**2024 Paul’s Pro Am Rules and Regulations**

 **September 20th and 21st, 2024**

 **Eagle River Chain of Lakes**

**Fishing times are Saturday 7:30am to 5:30pm -------- Sunday 7:30am to 12:30pm**

1. Contestants must enter as a 1 or 2 person team. All contestants must have a valid Wisconsin fishing license.

1. All boats will be required to meet U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations as well as those of the State of Wisconsin. Safe boating conduct and all safety precautions must be observed at all times. Each entrant will be required to have a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. It must be worn and fastened whenever the boat’s big motor is started.

1. **No alcoholic beverages are allowed during tournament hours**. Intoxication by any contestant during tournament hours is cause for immediate disqualification.
2. Friday evening you will be given two stickers that have your team number on them. These stickers are to be applied to your boat’s motor**. Place them as high as possible .**If your numbers come off you will be given a new set of numbers that will be at the end of the line. These numbers identify you as a competing team. There will be no exceptions!
3. Permitted fishing lakes are: Watersmeet, Yellow Birch, Duck, Lynx, Otter, Scattering Rice, Eagle, Voyager, Catfish, and Cranberry. **Cut off points**: Highway 70 Bridge at Wisconsin River. Highway 70 Bridge at Mud Creek. Creek mouth of Rice Creek, leaving Watersmeet Lake - first bend north on the Wisconsin River. Creek mouth on north end of Cranberry Lake. Chain O’ Lakes Campground on the river between Cranberry Lake and the dam.
4. Live well Inspections.  Before we begin each morning, you must have your boat and live well(s) briefly inspected**. All compartments must be open**. As you are waiting for fishing to begin, go to the starting dock.  They will take a look into your boat and live well(s) and give you a ribbon to tie onto your trolling motor visible during take-off. If ribbon is not visible during takeoff you will go to the end of the line.
5. **Only one live scope will be allowed to use during tournament hours**. If your boat has two mounted on your boat only one may be in the water at a time. If you have a pole mounted one and a trolling motor mounted one they both can’t be in the water at the same time. If the pole one is in the water you cannot use your trolling motor to move around. If any team is found to have two or more transducers in the water at the same time they can be disqualified. Any other boat or one of the on shore spotters sees this and reports it to the tournament officials they could be disqualified!

1. At 7:20 each morning, boats will line up to the left of the dock at Eagle Lake Park, (when facing the dock from the water). At 7:30 all boats will proceed by the dock in numerical order heading east out into Eagle Lake. Boats should stay 10 feet from the dock. **Slow no wake for** **200 yards out!** **(Absolutely no wake!)** and give the boat ahead of you room. You must have life jackets on**.**  If checking in late, call us at 715-891-6303. You must still go through inspection before fishing. All boats will be checked off as they leave.

1. All fish must be caught in a conventional sporting manner on hook and line using artificial bait only. Fishing will be casting only with one line per angler**. No trolling**.
2. During fishing hours, contestants are permitted to go ashore only at designated

“pit stops”. They are: T-Docks, Eagle River Inn, Wild Eagle Lodge, Boat sport, Braywood, Chanticleer,Lake Forest gulf course, Eagle Lake Park, Cranberry Lake Island. Except for emergencies, any other landing may be the basis for a contestant’s disqualification.

1. In the “slow no wake” areas, boats are not allowed to pass each other. Slow no wake means **no wake!** Just because the boat in front of you can go faster and make no wake doesn’t mean you can keep up to them making a wake. **The DNR will be watching for this both days along with on shore spotters.**

1. No fishing within 150 feet of another boat.

1. **A legal fish is 30 inches**. Fish will be measured in 1/4 inch increments, rounding down to the nearest quarter inch. We will use a points system to score fish.
2. Participants must possess a landing net of sufficient size to allow a Muskie to remain upright in the water at boat side.

