

CAPITAL CITY CHAPTER OF MUSKIES, INC.
Members Only Release Contest
Annual Rules and Regulations

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1. Categories - Released Fish Only (Most Release Points). In the event of a tie, multiple awards will be given in each category.
 - a) Juniors' Open Division (1) award (A "Junior" is anyone who was 17 years old or younger on January 1st of the current year.)
 - b) Mens' Open Division (1) award
 - c) Womens' Open Division (1) award
 - d) Masters' Division (1) award (A "Master" is any previous Mens' Division champion.)
 - e) Rookie of the Year (1) award (A "Rookie" is any adult member who enters a muskie in the Lunge Log for their first time during the current year.)
 - f) Largest release: True (45" min.) (1) award, Hybrid (40" min.) (1) award
 - g) Lunker of the month (January through December) (1) award per month. The muskie must be 45" or longer to qualify for Lunker of the Month.
 - h) Largest Dane County Release (1) award
 - i) Largest Junior Division Release (1) award
2. Muskies must be caught on legal sport fishing tackle (i.e. hook and line) in the United States or Canada in strict compliance with all local and state or provincial laws. Therefore, muskies caught during a closed season do not qualify.
3. The minimum length to qualify for the release contest is thirty (30) inches. Total length is measured from the tip of the lower jaw to the farthest tip of the tail. Each muskie should be measured to the nearest inch. However, any muskie measuring under the minimum length of (30) inches is not to be registered. A musky 1/2" under the thirty (30) inch minimum length cannot be rounded up to the nearest inch to qualify for the release contest.
4. The muskie must be hooked, played and caught by only one person. Only that person may enter the muskie in the release contest. Assistance in landing and releasing a muskie is permitted.
5. Entrants must be a member in good standing of the Capital City Chapter of Muskies, Inc. at the time of the catch.
6. All entries must be entered in the Muskies Inc "Lunge Log" (www.muskiesinc.org).
7. The contest runs from January 1st – December 31st each year. Members must register their catch within (30) days of the date of the catch. December catches must be registered no later than January 15th to be eligible for any CCMI contests.
8. A point system will be used to determine year-end awards. Four (4) points will be awarded for each qualifying musky released. An additional point will be awarded for each inch over the minimum thirty (30) inch length.
9. The Board of Directors will review all disputed entries. They will arbitrate any disputes or questions. The Board of Directors decisions will be considered final.
10. Releases do not need to be witnessed to be eligible for the CCMI release contest. It may however be to your benefit to have a release witnessed and/or photographed if you feel such a release will be eligible for International Awards or other CCMI Contests.
11. Starting in 2011, an individual who wins the "Masters" division three (3) times is awarded designation as a CCMI "Distinguished Master" and is removed from winning the Men's Masters competition. A "Distinguished Master" may petition the Board of Directors to be reinstated to the "Masters" division.
12. Rules for other CCMI contests may differ from these rules. Please see the rules and regulations for any other contests you may be interested in entering.