

## REGISTRATION

1. The entry fee for the 2021 Madge Lake Walleye Cup is \$300CDN. Entry fees can be paid via e-transfer, credit card, cheque - received by IOMPresents no later than September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 - or cash the night of the rules meeting. Cash and other options, such as having won a free entry, will need to be noted in the online registration form.
2. The MLWC is based on a field of 75 two-angler teams. Once that field is full, a waiting list will be established. Tournament organizers can choose to expand the field by up to 10%, starting August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Such expansion will be noted on the [www.iompresents.com](http://www.iompresents.com) web site and the @IOMPresentsMLWC Facebook page.
3. Those teams that fished the MLWC in 2019 are grandfathered in, provided their **PAID** registration is received by the tournament organizers on or before August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. After that, the MLWC will begin accepting registration based on the date of payment. Non-grandfathered teams that wish to register prior to August 13<sup>th</sup> are welcome to do so, however their registration will not be confirmed until August 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. If one of the two paid and registered team members needs to drop out of the MLWC, the remaining team member can choose to replace them with another qualified angler. The tournament organizers must be notified of the change before 5pm the night of the rules meeting. If an entire team drops out, a new spot will open at the bottom of the field, to be filled from the waiting list. As of August 13<sup>th</sup>, the entry fee will only be refunded if that spot is able to be filled by another team.
5. The MLWC Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse entry to any individual or team for any reason. They also reserve the right to disallow the use of any boat & motor deemed unsafe or unsuitable.

## PARTICIPATION

6. The MLWC is conducted in accordance with all current Saskatchewan Fishing Regulations, except for those variations noted within these rules. It is the **sole** responsibility of all participating anglers to familiarize themselves with both the up-to-date regulations and these variations, and to abide by them.
7. All participating anglers must be 18 years or older on the date of the rules meeting for the MLWC and in possession of both a valid Saskatchewan fishing license **and** a Pleasure Craft Operator Card if they intend to do any driving of the boat. Any angler under the age of 18yrs on the date of the rules meeting must fish with either their parent or a qualified legal guardian over the age of 18. (A written letter from one of the youth angler's parents will be required.)

8. MLWC participating teams fishing from out of province/country are REQUIRED to contact Saskatchewan Government's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator to make arrangements to have your boat inspected and if necessary decontaminated prior to putting it in the water at Madge Lake. Failure to do so may result in the team being disqualified. Contact information for the AIS Coordinator will be posted on the MLWC website and Facebook page approximately one month before the tournament.

9. There will be no alcohol or marijuana – unless prescribed by a licensed physician - consumed by any participating angler during tournament hours or the Friday pre-fish unless their boat has been taken off the water. Doing so will result in the immediate disqualification of that angler's team.

Anyone under the influence of intoxicating prescription medication is prohibited from driving the boat or the tow vehicle. Any angler determined to be under the influence while driving the boat or tow vehicle will result in their team being immediately disqualified

10. Electronic luring or attracting devices and underwater cameras are prohibited the days of the MLWC but are allowed during the pre-fish.

11. Each participating angler are **required** to wear a U.S. or Canadian Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) when on the water during tournament hours. Failure to do so will result in a 1lbs penalty. (Angler to Angler reporting will be accepted, but must be accompanied by a picture, texted to the Tournament Director immediately upon being taken.)

12. All participants are required to observe current Canadian Coast Guard rules, regulations, and requirements concerning safe boating.

13. The participating angler driving the boat must be tethered to the kill switch either physically or via wireless connection at any time the boat is on plane.

14. Each team registered in the MLWC is responsible for ensuring that their boat is properly registered and insured in accordance with the regulations of the home province or state of the boat owner.

15. All boats used by anglers competing in the MLWC must have a properly functioning livewell with aeration. Anglers are strongly encouraged to have sponges in the livewell, to make use of fin weights, and to consider making use of the various livewell additives available.

16. Each team must submit their boat to inspection by MLWC tournament officials prior to launching the morning of the tournament. Only when cleared by tournament officials can the boat be launched for participation in the MLWC. Registration packages and boat numbers will be provided during either Friday night rules meeting or the Saturday morning boat inspection, depending on which format is being used.

17. Each team shall **clearly** display their team identification number on the port side of their boat. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that tournament officials record their team number when returning.

18. Anglers must be off the water by 4pm, Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

19. There will be either a traditional rules night or a virtual rules meeting starting at 7pm Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Virtual meetings will be via Facebook Live from the MLWC Facebook Page. Each competing team is required to have at least one (1) member of their team in attendance, no matter which format is used. If it is a virtual meeting, MLWC staff will note participants to ensure attendance.

20. The MLWC will have three (3) flights, 7:00am to 3:00pm, 7:30am to 3:30pm, and 8:00am to 4:00pm, with each flight taking off via a trickle start. Flights are determined by the first digit of your three-digit boat number.

21. All teams are **required** to check in at the end of each day with tournament officials. If a team decides not to come into the weigh station, they are required to text the Tournament Director and advise that they are off the water.

22. Any team returning late at the end of their flight will be assessed a penalty of 20% of their total finalized basket and will be disqualified from any "big fish" prize for that day. Any team returning later than 5min after their flight check-in time will be disqualified.

