

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. Inspections will begin at 6:30 am. 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
Live, forward-facing sonar will be **prohibited**
NEW No forward facing sonar transducers allowed in/on the boat during tournament hours
NEW There will be no use of drones allowed during tournament fishing hours
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 of 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
27. The BLC reserves the right to amend the rules at any point prior to the beginning of the tournament. Any changes will be communicated with all registered teams.

BLC Muskies Inc expects and demands strict compliance of all rules. Failure of any team to comply may result in team disqualification and forfeiture of the event entry fee and a review by BLC Muskies Inc Tournament Officials as to whether or not the team involved shall be allowed to participate in future BLC tournament events.

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 one-half inch. There will be no rounding. To receive the point, the fish must hit that point on the measuring board. All measurements must be done on official tournament provided 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. ***Updated*** Tie Breakers: (1) team that registered the highest scoring fish for the tournament, (2) team that registered the highest scoring fish first, (3) followed by the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, highest scoring fish of this tournament, if still tied, a coin toss will decide the winner. (Example: 40" fish caught at 10:00 am and a 40.25" fish caught at 11:00 am, both fish are worth 24 points so the 10:00 am fish would earn the tie breaker)

2026 Muskie Shootout Entry Form October 3-4, 2026 Leech Lake, MN

_____ Enclosed is our Team Entry Fee of \$160

Boater's Name _____

Boat Partner's Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Number _____

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

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
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