

# TREELAND CHALLENGE OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES 2021

## I. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- A. Any properly licensed person is eligible to enter the 2021 36th Annual TREELAND CHALLENGE, except the families of Treeland Cottages, Inc. & Pat's Landing (Lacethani, LLC or Cheharlin, LLC).
- B. All children under 18 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, and have a license if applicable.
- C. No entries accepted after 9PM, Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at Treeland Resorts.
- D. Entry Fees: EARLY: Must be postmarked by April 15, 2021 - \$90 Single; \$160 Spouses; \$25 Child(ren) w/parents(s); Age 17 or under on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Postmarked AFTER April 15, 2021: \$100 Single; \$170 Spouses; \$25 Child(each) w/parent(s).
- E. Entry fee includes tournament hat, tournament activities, Brat & Beer Feed and Picnic and eligibility for door prizes.
- F. Professional guides may fish the tournament if registered and professionally guiding a registered contestant. *Professional guides are any currently licensed guides in Wisconsin who receive financial gain from their guide service.*
- G. Tournament contestants limited to the first 300 adult entries received.

## II. REQUIREMENTS

- A. All Wisconsin fishing and boating regulations apply.
- B. Entrants must sign a waiver (on registration form) to hold the sponsors of the tournament, their agencies and agents, harmless for any death, injury, damage, theft, fire or any loss that might result from participation in this tournament.
- C. **NO REFUNDS ON TOURNAMENT ENTRIES. ALL ENTRIES FINAL AND NON-TRANSFERRABLE---NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- D. All occupants of a boat must be registered contestants to fish "The Challenge".
- E. All occupants of a boat must be registered in the sidepot bet for any sidepot fish entered from a boat.
- F. All contestants must wear the Official Tournament Hat while fishing.
- G. All contestants give permission to use photos of entrants and their catches **for promotion of tournament.**

## III. TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES

- A. Tournament waters are the Chippewa Flowage, including all bays, sloughs and rivers which are accessible without portage.

## IV. TOURNAMENT FISHING & FISH REGISTRATION HOURS ARE THE SAME .

- A. Friday, May 7, 6 AM until 11 AM and 4 PM until 9 PM.
- B. Saturday, May 8, 6 AM until 11 AM and 4 PM until 9 PM.
- C. Sunday, May 9, 6 AM until 10 AM
- D. All fish must be registered by 10 AM Sunday, May 9, 2021.
- E. All registrants **MUST** be wearing tournament hat while fishing or registering fish.

## V. OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT WEIGH-IN STATIONS

- A. Treeland Resort (the Original)---also Tournament Headquarters.
- B. Pat's Landing Resort on Chief Lake.

## VI. RELEASE DIVISIONS ONLY

- A. Largest walleye by length to the nearest ¼" (one quarter) inch rounded down ---1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. (Example 3/8"=1/4").
- B. Only walleye 15 inches long or longer are eligible, entering up to a daily bag limit of 3 fish per contestant per day.\*
  - All walleyes must be a 15" minimum length, no harvest of fish 20"-24", and only one fish per day over 24".
  - To enter any fish measuring 20" - 24", OR A 2<sup>ND</sup> OR 3<sup>RD</sup> WALLEYE IN ONE DAY OVER 24", the angler **MUST TAKE A PHOTO WITH THE DAILY TOURNAMENT ICON, AND A LEGIBLE BUMP BOARD UNDER THE FISH. THE NOSE OF THE FISH MUST BE AT THE "ZERO" END AND THE TAIL AT THE POINT OF MEASUREMENT TO THE NEAREST ¼" ROUNDED DOWN. THE MEASUREMENT MUST BE CLEAR WITH THE ICON. WE CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH!**
  - Your fish will be disqualified if the measurement is not clear and the icon is not in the picture with the fish.
  - The fish must then be **RELEASED** live and the angler **MUST** bring the photo in to either Treeland or Pat's Landing to register during the same registration hours as if they were bringing the actual fish in to register.
  - The maximum entries are still 3 walleyes per day by ALL means.
  - **If there is any discrepancy on the legibility of the photo, the registration staff has the right to not accept a photo entry.**
  - There will be 2 daily tournament icons, for each fishing session (AM & PM). The icons may be picked up after 9pm the night before the tournament day, and then again between morning and evening fishing sessions, at either Treeland or Pat's Landing. **ANY PHOTOS WITHOUT THE ICON WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR REGISTRATION INTO THE CHALLENGE.**
  - If you do not have a bump board, Treeland's will supply one for your boat.
- C. Largest largemouth bass by length to the nearest ¼" (one quarter) inch rounded down, released live at dockside at Pat's Landing or released live dockside at Treeland Resort.
- D. Only largemouth bass 12 inches or longer and a maximum of 3 fish per angler per contestant per day can be registered.
- E. Each walleye or largemouth bass entered qualifies contestant for a chance in the drawing for the GRAND PRIZE DRAWINGS: Adult or Children's Class.
- F. In the event of a tie, the tied anglers next largest fish **will determine the winner. If still tied, cards will be drawn with Aces high.**

## VII. FISHING

- A. Only those fish caught on hook and line in a legal manner will be eligible. Nets, traps, spearing, gaffing, bow and arrow and other such methods are not allowed.
- B. Live bait, artificial bait and lures are allowed.
- C. An aerated live well must be used for holding and transportation of all fish, walleyes and/or largemouth bass, to be registered at either weigh-in station, bringing fish in in a timely manner for registration.
- D. Fish are subject to a complete inspection if deemed necessary by a tournament official. All fish must swim away in a "healthy manner"--subject to officials' rule.
- E. Largemouth bass registered at Treeland may be kept in an aerated tank to be released by tournament officials after registration of said fish.

