

2009 GWC OFFICIAL RULES

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Tournament Format and Eligibility

- a.** The Kenogamisis Fish and Game / Sno Club Walleye Classic Tournament format is a two person team, fishing for two days, total combined weight, live release Tournament.
- b.** The Tournament Directors have the right to delay or shorten the Tournament, subject to weather and/or safety considerations or due to reasons deemed necessary.
- c.** The tournament directors retain the right to change and or amend these rules at their discretion without prior notification. The final approved tournament rules will be supplied to all competitors at the Friday night rules meeting.
- d.** The Kenogamisis Fish and Game / Sno Club Walleye Classic Tournament, it's promoters, employees, sponsors, organizers, hosts, Directors, Officers and affiliated organizations assisting the operations of any of the Tournament, their agents and/or agents and assigns are not responsible for any death, injury, damage, liability, fire, theft or loss that may result prior to, during or after the Tournament howsoever caused. ALL COMPETITORS MUST SIGN THE ENTRY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THE WAIVER OF CLAIM, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT.
- e.** Competitors must be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age unless they have the permission of their parents or guardians. All participants under the age of 18 will require a WAIVER OF CLAIM, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT signed by their parents or guardians.
- f.** Entry fee per Team is \$150.00.

Rules Meeting

- a.** The rules meeting will start at 7:30 PM, Friday June 26, 2009, at Waterfront Park in Geraldton.
- b.** At least one member of each team must attend the rules meeting.
- c.** Participation packages with boat identifiers will be passed out at this time.

Live Release of Fish

- a.** Every effort must be made to keep the Walleye alive through the use of built-in or securely fastened, properly aerated or circulating live wells.
- b.** Under no circumstances can fish be purposely altered.
- c.** Fish, which are brought to the weigh scale, must be alive in order to be weighed in as part of the team's daily limit. Dead or non releasable fish count towards the 6 fish limit however the weight of the fish will not be added to the total weight for that team. Tournament officials will have final say whether a fish is releasable or not.
- d.** Any fish mauled, stringered, injected with water or other fluids, containing foreign matter to add weight or showing white gill or soft flesh will result in that team(s) immediate disqualification.
- e.** All fish must be released into Kenogamisis Lake by tournament officials.
- f.** Any fish deemed unreleasable will be returned to the angler.

Penalty for Late Check-In

- a.** Any team that has not crossed under the town bridge by the appointed return time shall have that day's catch disqualified.
- b.** The official time will be kept on the official tournament clock and a horn will sound at the end of each day.

Scoring

- a.** Only Walleye qualify for weigh-in.
- b.** A daily limit of SIX (6) Walleye per team will be weighed, only two (2) of which can be greater than 18.1 inches (46 cm) in length. Any team possessing more than the allowed daily limit of Walleye will have that days catch disqualified. The Daily Ministry of Natural Resources limit may be kept while angling.
- c.** Each team's fish must be presented to the Weigh Master or his/her Assistants in the bag

supplied by the Tournament Organizers.

d. All weights, upon verbal acceptance by the Team Captain, and then publicly called by the Weigh-Master are immediately official and are not thereafter contestable.

e. One team member must sign the weigh-in form recording the weight of the catch.

f. The winning team will be the team which weighs in the largest combined two day weight.

Morning Equipment Inspections

a. Boat inspections will take place each morning at the Waterfront Park in Geraldton. Boat inspections will start at 6:00 AM each morning.

b. Teams must have all coolers, hatches and live wells open for easy inspection.

c. Upon completion of daily inspection, one member of each team must sign the inspection form prior to each days fishing.

Starting Procedure

a. The Official Starter will release the teams one at a time using a trickle start, beginning at 7:30 AM. Each boat will start approximately 5 seconds apart.

b. Following check-in, boats will stage in Barton Bay on the west side of the town bridge. An official who is located below the bridge will display boat numbers in order of departure. The numbers will outline the next three boats to go and in what order.

c. The Official Starter will announce the boat number over a megaphone. One member of the boat must raise their hand and get the attention of the starter. Boat numbers **MUST BE** affixed to both sides of the boat motor. Once the starter verifies the team number and the prior boat is safely away, the announcer will announce 'GO' over the mega phone. The boat can power up after the bouys. All anglers must ensure no wake until they have cleared the bouys.

d. If a boat is unable to start during its official time, the boat must remain on the west side of the bridge until all boats have started. The official starter will restart the remaining boats after the entire field has departed using the same procedure used for the main field.

First Day Start

FISHING HOURS 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Boats will start one at a time. Starting order will be determined by their team numbers.

Day Two Start

FISHING HOURS 7:30AM - 3:00 PM

Boats will again start one at a time. The first boat will be determined according to total catch weight on the first day. Largest weight day one means first out on day two and so on. Ties will be broken by the earlier registration.

Boundaries

The tournament boundaries are outlined on the official Kenogamisis Lake Tournament Map.

NO FISHING ZONE: There will be no fishing on the west side of the Barton Bay Bridge until all boats have started.

NO FISHING AREA: There will be no boats on the west side of the Barton Bay Bridge after 3:00pm day one and 2:00 pm day two unless they have checked in at the bridge and are there for the sole purpose for weighing in. There is no fishing on the west side of the Barton Bay Bridge within one hour of the tournament finish time.

