

7th Annual Maddy Nelson Memorial Walleye Tournament

Saturday, May 18, 2024 - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m

Grumpy Minnow • Rush Lake • \$100.00 Per Person Entry Fee/2 Person Team • Limited to 50 teams

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** All entries must be two person teams. Entry forms must be received, along with the \$210.00 fee, by May 10, 2024. First come, first serve basis.
2. **HEADQUARTERS:** Site of contest will be The Grumpy Minnow on Rush Lake, Stanchfield, MN. Any questions may be answered prior to the tournament by contacting Mark Larson 763-286-4473, Jeff Manke 612-801-9729 or by emailing jmanke@msn.com.
3. **PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING:** There will be a mandatory pre-tournament meeting at The Grumpy Minnow on Friday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. It is a requirement that at least one person from each team attend this meeting. Any registered team that has not checked in by 7:00 pm will lose their spot to the first available team on the waiting list. Registration will not be refunded. Please plan to arrive early so we can begin at 7:00 sharp.
4. **PRE-TOURNAMENT INSPECTION:** Every boat's contents and live well will be inspected at check-in prior to the start of the tournament. Boats and trailers will also be inspected for, and must be free of, vegetation prior to start of tournament. Tournament officials or other fishermen may observe teams.
5. **FISHING HOURS:** Boat check-in will be from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. The tournament will start with each team/boat being released in numerical order in a single file fashion at 8:00 a.m. Boat check in will be staggered at 3:00 and 3:15 pm. Boats 1-25 will check in at 3:00 pm. Boats 26-50 will check in at 3:15 pm. It will be the participant's responsibility to get out of the water and to the check in station by their scheduled time.
6. **FISHING AREA:** Both East and West Rush Lake.
7. **FISH REQUIREMENTS:** Fish must be a minimum of 14 inches, with only one fish over 20 inches per person.

Any fish judged not to be fresh (caught that day) will result in team disqualification. Fish may be weighed in at any time during the tournament.

You can have no more than 8 fish in your well. Weigh your best 6 and you can cull.

Anglers MUST follow all local DNR rules.

8. **SAFETY:** Safe boating will be observed at all times. Participants are required to comply with all state boating and fishing laws. Tournament takes place rain or shine. Cancellation due to extreme weather conditions will be made by tournament official.
9. **ON THE WATER INSPECTIONS:** Boats will be periodically checked on the lake. We will pull up beside you and one person will jump into your boat and inspect your fish. Please help us out and be cooperative with this so we can make it a quick and easy check for everyone.
10. **OTHER RULES:** The public has first use of the docks for loading and unloading. Please be respectful of that.

It is mandatory that all teams check in at the end of the tournament even if you do not have any fish to weigh in. If you do not check in, you will not be allowed to enter our tournament again. No exceptions!

Life jackets must be worn when running to and from fishing areas.

It shall be illegal for any boat to go ashore or come together, other than at the check-in point. Exceptions to this rule would include storm, sickness, mechanical difficulties, or other emergency situations. The tournament will not be responsible for break downs or equipment failures.

Any infractions of tournament rules may result in disqualification; tournament officials will make all decisions.

11. **TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN:** We will have a tournament official on the docks at the check in time. It is your responsibility to report to that person on time. There will be no exceptions. When you pull up to the dock to unload your fish, one team member should already have the fish in the bag along with your team number. The tournament official will confirm your arrival and then the team member with your team number and fish need to report directly to the weigh in station. Do not put the team number in the fish bag. Once you have dropped off your partner to go weigh fish, please pull away from the docks so other boats may unload. After weighing in the fish, your partner will return to the boat or get the trailer for you to load the boat.
12. **SCORING:** Prizes will be based on the total weight (pounds and ounces) of each of the team's fish. Ties will be broken by the individual weight of the largest fish between two catches. Cash prizes are based on a 50% payback; if the field of participants is less than 50 teams, amounts will be adjusted accordingly. Door prizes will also be awarded to participants: Prizes are as follows:

1 st Place - \$2,000	5 th Place - \$350
2 nd Place - \$1,000	6 th Place - \$250
3 rd Place - \$750	7 th Place - \$200
4 th Place - \$450	

Awards and door prizes will be presented at The Grumpy Minnow after weigh in is completed.

ALL DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES OR WEIGH IN PERSONNEL WILL BE FINAL. NEITHER THE GRUMPY MINNOW, NOT ANYONE AFFILIATED WITH THE GRUMPY MINNOW, NOR THE TOURNAMENT SHALL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENT OR INJURY TO PARTICIPANT OR THEIR EQUIPMENT.