Dubay and surrounding waters that you can access by boat only. You CANNOT exit your boat to access another body of water.

2. CWPCO Landing and other public accesses can be used to launch. All boats will meet at CWPCO boat landing for boats check and the start of the tournament. All boats will ease off from at the designated start-end boat at directors signal.

3. Boat numbers will be randomly drawn by tournament director. Each team will receive a "boat number board" which will remain with the boat for the duration of the event. This boat number board must be displayed at the take-off, check-in, and upon the request of a tournament official.

4. All boats must be checked in by a Tournament Director before the start of the tournament. Check in will begin at 6:00 a.m. Check in will be at starting boated located on water directly out from the boat landing. All live wells and storage compartments must be accessible to a Tournament Director official during inspection and a ribbon will be tied onto your trolling motor or front of your boat by the Tournament Director! All boats will depart from the anchored start/finish boat at the designated start time (7:00 a.m.) in numerical order. Boats will trickle start one by one and will receive the "go ahead" from the start/finish boat. At the time of take-off, all participants and their boats shall be in full conformity with all rules set forth by the tournament

committee.

5. No marine radio, cell phones, or other electronic communication is allowed during tournament hours except for an emergency. Official Marine Channel is Channel #1.
6. No underwater cameras, or binoculars, are permitted in boats during competition hours.
7. At no time during the tournament hours shall a participant leave their boat unless granted permission from a Tournament Director. Use safe judgment during inclement weather. If there is a need to clear the lake, the fishing tournament will resume when the Tournament Committee Officials deem the lake safe. The Tournament Director has the right to delay, shorten or cancel the start of tournament due to dangerous weather conditions. Tournament boundaries may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. The tournament may be cancelled (even after the tournament has started) because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of participants.
8. When returning, each boat must check in with the Start/Finish boat BEFORE the **1:30 p.m.** deadline. After being recognized as "checked-in" by the Start/Finish boat, you will proceed to the drop-off docks. There will be 2 designated docks for you to drop off your partner and your catch for weigh-in. CHECK IN AT THE START/FINISH BOAT AND AT THE CHECK-IN DOCKS IS MANDATORY-FISH OR NO FISH.  
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9. Teams not returning at the specified check-in time (**1:30 p.m.**) will be immediately disqualified. Official weigh-in will begin after 1:30 p.m. when the Tournament Director signals the start of weigh-in.
10. In the event entries increases beyond 40 teams a staggered start/finish will be conducted. Starting and finish times will be discussed at tournament Meeting if required.
11. A protest of any kind must be filed with the Tournament Committee Officials within fifteen (15) minutes of the end of the contest. A \$300.00 fee is required: refunded if found to be valid. The protest committee will consist of two (2) tournament officials and three (3) randomly selected participants. The committee findings are final. If the committee recommends a polygraph test, monies will be withheld until the results of the polygraph test are known. Participants taking a polygraph test may be responsible for any and all costs incurred.
12. Promoters, tournament committee officials, organizations and sponsors are not responsible for death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire or loss of any kind to participants.
13. The Tournament Director has final say on any rules and decisions!

## **ANGLER CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. All participants competing in this event are expected to act in a sportsman like manner at all times towards non-participants and participants alike. Violators of this rule will be disqualified.
2. The violation of any rule, as determined by the tournament committee officials, shall result in automatic disqualification from the tournament and ineligibility of prizes or awards. The Tournament Committee Officials' decision will be final and may not be challenged.
3. Safe boating shall be observed at all times. Each participant shall wear a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device at all times when the combustion engine is operating above trolling speed. The floatation device shall be fastened securely and the safety-stop switch attached.
4. All boats shall meet Coast Guard and State requirements. Motors may not exceed BIA rating established by the manufacturer. Boats are limited to one (1) auxiliary fuel tank (capacity not to exceed seven (7) gallons). Fuel tank shall meet Coast Guard standards and be securely fastened to the boat.

## **MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS**

1. In the event of a mechanical breakdown, the participants should attempt to make contact with the Tournament Director! His phone number will be given out at the Rules Meeting!
2. In the event of a mechanical breakdown, it is permissible for the participants to transfer to another participant's boat for transportation. Teams must still arrive at the check-in on time.
3. Any boat that comes to the aid of a participant OR another boat may be exempted from late penalties at the discretion of the Tournament Director. The assisting team shall note the time and GPS position where assistance was given.
4. Running out of gas is NOT considered a mechanical breakdown, and the boat will NOT be exempted from late penalties.

## **AWARDS**

1. The Awards Ceremony will be held at CWPCO landing. The Awards Ceremony will begin after the completion of the weigh-in process.
2. Participants are responsible for all applicable taxes on both cash and merchandise awards.
3. The Tournament Committee Officials reserve the right to adjust cash/prize payouts, with the exception of the guaranteed payouts.
4. Prize payouts for each category:

### **Biggest Bag**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Entry Fore the Kids Gulf Outing (\$1500) Value or \$1000 Cash**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$500 Cash or Prize not selected by 1<sup>st</sup> place team.**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$250 Cash or Prize not selected by 1<sup>st</sup> place team.**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> - \$100 Cash or Prize not selected by 1<sup>st</sup> place team.**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – TBD - Min \$100 Value**
  - 10<sup>th</sup> – TBD - Min \$100 Value**
  - 15<sup>th</sup> - TBD- Min \$100 Value**
- Prize awarded with each multiple of 5. Prize TBD, Min \$100 value**

**Only 1 large fish prize will be awarded per participant.**

**Biggest Fish Prizes, - Min \$150 prize value  
Determined by largest Weight**

**\*\*\*Rules subject to change\*\*\***