

YOUTH MUSKIE CHAMPIONSHIP of WISCONSIN  
June 24, 2023 – Lake Waubesa

**Contestants:**

1. All participants must be 18 years old or under as of June 24, 2023.
2. Each Participant is competing individually. More than one participant may share a boat.
3. Non-participants (such as parent or other adult) may be in the boat, but they may not fish for any species during tournament hours. Non-participants are allowed to assist participants by offering advice, running the gas and electric motors, and netting fish being caught by youth participants.
4. All participants (both young contestants and adults in the boat) must sign a Muskies Inc Release of Liability form before the start of competition. If you have passed boaters safety and intend to fish without your parent, you will need to have a release of liability form from them as well as one for the youth.
5. Participants should compete with respect and sportsmanship.
6. WYMC officials may disqualify a participant for sportsmanship, rules violations, or other issues at their discretion.

**Registration and Hours:**

7. Registration and pre-launch boat inspection will take place starting at 6:45 a.m. the day of the event.
8. All participants must attend a **mandatory rules meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m., June 23**, via Capital City Muskies, Inc. page facebook Live.
9. Tournament fishing hours are 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., though this may be altered due to weather conditions or other considerations.

**Boats:**

10. All Wisconsin fishing and boating rules, regulations and licensing apply. It is the participant's responsibility to know these rules and regulations.

Please be particularly aware of the following requirements:

- o Anyone born in or after 1989 must have completed a boater safety course to operate a motorized boat, and the certificate must be carried on the boat.
  - o No one under the age of 10 may operate a motorized boat.
  - o Anyone aged 10-11 may operate a motorized boat only if accompanied by a parent or other adult designated by the parent.
  - o Anyone aged 12-15 may operate a motorized boat only if they have a completed a boater safety course or if they are accompanied by a parent/designated adult.
11. Everyone on board must wear Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) at any time when the boat is under power with a gasoline motor, and the driver must use the motor kill switch. Participants are always encouraged to wear PFDs while on the water.

12. An identification/tape/sticker will be provided during registration. This must always be attached to participants' boats allowing it to be seen from a distance.
13. All boats must carry at least one working cell phone in order to contact judge boats.

### **Waters:**

14. Tournament waters are limited to Lake Waubesa. The boundaries are the shoreline of the lake up to the railroad tressel.
15. All tournament boats should try to remain at least 100' away from any other boat, whether that boat is in the tournament or not.
16. Participants may only get into or out of a boat at Goodland Park, and must check-in with tournament officials when doing so. Boats and participants may not come in contact with the shoreline at any other place during tournament hours.

### **Fishing:**

17. Only one (1) fishing line and one (1) lure at a time is allowed in the water for each youth contestant.
18. All fishing must be done by casting or Trolling with artificial lures. Trolling is defined as moving a lure through the water by the use of oars, gasoline motors, or electric motors. No use of live/dead bait is allowed.
19. Each boat must contain a net and release tools of adequate size, shape, and condition to contain and successfully release muskies unharmed.
20. Fish Registration Process:
  - o When a Muskie is caught, keep the fish in the water contained within the net.
  - o Immediately call a judge boat using the provided cell phone numbers.
  - o Unhook the fish, but do not remove the fish from the water or bring it into the boat.
  - o When the judge boat arrives, the judge will assist in the measurement process using the judge's bump board, taking a photograph, and release back into the lake.
21. Scoring
  - o Winners are determined by the largest single Muskie or Tiger Muskie caught; scoring is not cumulative for multiple fish.
  - o Measurement will be determined to the nearest ¼" (quarter inch) by the judge.
  - o Fish must be released alive and healthy. Any unsuccessful release (as determined by the judge) will result in that fish being disqualified.

### **Prizes:**

22. Wisconsin Youth Muskie Championship plaques will be presented to the youth participants registering the three (3) largest muskies. If less than 3 muskies are registered, the remaining places will be ranked according to the largest Northern Pike.
23. Additional door prizes will be awarded at the awards ceremony.