Procedure for Weighing Fish each day

Weigh-ins with more than 1 hour of fishing time remaining each day:

a. Boats can approach the dock immediately.

b. Both members of the team must remain in their boat until a tournament official comes to the boat with a weigh-in bag and weigh-in form.

c. The tournament official must confirm the walleye are living and fill out the weigh-in form appropriately.

d. The team is then responsible for placing their own fish in the weigh-in bag and carrying them to the weigh scale.

e. The fish and weigh-in form are then handed to the weigh scale operators. One member of each team must verify the scale weight and sign the weigh-in form.

Weigh-ins with 1 hour or less of fishing time remaining each day:

- a.** Boats check in at pontoon boat where they are given a weigh in number and a weigh-in form stating the number of fish and the number of dead fish.
- b.** Boats remain in the water until their weigh-in number is announced, and then they can approach the dock with their form.
- c.** Both members of the team must remain in their boat until a tournament official comes to the boat with a weigh-in bag.
- d.** Boats will be given a weigh-in bag in the order they arrived (according to weigh in numbers).
- e.** The team is then responsible for placing their own fish in the weigh-in bag and carrying them to the weigh scale.
- f.** The fish and weigh-in form are then handed to the weigh scale operators. One member of each team must verify the scale weight and sign the weigh-in form.

Day 2 Top Ten Weigh-in

- a.** Those teams which are in the top ten following day one will weigh their catch following all other team weigh-ins.
- b.** These teams will weigh in reverse order starting from 10th place to 1st place.
- c.** There will be a top ten meeting Saturday night where teams will be given instructions for Sunday.

Sportsmanship and Courtesy

- a.** It is strictly prohibited for any competitor to give, offer, accept or suggest the exchange of any weighable fish to, from or with any competitor or non-competitor.
- b.** All competitors must remain twenty (20) feet from another competitor's boat.
- c.** Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, particularly with regard to boating and fishing in the vicinity of a non-competitor.
- d.** Use of cellular phones, CB's or VHF radios are prohibited unless for emergency purposes.
- e.** No obstructing the centre passageway of any bridge on Kenogamisis Lake.

Safety

- a.** All competitors must practice safe boating at all times during practice and tournament fishing.
- b.** Every competitor must wear a fully secured Coast Guard approved life jacket or chest type floating device whenever the main combustion engine is in operation, unless at trolling speed.
- c.** No alcoholic beverages may be consumed by competitors during the tournament fishing hours.
- d.** In the event of a thunderstorm, lightning, or severe weather, teams may pull onto the nearest shoreline until it is safe to continue fishing.
- e.** Competitors may not leave their boats during the tournament except at the Official weigh-in site or if severe weather forces them ashore.
- f.** Every team, whether weighing fish in or not, must check in with a tournament official at the Waterfront in Geraldton located at the starting location.
- g.** Only tournament official boats are allowed to tow a competitor's boat during fishing hours if the team wishes to weigh in their catch.
- h.** A team that has a mechanical problem may use a different boat to finish the day's fishing. The switch must be made at the Waterfront in Geraldton.
- i.** Teams must notify a tournament official if an emergency or breakdown has occurred.
- j.** All boats must check in at tournament headquarters prior too and following fishing each day.

In the Interest of Safety, we have made the following amendments to the rules:

- a.** This section refers to the town Bridge, First Bridge on the highway and Second Bridge on the highway.
- b.** Each Bridge will be a "No Wake" zone and will be indicated by marker buoys
- c.** When traveling between the marker buoys under these Bridges, boats must travel at trolling speeds and stay to the right 10km or less.
- d.** All three Bridges will be a "No Fishing" zones and will include all areas between the marker buoys.

e. No competitor will allow his/her bait/lure to enter the area between the marker buoys. You may fish up to the marker buoys.

Tackle and Equipment

a. Live bait and artificial lures, manufactured baits, pork rind and commercially available liquid attractants may be used.

b. Landing nets may be used.

c. The use, in live wells, of commercially available fish care chemicals is permitted.

d. The use of the underwater cameras or any similar device is prohibited during fishing hours and cannot be present in the boat during tournament fishing hours.

Tie Breakers

All prizes will be split equal for all position ties.

Registration Ticket Purchase

a. Registration for the 2010 tournament will go on sale Friday evening. All entries paid in full by Sunday after prize presentation will go into a draw to determine the following years starting order. First ticket drawn will be first team out and so on. Draw will take place Sunday immediately following the prize presentation.

b. The remainder of the starting order will be determined by ticket purchase date.

c. If two individual Captains enter the tournament separately, and then later decide to amalgamate and become one Team, the newly created single Team will receive the LOWER of the two spots initially held by each Captain.

d. Any starting positions guaranteed due to the tournament draw are only guaranteed to those individuals whose names were on the original registration form submitted for the draw. Anglers who join a team following the draw will be moved to the bottom of the starting order if the angler(s) who were on the original registration form submitted for the draw decide to no longer participate on said team. The angler who loses their position will be guaranteed a position at the bottom of the starting order.

Tournament Cancellation

a. **There is a \$25 processing fee for those teams which withdraw from the event prior to one week before the tournament date.**

b. **There is no refund for teams who withdraw with less than one week notice prior to the event.**