

## **BLC Muskie Shootout Rules and Regulations**

1. The entry fee is **\$160** per 2-man team. **Team members must be the same for both days of the tournament.**
2. The entry fee will be due no later than the start of the rules meeting.  
The team numbers will be determined by the order in which your entry was received
3. Contestants 17 years of age and under must fish with a parent, legal guardian or adult registered in the tournament
4. There shall be no refunds of entry fees unless certain conditions are met.  
Sufficient prior notice must be given by team captain to the BLC Muskies Inc tournament officials  
If there is inability to make the tournament by illness, death in family, etc - tournament officials will make the final decision if a refund is to be made
5. At least one team member must be present to register and attend the mandatory rules meeting held the night before the tournament at Hiawatha Beach Resort, unless arrangements are made with Tournament Director  
**Registration will start at 5:30pm** followed by the **rules meeting at 7pm.**
6. All tournament boats must pass boat and live well inspection, after launching, on Saturday and Sunday morning at Hiawatha Resort, to the Satisfaction of Tournament officials. Boats must remain in the water after inspection.
7. All tournament boats will have a tournament participant indicator attached to the boat
8. Tournament hours are 8am - 6pm on Saturday and 8am - 2pm on Sunday  
Fishing times are final  
**NO** fish will be registered after the closing time  
There will be no fishing allowed before or after fishing times on the tournament dates  
BLC tournament officials reserve the right to alter or cancel starting and finish times if severe weather or unforeseen conditions arise
9. Personal flotation devices: all contestants must wear their PFD's and use the appropriate motor kill switch when boat is moving above trolling speeds
10. For safety and fish registration purposes all boats must have a marine band radio or cell phone
11. There shall be **NO** alcohol consumed by teams immediately before starting time or during tournament
12. All State of Minnesota fishing and boating rules and regulations are to apply and followed by contestants  
It is the responsibility of contestants to know State of Minnesota fishing and boating rules and regulations
13. Any contestant receiving a citation for a violation of any boating or fishing regulations is subject to immediate disqualification and loss of entry fee
14. Tournament rules permit two (2) anglers with the use of one (1) line and one (1) lure per contestant in the water at one time.
15. All fish must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner on hook and line using artificial lures only  
**NO** live bait or dead natural bait will be allowed  
All fishing must be done from a tournament inspected boat
16. Contestants are not allowed to leave their boats during tournament hours without checking with tournament officials at tournament headquarters during tournament hours
17. Contestants must not fish within one (1) cast length of another boat of any kind  
Exceptions being tournament officials, film or press boats
18. No fishing from bridges, piers, docks or from shore is allowed
19. Awards presentation: the awards will be given out at Hiawatha Beach Resort beginning at 3pm Sunday  
Prize awards to be split between team members  
Places will be determined on the combined team total point accumulation for muskies over 30 inches caught during tournament  
All contest winners must be present at the awards ceremony
20. Cheating: should any contestant be caught cheating will result in immediate disqualification of team and forfeit on entry fee
21. Failure to comply: any team not complying with any of the tournament rules may result in disqualification and loss of entry fee
22. Sportsmanship: teams should conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times especially when near another boat
23. Any questions of problems connected with the rules of this tournament are to be referred to the BLC Muskies Inc tournament officials
24. Any protest should be filed immediately with the BLC Muskies Inc tournament officials upon the witnessing of a rules infraction or ethics violations All decisions by the tournament officials are final and binding
25. **Cash payout will be made to the top (5) teams. Payout amounts will be based on number of teams registered in Tournament.**
26. All contestants shall cooperate with members of the press after tournament for interviews or photographs

**BLC Muskies Inc expects and demands strict compliance of rules**

## **Tournament Scoring**

