



2019 Extreme Walleye Federation, LLC. Tournament Rules

1. RULES: All teams will consist of 3 members. One member of each team will serve as a judge for a different team. Judges will be paired by random draw. Anglers are permitted to use one (1) fishing rod per angler. Walleyes must weigh 1 pound to be recorded on the weigh sheet. After a walleye is caught, the angler that caught the fish will clip it on the scale held by the judge. The judge will decide the weight to be recorded if scale doesn't lock. After the walleye is weighed, the angler then releases the walleye from the scale and placed back in the water. There will be no possession of any game fish during tournament hours. No holes are allowed for weighing fish. The clip on the scale shall be the means of holding the fish on the scale. Weighing and releasing of fish shall be done in a harmless and efficient manner. The judge is prohibited from helping the anglers in any way. The judges only duty is to weigh and record the fish weight. The Extreme Walleye Federation officials will settle all disputes and the decision will be final. Penalties will be applied as deemed necessary.

2. PARTICIPATION: All anglers must be paid members of the Extreme Walleye Federation. The annual membership runs from January 1-December 31 and is \$50 per team. . Memberships are non-transferable and non-refundable. Anglers must enter as three-person teams with specified names on the entry forms. Partner changes can be made up until the close of on-site registration/check in. Each team must complete, sign and submit an official entry form with payment (\$2500) by the due dates.

Proof of insurance must be with the boat at all times. Random checks may be conducted at events.

We reserve the right to refuse participation, (including championship/special events), to anyone for any reason including, but not limited to, suspension, disqualification or banning from this or other events, criminal behavior, violation of game laws, or any unsportsmanlike behavior that would reflect dishonorably on our sport.

3. ENTRY: Entries will be taken on a first paid in full basis. Once 50 teams are paid in full, the remaining teams can be added to a waiting list in the event a team cannot fish the season. Entry fees are \$2500 per 3 person team and must be prepaid for all 5 tournaments. The teams that qualify for the championship (25 teams) will be required to pay a \$500 entry fee. Teams that qualify from each event must have their entry fee for the National Championship paid no later than one month prior to the tournament. If a National Championship qualified team cannot fish the tournament, the 26th place team will be offered the National Championship tournament entry.

Every National Championship qualifying tournament will pay 10 places. The top five teams are automatically qualified for the 2019 Extreme Walleye Federation National Championship. The qualified teams cannot double qualify but can fish the events for the cash and sponsor prizes. If a team double qualifies, the next highest placing team in that tournament that has not qualified, will then be qualified for the National Championship. There will be an optional side pot with a \$100 fee. The optional side pot fee can be paid at the MANDATORY tournament rules meeting. The side pot will be paid to the top 5 teams that paid.

IF ALL these conditions are met with official approval, an official team substitute can replace a team member who CANNOT attend an event and team points will NOT be lost. Please use this benefit as it is

intended which is to help keep you fishing if your partner is UNABLE and CANNOT attend an event, it is NOT intended to give you a substitution to use anytime you wish to gain a competitive advantage and will not be allowed as such. Do not abuse this privilege.

Money order, cash, check or credit cards are acceptable payments (VISA, MasterCard, Discover).

At least one (1) member of each team must sign in and register in person with official Extreme Walleye Federation staff at the appointed time and place prescribed for onsite registration in the tournament's fact sheet. At least one team member must be present for the mandatory rules and safety meeting held the afternoon/evening prior to each tournament. In the case of an emergency or unforeseen situation, arrangements must be made with a tournament official if you are unable to attend. (Please call the tournament hot line above) Otherwise, if a team arrives 15 minutes or more late without approval they will be disqualified.

There will be polygraph\truth verification tests given at random each year. All competitors are subject to official inspection, or a truth verification testing during and after the tournament and agree to facilitate and participate in those inspections at any time so requested. During the tournament hours a competitor may not transmit by any form of communication including but not limited to a cell phone, CB radio, VHF marine band radio, texting, any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating, catching fish or discussing your daily catch of fish nor receive any form of communication to aid you in the locating or catching of fish. Contestants are permitted to transmit by radio or telephone, texting, etc. only in an emergency. During the official competition day(s) competitors nor teams may not seek, nor accept the advice or assistance of anyone for the purposes of locating or catching fish or otherwise affecting the daily catch of fish for any reason from anyone except from another confirmed competitor in the same event. During the event officials may board your boat at any time for any reason. No competitor, team or teams may buy or barter a fish, fishing information or a fishing location.

4. SAFETY & TOURNAMENT INTEGRITY: Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by tournament competitors. Participants must abide by all local navigation laws and avoid restricted areas at all times. **All participants are required and agree to wear a Coast Guard-approved type III or greater CHEST TYPE personal floatation device anytime the boat is on plane.** Tournament officials have the right to delay or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time.