## **VIII. PRIZES**

- A. RELEASE WALLEYE DIVISION-1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACES BY LENGTH.
- B. RELEASE LARGEMOUTH BASS DIVISION-1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACES BY LENGTH.
- C. Each entrant may enter fish in either or both divisions-walleye and/or largemouth bass. (a total of 6 combined per angler per day\*)
- D. Entrants are allowed only one place prize in each division-Walleye or Bass.
- E. Duel victory by one entrant in the SAME division will allow the entrant his/her choice of prize. Prizes after "D" above will go to the next winner in that division. All other winners will be moved accordingly.
- F. If any prizes are not won through the qualification of fish, they will be drawn at the Award Ceremony as "door prizes", from the "door prize" pot. You must be present to win.
- G. RELEASE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING---at Awards Ceremony.
  - 1. The only eligible contestants are those entering EITHER walleye and/or largemouth bass in either the WALLEYE OR LARGE MOUTH BASS DIVISION: ONE (1) ENTRY PER ENTERED RELEASED FISH. Children's entries not eligible for Cabela's Gift Card. Children's entries will have their own Grand Prize- St. Croix Premiere Rod with a Shimano Stradic Reel.
  - 2. Must be present at the drawing to win.
- H. CHALLENGE GRAND DOOR PRIZES- drawings at 9pm Thursday, 1pm Friday, 1pm Saturday and at the Awards Ceremony on Sunday.
  - 1. All entrants in the tournament are eligible.
  - 2. Must be present at drawing to win.
  - 3. Daily Grand Prize Winners are not eligible for other Daily Grand Prizes in the current year's tournament.
  - 4. Contestants must be present at Pat's Landing or Treeland Resorts to win door prizes on Thursday or Friday;  
**Treeland ONLY on Saturday and Sunday.**
- I. LADY LUNKER PRIZES
  - 1. Prizes for the Lady Lunker are awarded for the Largest Walleye and Largest Largemouth Bass caught during the tournament by a female (both determined by length).
  - 2. If someone in the Lady Lunker Division is also a winner in the overall Walleye or Bass Division, she has her choice of which award she would like to take. If she chooses to receive the prize in the overall Walleye/Largemouth Bass Division, the prize in the Lady Lunker Division will go to the next largest fish by length.
  - 3. If she chooses to take the prize in the Lady Lunker Division, the placement in the overall tournament will go to the next largest fish by length.
- J. DOOR PRIZES—
  - 1. All contestants present at drawing are eligible.
  - 2. For drawing times, see schedule of events.
  - 3. Your door prize and contestant number is printed inside of your tournament hat brim.
- J. SIDE POT BET.
  - 1. Optional for all anglers, but all anglers in the boat MUST be in the pot to be eligible to win.
  - 2. Pot will be split 1/6 to the largest walleye AND largest bass registered Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
  - 3. Optional side-pot bet is \$30 total per angler for all three days. Pay out equals 1/6 pot daily to walleye and bass.

## **IX. PROTESTS.**

- A. Written protests must be made prior to 10 AM Sunday, May 9, 2021.
- B. Parties involved may be called before the protest committee.
- C. Committee will meet within two hours of any protest being formally presented.
- D. A protest fee of \$25 will be required to accompany any formal protest. This fee will be returned if found to be valid by committee. If the protest is invalid, the protest fee goes to the alleged violator.
- E. Any contestant under protest may continue fishing, however, the catch will not be tallied until the protest is resolved.
- F. The tournament committee, acting in the best interests of the tournament, may initiate a formal protest against a contestant at any time during the tournament.
- G. The decision of the tournament committee is final in **all cases**.

## **X. "SPIRIT OF THE RULE"**

- A. All rules will have loopholes. It is our intention to provide an honest, sportsmanlike tournament. In the interest of good sportsmanship, contestants are reminded that the "spirit of the rule" will prevail in all judgment cases. We encourage the concept of "catch and release live."

## **XI. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. All decisions of the judges are final.
- B. The tournament committee reserves the right to reject any entries.
- C. Any infraction of these rules will call for immediate disqualification.
- D. The tournament committee reserves the right to use any legal means to authenticate the fish registered in each division.
- E. My signature on my entry form verifies I have read and will abide by the rules of the tournament and will adhere to good sportsmanlike conduct.
- F. By signing the entry form, I also give permission for the use of my name and photographs **of me for future promotions**.

## **XII. NORTHERN DIVISION**

- A. We will once again be holding a Northern Division, due to the benefits to the fishery including larger northern, larger walleyes and a better environment for stocking extended growth muskies and walleye.
- B. Entrants will be given a ticket for each northern harvested for a chance to win daily drawn prizes and/or cash.
- C. Per Wisconsin fishing regulations, entrants are limited to 5 Northern per day with a possession limit of 10.
  - a. Harvesting northern **24" and under** is strongly encouraged. Please release anything over.
  - b. Entrants are responsible for cleaning their own Northern and are welcome to use fish cleaning houses at Treeland's.