## **THE FISH**

23. Only Walleye, Sauger or Saugeye will be defined as "fish" for purposes of the MLWC.

24. Only two (2) fish may exceed 55cms.

25. Fish under 39cms are not MLWC tournament legal.

26. Fish are to be measured with the tail pinched to the width of the board. Fish will be measured once on each side, if necessary, as it only needs to pass on one side

27. The MLWC uses the Cabela's Canada Fish Measuring Board as the official ruler of the tournament.

## **THE WEIGH IN**

28. The weigh scale will be open from 10am until the end of the MLWC weigh-in.

29. Participating teams may weigh a basket of up to five (5) fish in total. Teams may cull fish but may have no more than five (5) fish in their livewell at any given time.

30. An unloading area will be designated immediately in front of the weigh-in area. Once presented for inspection, all fin weights and sponges must be removed prior to the Dock Master entering the boat to determine the viability of the fish in the livewell.

**Anglers are encouraged to use a "lip clip" to identify their big fish for quicker weigh-in once the Dock Master clears them to proceed to the scales.**

31. Any fish determined to be stressed or dead in the livewell at the sole discretion of the Dock Master will be subject to a penalty of 1lbs if the fish is 30cm to 55cm, and 3lbs for fish over 55cm. More than three stressed or dead fish in the basket will result in the team being disqualified. Stressed or dead fish are ineligible for Big Fish prizes or recognition.

32. Once the Dock Master has made their decision, team members will basket the fish, and take them up to the weigh station. Once basketed, only the Weigh Master may handle the fish until the basket weight is determined.

The singular exceptions to these fish-handling rules are the Conservation Officers. They may inspect your fish at any point during the day.

33. One big fish per team **MUST** be weighed for purposes of breaking any ties between basket weights. with the larger fish determining the higher finishing place. It is the team's sole responsibility to determine their 'big fish' for weigh-in.

34. Once the basket weight is determined, a team member will sign for their weight and receive a copy of their scale ticket.

## **AWARDS**

35. Standings and prizes will be based upon each team's finalized "basket" weight for the tournament. Weights will be recorded to the second decimal place in pounds. In the event of a tie, the team's Big Fish will be used to as tie breakers. If all else fails to break the tie, the teams will share the prize 50/50.

36. All prizes and prize values are based upon a full field of 75 **paid** entries, and the full participation of the sponsors. Prizes, be they cash or products and/or services, are subject to change without notice.

## MISCELLANEOUS

37. The Tournament Director reserves the right to delay launch times, shorten fishing times, declare “out of bounds” areas, or if necessary, cancel the day’s competition in the event of dangerous weather and/or other safety concerns.

38. There will be a NO WAKE ZONE from the launch to the Marshal Boat in the morning, and past the Marshal Boat into the weigh-in area when returning to weigh fish. A penalty of 1 lbs will be assessed against any team determined to have deliberately created a wake within these areas.

39. The deliberate touching of boats, leaving the boat to untangle equipment, or passing any items other than a tow line, first aid equipment or a fire extinguisher between boats shall result in both teams be disqualified.

40. If a team beaches to get off the water in the event of extreme weather, the boat captain **must** contact the Tournament Director and advise where they are, when they came off the water, and when they got back on. They must also notify the Weighmaster in person at weigh in.

41. In the event that an angler needs to leave their boat to come ashore and use a washroom, they **must** come into the weight station, use the facilities closest to the weigh in area, and be willing to submit to re-inspection before casting off. They can not get additional bait or equipment during this time.

42. All participating anglers are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation, and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, to the MLWC, the Sask Slam, IOMPresents, the sponsors, and the sport of fishing. Reasonable expressions of legitimate disagreements with MLWC/IOMPresents are encouraged, which is why the MLWC has a protest mechanism ( See Item 42). Attacks upon fellow anglers, volunteers, sponsors, these rules, or tournament officials, however, will result in disciplinary actions.

43. Participating anglers may file a protest regarding the conduct of another participating angler or tournament officials. A protest form will be available from the tournament organizers and must be filled out and presented to the Tournament Director within one hour of the last team weighing their fish. A \$250CDN protest fee will be required to accompany any formal protest. The fee shall be returned if the protest is found to have merit by the protest committee. The protest shall be adjudicated before the awards ceremony.

44. No matter how comprehensive a set of rules and regulations are, there are always loopholes and grey areas. In the interest of good sportsmanship and ethical conduct the participants in the MLWC are reminded that the "spirit of the rule" will prevail in ALL judgment cases. Always remember that although this is a competitive event, we have come together to enjoy a good weekend of fishing amongst family and friends.

45. All participating anglers agree to co-operate with members of the press and tournament organizers for interviews and photographs relating to their participation in the MLWC. They further agree to grant to the MLWC, the CWT, IOMPresents, and event-related press the irrevocable and unrestricted right and permission to use their image and likeness, in whole or in part, as part of a composite, without restriction as to changes, medium, or alterations, for illustration, promotion, art, editorial, advertising, trade, publishing, or any other purpose whatsoever except pornographic and/or libel in nature. Participation in the MLWC hereby waives any right that the angler may have to inspect or approve the finished product(s).

46. Organizers, sponsors, promoters, and organizations/individuals assisting in tournament operation, their agencies and agents are not responsible for death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire, or any loss to any participants and/or their entourages.

47. It is the absolute responsibility of each participating angler to ensure that they have read these rules, that they understand them, and that ALL their information is correct at registration and on the weigh-in receipts. The Releasees (see the registration form) are in no way responsible for any confusion or loss of prizes/points due to incorrect information on the part of the participants.