In the event of a storm, lightning, severe weather or any unsafe condition, participants should remove themselves from competition and seek safety or shelter until it is safe to continue. Participants may not leave their boats during tournament hours except in case of emergency. Each boat must have a U.S. Coast Guard rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer if required. The horsepower rating of the outboard engine must not exceed the rating specified on this plate. Changing or altering standard factory motor parts to increase horsepower over factory rated horsepower is forbidden and will result in disqualification. All Extreme Walleye Federation, LLC. qualifying tournaments will have published days of competition, unless delayed or shortened due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. Tournament boundaries or restricted fishing zones will be announced at the rules meeting and may be further restricted if needed, blow days may or may not be added to events at the discretion of the official.

5. SPORTSMANSHIP: Participants will conduct themselves in a true sportsmanlike, courteous, safe and ethical manner at all times maintaining professional demeanor in public and in communication with officials. Any unfavorable conduct, speech or action by a participant in our efforts to promote

sportsmanship, clean waters and conservation could be grounds for disqualification or rejection of entry. Each competitor is expected to participate in the marshaling of the field to help maintain the highest integrity of competition. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any competitor during the event or use of alcohol until after you have weighed in will not be tolerated and shall be cause for disqualification. Any incidents observed during tournament hours should be reported to tournament officials for investigation. Any violation of these basic sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.

6. TACKLE & EQUIPMENT: Participants must possess all necessary fishing licenses and commit to following all regulations. All state rules regarding fishing will be observed unless more stringent regulations are specified at the rules meeting. Only fish caught on hook and line in a normal and usual manner will be accepted. Live bait and artificial lures are allowed unless previously stated.

7. BOAT, MOTOR & SAFETY EQUIPMENT: All tournament boats are required to have in their possession all Coast Guard-required safety equipment, including but not limited to approved type III or greater CHEST TYPE personal flotation devices, a type IV throw cushion, fire extinguisher, distress horn/flag/whistle, and display an Extreme Walleye Federation member number which will be supplied. Tournament boats are required to have a functioning bilge pump and emergency ignition-shutoff device that must be securely attached to the driver anytime the boat is on plane. In addition it is recommended to have a marine band radio on board.

All tournament boats must be cleaned of all harmful exotic aquatic species **CLEAN, DRAINED and DRY** prior to entering the water and upon departure from infected waters.

Tournament boats will be inspected for operating emergency ignition stop switch. Gas tanks must be properly secured or strapped in a boat. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility with safe methods and service open to all contenders and/or the public.

8. BOAT IDENTIFICATION: Each boat MUST be given, prior to each day's start, a SAFETY INSPECTION check by a tournament official, also a boat marker, which MUST remain in or on the boat and turned in during check-in at the end of each day. Launch will be determined by random draw.

9. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Tournament waters shall be established by officials for each tournament. Each competitor must obtain this information from the fact sheet provided. Fishing on tournament waters is permitted within the boundaries defined by the tournament director that are available to the public and accessible by boat except: Any water within these tournament boundaries posted "off-limits or no fishing" by local, state or federal officials will be OFF-LIMITS, the removal of official local, state or federal property or barricades at any time to make an area more accessible by boat is strictly prohibited. Also, any live fish release area established by the Tournament Director will be off-limits and will be announced at the Tournament Briefing. No contestant may "Buy" or "Barter" a fish or a fishing location. Only that water open to ALL public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Any water closed to public fishing will be closed to tournament contestants. All angling must be done from the boat. On tournament days, participants are prohibited from fishing except during designated tournament fishing hours. Participants should stay off tournament waters before and after tournament hours except to navigate to and from the check-in site and launch facilities. If repairs and/or a test-run are needed an appointed tournament official or sponsor service technician should ride along.

10. CONTESTANTS MUST REMAIN TOGETHER/ BREAKDOWN INSTRUCTIONS: In the event a boat breaks down and anglers are unable to return by check in time, the judge in that boat is allowed to photograph the weigh sheet and send to the tournament director before the end of the tournament time. Late

penalties will still apply. Do not leave the boat unless for personal safety. Arrangements shall be made then by the anglers to recover the boat or towing it in.

11. OFFICIAL SAFETY CHECK POINT: There shall be an official safety checkpoint for checkout in the morning/ check-in in the afternoon and this point shall be designated at the tournament briefing. At the time of check-out all competitors and their boats shall be in full conformance with all safety and tournament rules set forth by Officials. At check-in all boats shall identify themselves to the check in official and proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area. **YOU MUST CHECK-IN EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY FISH.** It is each angler's responsibility to know what time they are due in.

12. LATE PENALTY: Competitors who are not at the official safety check in point as described above at the appointed return time shall be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute to be deducted from the total weight of their catch that day. Any competitors more than fifteen (15) minutes late shall lose all credit for that day's catch. There shall be no excuse for tardiness and in no case will a competitor be allowed to make up "lost time." Return time shall be defined as off-plane and plainly visible by the official timekeepers.

