

REGISTRATION

1. The RRWC is based on a field of 100 two-angler teams. Once the field is full, a waiting list will be established. Tournament organizers may choose to expand the field by up to 10%, starting April 16th, 2021. Such expansion will be noted on the www.iompresents.com/rrwc website and the @IOMPresentsRRWC Facebook page.
2. The Registration Fee for the 2021 Rafferty Reservoir Walleye Cup is \$500CDN.
3. Those teams that fished the RRWC in 2019 are grandfathered in, provided their **PAID** registration is received by the tournament organizers on or before March 12th, 2021. After that, the RRWC will begin accepting registration based on the date of payment. Non-grandfathered teams that wish to register prior to March 12th are welcome to do so, however their registration will not be confirmed until March 15th.
4. If one of the two paid and registered team members needs to drop out of the 2021 RRWC, the remaining team member can choose to replace them with another qualified angler. The tournament organizers must be notified of the change before 7pm 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 April 9th, entry fees will **only** be refunded if that spot is able to be filled by another team.
5. The RRWC 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 and/or unsuitable.

PARTICIPATION

6. The RRWC 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 RRWC 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, and the Tournament Director must be notified prior to the Rules Meeting.)
8. Electronic luring or attracting devices and underwater cameras are prohibited the days of the RRWC but are now allowed during the pre-fish.

9. RRWC 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 their boat inspected and if necessary decontaminated prior to putting it in the water at Rafferty. Failure to do so may result in the team being disqualified. Contact information for the AIS Coordinator will be posted on the Sask Slam and RRWC Facebook pages as well as the IOMPresents website.
10. Each participating angler is **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 may result in a 10cm penalty. (Angler to Angler reporting will be accepted, but must be accompanied by a picture, texted to the Tournament Director immediately upon being taken.)
11. All participants are required to observe current Canadian Coast Guard rules, regulations, and requirements concerning safe boating.
12. 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.
13. Each team registered in the RRWC 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.
14. Each team must submit their boat to inspection by RRWC tournament officials prior to launching each morning of the tournament. Only when cleared by tournament officials can the boat be launched for participation in the RRWC. Registration packages and boat numbers will be provided during the Saturday morning boat inspection.
15. Each team must **clearly** display their team identification number on the port side of their boat. The RRWC will have "check boats" out on the water throughout the day, and we need to be able to identify our anglers quickly and easily.
16. The RRWC 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. On Day One, flights will launch as normal. For Day Two, flights will launch in reverse order, with Flight Three launching at 7:00am.
17. Even though there will not be a weigh-in for the 2021 RRWC, all teams are **REQUIRED** to check in at the end of each day, according to their flight times, either with the people on the Marshal Boat, or with the Tournament Director. 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.

18. Any submissions that are marked by the MyCatch app as having been photographed after a team's flight time will be rejected and will result in a disqualification.

Once back in cell service, anglers are encouraged to open the MyCatch app on their phones to ensure it syncs with the Angler's Atlas servers.

Anglers do not need to worry about their photos syncing with the servers later in the day as the photos are time stamped from the moment they are taken, NOT when the photo syncs with the server.

19. There will be no alcohol or marijuana – unless prescribed by a licensed physician - consumed by any participating angler during tournament hours 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.

20. 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.

21. Anglers must be off the water by 4pm on Friday, May 21st.

22. There will be a virtual rules meeting starting at 7pm Friday, May 21st via Facebook Live from the RRWC Facebook Page. Each competing team is required to have at least one (1) member of their team in attendance.

THE FISH

23. Only Walleye, Sauger or Saugeye will be defined as "fish" for purposes of the RRWC. Fish under 30cms are not RRWC tournament legal.

24. The five (5) fish daily basket limit will remain in effect for the 2021 RRWC, but it will be based on each team's five longest fish, in total centimeters. **The upper limit of no more than two over 55cms has been eliminated for this year.**

MEASURING AND SUBMITTING FISH

25. Due to COVID-19 concerns, the 2021 RRWC will be run as a Catch-Photo-Release (CPR) length-based tournament through the Angler's Atlas website and its mobile app MyCatch.

26. Each team MUST have at least one suitable “smart phone” and data plan with which to take the necessary pictures, video, and then transmit them. Each team is strongly encouraged to have the means to charge their phones on board their boat.