1. When a Muskie is caught, the boat cannot be moved under power except within the immediate vicinity of the capture site to avoid eminent danger and to facilitate a quick and safe release of the fish. If the boat is moved for a greater distance or for any other purpose, the fish must be counted towards the Angler’s daily bag limit pursuant to NR 20.05(7). Wis Adm Code.

1. The Muskie must be held in a net in the water at boat side and should not be boated except as necessary to remove hooks, measure and pictures or to avoid eminent danger as described above.

1. Upon landing a Muskie that must be at least 30”, the angler must initiate the official tournament registration process.
2. Call us at **715-891-6303 Patrick, 715-891-8211 Michael.** Put numbers in your directory.
3. This call will determine the time of your catch. Give your team number when calling in.
4. Abusive language towards the fish registration officials will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification.
5. On Friday night, we are going to give you several colored stickers. You’ll need to have the correct color sticker on your measuring board when you take pictures of your fish. One color will be used on Saturday and a different one used on Sunday. We will let you know at the time of your call in the color.
6. **Put the correct color sticker on your measuring board on the correct inch mark given to you when you call to register a fish each day. Take a few pictures of your fish on the measuring board. Make sure the colored** **sticker is in the picture and the time and date stamp. The picture must include being able to see the nose of the fish touching the end of the bump board, along with the tail showing the length and the sticker. All this in one photo! Overhead view is the best. See picture at end of rules. Text one picture, just one picture of the fish on the bump board to us. Send the picture of you holding the fish in a separate text. All fish must face the same way on the bump board.**
7. You may pinch the tail to get the maximum length.
8. Take a pic of the angler holding the fish. (team number does not have to be in the picture)
9. Put the fish back in the net, keep it upright, and **text us the picture** of the fish on the board and holding the fish. **One picture at a time.** Wait to hear from us. Once we tell you this is a good pic, release the fish**. (Don’t release your fish until you hear back from us).**
10. Do not delete the pictures from your phone. You will need to show us again on Sunday.
11. Whenever you send us a fish pic, let us know your team number! If you don’t, another team may receive credit for your fish!
12. Position all your fish the same way on the measuring board.
13. All measuring boards need to be verified on Sunday if you place in the top 12.
14. Bring your phone with the pictures on it too.

1. Following registration, the Muskie should be immediately released as soon as it is capable of swimming upright under its own power.

1. Any angler who catches a Muskie may not resume fishing until the fish has been successfully released. .
2. Any angler has the right to protest against another team or angler. The protest must be filed, in writing, with Tournament officials no later than 1/2 hour after the end of the fishing day. A $25.00 fee must accompany any protest. A three person protest committee will convene to hear both sides of the issue. Their decision will be final. The protest fee shall be returned if the protest is found to be valid.

1. Any contestant found cheating will be disqualified. The reason for the disqualification will be announced at the conclusion of the event. We encourage anglers to video or photograph any unsportsmanlike or illegal behavior and send it to us at 715-891-6303. Try to include the team number in your picture.

1. Any contestant receiving a citation for a violation of any boating or fishing regulations is subject to immediate disqualification.

1. All ties will be broken by the time of the first fish caught.

1. Any questions or problems connected with the rules of this tournament are to be referred to the tournament officials.

Thank you for supporting Paul’s Pro Am. We really appreciate it. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us. 715-891-6303 or patricktschmidt@yahoo.com.

Updates will be posted on Facebook throughout the day and again at days end. There will also be a list posted at Shotskis Saturday night.

**Good luck to all anglers! Be safe and Have fun!**

 **Awards are at Shotskis at 1:30pm on Sunday!**

**Every team must register Friday night.**

**Teams will be given a written copy of rules, boat numbers, colored dots and will sign that they have received and will follow all the rules.**

**All anglers will be in the big fish pool.**

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**Correct picture of the fish on bump board.**

**Eagle Lake** S

 **Start**

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  **Slow no wake!!!!**  N

 **200 yards out!!!!**

 Boat Staging Area

 **Boat Line Flow**

  **at start**

Scattering Rice

 **To**

Eagle Lake Landing Eagle Lake Park Otter