13. SCORING All walleyes weighing one pound or more are considered "legal" in this format. The angler that catches the fish clips it on the scale, the judge records the weight, and the angler releases the fish from the scale **14. PROTESTS & TRUTH VERIFICATION TESTS:** RANDOMLY ANNOUNCED TRUTH VERIFICATION TESTS WILL BE GIVEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. Additionally, anyone has a right to protest a team. An official written protest with \$150 fee must be made with a tournament official within 30 minutes of completion of daily weigh-in. The fee will be returned if the protest is found valid. Following interviews with concerned parties or truth verification testing if required, a final ruling will be made. In the event rules infractions occurred a penalty of daily and/or tournament weight may be applied, and cash, prizes and awards must be returned if so requested. If a protest is found valid, the disqualified party must pay all investigative costs.

Each competitor or participant agrees by their signature on the entry forms and by their participation in the tournament, to submit to a polygraph or voice stress analyzer test, I.E. Truth Verification Test, should they be asked to for any reason and to abide by its conclusion. Tournament officials shall have sole discretion to select scope, when, where and who shall administer such an exam. Participant will make themselves available at their own expense for testing as scheduled. In the official's sole discretion, refusal to submit to exam or failure to pass a truth verification exam will result in disqualification.

14. CATCH & RELEASE: This is a catch, weigh, release tournament format. AT NO TIME SHALL THE ANGLERS BE IN POSSESSION OF ANY GAME FISH.

15. TIES & POINTS: If a tie occurs at an event, Tie breakers are as follows. 1,) Most number of legal fish weighed, 2,) Largest Walleye 3,) Means selected by tournament official. The tie breaker for team of the year is: 1,) Most number of legal fish weighed, 2,) Number of events fished.

The point system to determine the team of the year will be 50 points for first, 49 for second, etc. However, no points will be awarded if no "legal" walleyes were caught.

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tournament lake cannot be used as a substitute because it would give an unfair advantage. Do not abuse this privilege.

16. CHAMPIONSHIP: The 2019 Extreme Walleye Federation National Championship will consist of the top 25 teams from the 5 qualifying tournaments. The top 5 teams from each qualifying tournaments will automatically be qualified for the National Championship. Teams cannot double qualify but are encouraged to fish for the cash and sponsor prizes. In the event a team double qualifies, the 6th place team will be qualified for the National Championship. By the time the season is over, HALF of the teams will be qualified for the National Championship presented by Bladed Bouncer, LLC.

TEAM OF THE YEAR: The team with most points at the end of the 5 qualifying tournaments will be the Team of the Year and have a paid entry into the National Championship.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT WINNERS: All tournament winners are automatically qualified into the National Championship. The qualified teams can still fish remaining events for cash and sponsor prizes.

17. PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY – READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration for permission to voluntarily participate in any events, programs or related activities conducted by Extreme Walleye Federation, LLC., I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that: The risk of injury, disability, death, loss or damage to my person or property from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and, I have been advised by Extreme Walleye Federation, and have had the opportunity to seek legal counsel with respect to the legal effect of this document; and,

I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS referred to above, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE Extreme Walleye Federation, THEIR OFFICERS,

OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, AGENTS, AND/OR EMPLOYEES, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, AND SPONSORING AGENCIES, SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS AND, IF APPLICABLE, OWNERS AND LESSORS OF PREMISES AND PROPERTY used to conduct the event (“RELEASEES”) OR OTHERS, AND ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RISKS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION; AND,

I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the immediate attention of the nearest official; and,

I agree to submit, by signature on this document, to a polygraph or voice stress analysis examination. Hereinafter known as truth verification test, and abide by its conclusion. Truth verification test(s) will be used at the Extreme Walleye Federation’s sole discretion, and administered by the Extreme Walleye Federation officials. I understand that failure to pass the examination as determined by the Extreme Walleye Federation will result in disqualification. Having fully acquainted myself with the tournament rules, I have completed this application and submit it for my entry and

I, FOR MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NEXT OF KIN, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS RELEASEES, WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, WHICH I SUFFER OR WHICH I AM FOUND TO HAVE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY MY NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL

MISCONDUCT, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

In signing this application, and by my presence at the event, I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all tournament rules, participant release of liability and safety regulations. I expressly assume all risks associated with the tournament.

If I am using a boat during the official practice or during the tournament, I certify that I now have, or will obtain prior to the event, property damage\ watercraft liability insurance having reasonable limits. Said insurance must be issued by a reputable insurer and must cover injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this Tournament and cover the dates of the event(s). Upon request, I will provide satisfactory evidence of said insurance. I hereby wave my rights of privacy or publicity with regard to the unconditional right to use my name, voice, photographic likeness, video and biographical information and fishing tips and instructions in connection with any reproduction of same, video\audio productions and\or articles and press releases by the Extreme Walleye Federation, and those acting under their permission, anywhere at any time, through any medium or media. I shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. I further understand and agree that the tournament officials reserve the right to reject my application for any reason whatsoever. I am currently a member in good standing of the Extreme Walleye Federation. The Participant signifies by his/her signature below that they have read and understands the foregoing provisions. **All team members must sign and/or agree to electronically when registering.**

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Signature _____ Print Name: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

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Page 6 with signatures must be emailed to extremewalleye@gmail.com or mailed to Extreme Walleye, LLC. 1021 S. Courtland St., Chamberlain, SD 57325 to confirm your registration