

**CAPITAL CITY CHAPTER OF MUSKIES, INC.**  
**Members Only Hat Trick Contest**  
**Annual Rules and Regulations**

**Summary**

The Hat Trick Contest recognizes club members who are successful in catching muskies from various waters in the Madison, WI area. There are three levels in the Hat Trick Contest, based on the sizes of the muskies caught.

**Rules**

1. All rules applicable to the Release Contest apply to the Hat Trick Contest, including the requirement for qualifying fish to be entered in the Muskies Inc "Lunge Log".
2. Muskies must be captured during the legal season on the eligible waters.
3. To qualify, a member must catch fish from at least 3 of the following waters:
  - a. Lake Kegonsa (including the Yahara River upstream to Hwy 51/Stoughton Rd)
  - b. Lake Mendota (including the Yahara River upstream to Hwy 113/Northport Rd and downstream to Hwy 151/East Washington Dr)
  - c. Lake Monona (including the Yahara River upstream to Hwy 151/East Washington Dr and downstream to Hwy 18/Beltline; including Wingra Creek upstream to the Wingra spillway)
  - d. Lake Waubesa (including the Yahara River upstream to Hwy 18/Beltline and downstream to Hwy 51/Stoughton Rd)
  - e. Lake Wingra
4. Qualifying entries must specify the exact lake where the catch occurred. (e.g., fish entered in the "Lunge Log" under "Madison Chain" would not be eligible.)
5. Upon qualifying, the member must notify the Release Chair in writing or by email, including a list of the qualifying catches with their "Lunge Log" fish ID number.
6. Maximum of one award per member each year.
7. To qualify the member must be in good standing at the time of the catch and during the subsequent awards banquet.
8. Categories:
  - a. Hat Trick: all three fish entries are thirty (30) inches or longer
  - b. Silver Hat Trick: all three fish entries are forty (40) inches or longer
  - c. Golden Hat Trick: all three fish entries are forty-five (45) inches or longer
  - d. Hat Trick Champion: angler with the highest average length of 3 fish entered
9. No witness or photograph is required for the Hat Trick and Silver Hat Trick categories. To qualify for the Golden Hat Trick, the member must provide the Release Chair with either photographs of the fish (printed or by email) or signed witness statements attesting to the catch, measurement, and release.
10. All qualifying anglers will be awarded a patch and/or recognized at the annual awards banquet.

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