**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 16 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 Agency Bay Lodge, 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

 Agency Bay Lodge 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 Agency Bay Lodge 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**

A. Fish has to be minimum length of 30 inches. A 30 inch fish will score 4 points, then add one point for each additional inch. B. Measurement: Measurement is to the inch.

Example: A fish 38 and 3/8 inches would be rounded down to 38 inches for a total of 12 points.

All measurements must be done on official tournament bump board.

C. When a musky is caught - keep the fish in the water, in the net, until all measuring tools and camera are ready.

There will be no fishing until fish is measured, released, called in and registered.

There is no transportation of fish allowed.

D. When a fish is caught anglers will take 2 digital time/date stamped pictures of the fish.

Picture 1: Show the entire fish on the bump board and team ID tag clearly showing length of fish.

Picture 2: Show one of the anglers holding the fish and team ID tag.

Fish will then be released.

Team will immediately call fish into tournament headquarters.

The time that the fish is reported over the phone to headquarters is the official time the fish was caught.

E. Digital camera with a USB cable or smartphone is required for picture verification.

F. Tie Breakers: (1) team that registered longest fish for the tournament, (2) team that registered the longest fish first,

(3) followed by the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, longest fish of this tournament, if still tied, a coin toss will decide the winner.

**2022 Muskie Shootout Entry Form** **October 1-2, 2022 Leech Lake, MN**

**\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is our Team Entry Fee of $160**

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Email Address Email Address

In due consideration of being a contestant of the Muskie Shootout, I, my heirs and next of kin, hereby release, waive and discharge Brainerd Lakes Chapter of Muskies, Inc. for all loss or damage of personal property or injury including death caused by the negligent act or negligent omissions to act while participating in the BLC Muskie Shootout

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Boater’s Signature  Boat Partner’s Signature  Date

Write entry fees out to “BLC Muskies Inc” and send to the address below.

**Brainerd Muskie Shootout**

c/o Damien Williams

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