27. Anglers will need to download the app from Google Play or the App Store. Team Captains **only** will need to register via www.anglersatlas.com/tournaments/482/rafferty-reservoir-walleye-cup. The Captain, the Partner, or both can download the MyCatch app to submit fish for the team, but only **one** registration will be accepted per team. Whomever is submitting fish for the team MUST log in to the MyCatch app using the same credentials as the Captain did to register for the tournament (i.e. the Captain's email and password).

28. Each team MUST have GPS/Location Data enabled on the cell phone(s) they are submitting pictures and video with for the fish submitted to qualify.

29. Only the aluminium Cabela’s Canada Fish Measuring (Bump) Board will be legal for length measurements in the 2021 RRWC. **These boards will be provided to participants at Boat Inspection Saturday morning.** Submitted fish will appear in centimeters on the leaderboards, but submissions can be made in inches or centimeters.

Your assigned Cabela’s Canada Fish Measuring Board MUST be returned to the Tournament Director Sunday afternoon when coming off the water. Failure to do so will result in a bill for the cost of the board being issued to the team.

30. Measurement criteria shall be defined as:

- Fish must be placed on top of the Cabela’s Canada Fish Measuring Board, not beside it
- Mouth completely closed
- Nose clearly touching the “bump” or start of the board
- Fish shall be measured with the tail pinched to the width of the board
- Fish shall be measured “belly to belly”
 - Belly of the fish facing the belly of the angler holding the fish
- Photo shall be taken from directly above the fish, with the entire fish in the frame
- Fingers in the mouth, eyes, or gills to steady the fish in the picture will result in DQ

31. Eligible submissions must clearly show the entire fish in the frame, with the measurement readable – as defined in #30, and then the live release video. The MyCatch app will prompt at each step. Submissions that do not include both steps will be disqualified.

32. Culling is allowed and will be managed by the MyCatch app, with only the five longest fish combined appearing as the “basket” on the leaderboard. **DO NOT DELETE SUBMISSIONS!** Anglers may submit as many fish as they like over 30cm but are encouraged to consider each fish submitted. If its not likely to be an upgrade over a previously submitted fish, there is no need to go through the submission process.

33. Submissions will be reviewed throughout the day by university-level biology students and graduates. If necessary, submissions will also be reviewed by Angler's Atlas staff and the Tournament Director. Qualifying fish will begin appearing on the leaderboard at 10am, with "live" updates appearing as submissions are reviewed and accepted.

34. Any fish determined to be stressed at the sole discretion of the tournament officials will be subject to a penalty of 10cm if the fish is 30cm to 55cm, and 20cm for fish over 55cm. More than three stressed fish submitted the team's "basket" will result in the team being disqualified. Stressed fish are ineligible for Big Fish prizes or recognition.

AWARDS

35. Standings and prizes will be based upon each team's finalized and combined "basket" length for the tournament. Lengths will be displayed in centimeters. In the event of a tie, the teams will share the prize 50/50.

36. All prizes and prize values are based upon a full field of 100 **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. There will be a NO WAKE ZONE in the marina to the mouth of the marina during the launch each morning, and back from the mouth when returning. A penalty of 10cm will be assessed against any team determined to have deliberately created a wake within these areas.

38. There will be a NO WAKE/NO STOPPING/NO FISHING ZONE for 30 meters "straight line" on either side of the causeway bridge. A penalty of 10cm **per instance** will be assessed against any team that is determined to have deliberately stopped, caused a wake, or fished within this zone. (There will be a diagram posted to the RRWC Facebook page as well as a diagram in your registration package for further details.)

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

40. If a team beaches to get off the water in the event of extreme weather, the team captain **MUST** contact the Tournament Director to advise where they are, when they came off the water, when they go back on, and if there was any damage and/or physical injury.

41. In the event that an angler needs to leave their boat to come ashore and use a washroom, they **must** come into the marina, use the facilities located there, advise the Tournament Director, and be willing to submit to re-inspection before casting off. They can not get additional bait or equipment during this time.

42. 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 RRWC participants are reminded that the spirit of the rule will prevail in ALL judgment cases. Always remember that while this is a competitive event, we have come together to enjoy a good weekend of fishing amongst family and friends.

43. Participating anglers have the right to file a protest regarding the conduct of another participating angler. 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 leader board closing for the day. 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. 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 RRWC. They further agree to grant to the RRWC, 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 RRWC hereby waives any right that the angler may have to inspect or approve the finished product(s).

45. 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 entrants and/or their entourages.

46. 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. 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.