

- 1. Participation & Eligibility:** Valid Iowa fishing license. Tournament limited to 30 boats. Top 10 will qualify for no entry championship tournament. Win any tournament to automatically qualify for championship (up to 3 different winners). Remainder of championship filled by points from qualifying tournaments. Points awarded from 30 (assuming full field) down to 1 based on tournament finish. Must weigh a fish to receive tournament points. 25% of entry will be pushed to championship tournament.
- 2. Basic Boating Equipment:** Every tournament boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment. In addition, all tournament boats must have a functioning aerated live well to maintain condition of all fish caught during tournament.
- 3. Safety:** Safe boating conduct shall be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. Take off will be one (1) boat at a time in safe intervals.
- 4. Sportsmanship:** All competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the boat. Violators will be disqualified.
- 5. Tackle & equipment:** No Trolling, No Live or Prepared Bait (except pork trailers) and one rod/reel used per competitor at any given time.
- 6. Official Checkpoint:** There shall be only one (1) official check point for each check-in in the morning and weigh-in in the afternoon. This point shall be designated by the tournament officials.
- 7. Permitted Fishing Locations:** Fishing is permitted anywhere except areas posted off limits or within 25 yards of another competitor unless invited. This privilege shall not be extended to certain competitors with the exclusion of others. All angling must be done from the boat. The boat must remain in tournament waters. During tournament competitors must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat.
- 8. Late Penalty:** Any competitor showing up after check-in time will be penalized one (1) pound per minute of tardiness and disqualified after 15 minutes. No excuses. Official time announced at blast off.
- 9. Your Catch:** A maximum of 5 fish (Largemouth, Spotted, Redeye & Smallmouth) per boat will be allowed to weigh-in. Tournament winners will be determined by the total weight of stringer. There will be one big fish award to the heaviest fish caught during the tournament. Any fish weighed in dead will have a 1 pound penalty deducted from that weight and will not be considered for big bass. There are no length limit on fish.
- 10. Ties & Scoring:** Big fish will break heavy stringer ties and heavy stringer ties will break big fish ties. Further ties shall be determined by the flip of a coin.
- 11. Liability and Photo Release:** Everyone must sign a liability waiver to be registered to allow photos or film with them in it and identified by name to be the property of Midwest Game Fish for publicity and promotion.
- 12. Knowledge of Rules:** It is the responsibility of each contestant to read and understand these rules. Failure to read or ignorance of these rules is no excuse. Any announcement made by the tournament director at tournament site takes precedence over any written rules. Interpretations of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament officials and shall be final in all matters.