

13th Annual
FALL CLASSIC WALLEYE TOURNAMENT
September 9th & 10th
Entry Fee \$150.00 Per Team (2 person teams)
Optional Big Fish Pot \$20.00

Rules & Regulations

Rules meeting and raffle will be held at the [BLUE BUILDING north of Stetson's Corner Store](#) at 6:00 p.m. Friday the 8th.

Eligibility: The tournament is open to anyone with a valid Nebraska fishing License, who have paid all entry fees and properly registered for the tournament by 6:00 pm Friday on September 8th, 2023. Any person 16 years of age or younger must be teamed with a parent or legal guardian. Nebraska park stickers are required on all vehicles entering the Lake McConaughy area.

Entry Fee: \$150.00 per team entry fee must accompany each entry form. Optional Big Fish Pot \$20 total per team – pays out 100%. All entries are final – **NO Refunds** unless tournament is canceled.

Boats, Fish and Equipment: All boats will be required to meet State & U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations. All teams/boats are subject to inspection before, during and after the tournament – marked and unmarked patrol boats may come along side and conduct inspections at any time. **Any transmission of information via radio or telephones concerning any aspect of fishing is prohibited during the tournament. All fish weighed must be kept in an aerated live well to keep fish alive and as healthy as possible for release. Anglers must make every effort to keep fish alive through weigh in.** The scales will be open all day during the tournament. The use of stringers and wire baskets is prohibited. **Any fish altered to add weight or showing white gills, soft flesh or sunken eyes will result in disqualification.** Only fish within the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission regulations will be allowed, which are **15" minimum length and only 2 fish longer than 22" per team. Daily bag limit is 5 fish per team.** Applicable state regulations will apply to all fishing methods and equipment.

Boat Release and Fishing Hours: All boats released from the flight holding area must idle out safely away from other boats before leaving holding area. Any boat not complying with this request and risking the safety of other teams shall be disqualified.

All boats will leave from and return to martin bay boat ramp area (subject to change). All anglers must wear life jackets when boat is operating above trolling speed. Boats will be released in numerical order, pursuant to assigned team numbers. Tournament fishing hours are as follows:

Saturday: Shot gun start 7:00 a.m., return at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: Shot gun start 7:00 a.m. Return at 2:00 p.m.

Teams that return later than the signed times, or leave earlier will be disqualified. At least one team member must bring the fish to the scale and the scale ticket must be initialed by one of the team members. Pre-tournament practice is allowed up to 5:00 p.m. On Friday the 8th.

Prizes and Scoring: Actual prize money is based on the number of teams entered. There will be ONE pay-out for both days, weights are combined. Pay-out will be one place per ten teams entered with a minimum of 3 places paid out; (50 teams = 5 places paid, 100 teams entered = 10 places paid). The Optional Big Fish Pot is \$20 per team and pays 100% to the team with the heaviest walleye for the tournament. **A fourth place prize will be paid by Stetson's Corner Store in memory of our dear friend John Andrews. John was an avid promoter of our tournament and loved fishing. He is dearly missed by all of us.** Trophies will be awarded for the top three places for both days total weight. In the event of ties, final placing will be determined by the heaviest single fish. In the event of the largest fish tie, winner will be determined by the heaviest total weight. Awards ceremony will be held at Sand's Edge on Sunday afternoon.

Protest and Waiver: The tournament committee or any contestant has right to protest any team or contestant. The protest must be filed in writing with the tournament director no later than 1/2 hour after the close of the tournament fishing hours. A three person protest committee shall be appointed by the tournament director prior to the tournament and will convene to hear both sides of any protest. A polygraph may be utilized if so decided by the protest committee. The decision of the protest committee shall be final in all cases. A \$15.00 protest fee must accompany each written protest. The fee will be return if the protest is found valid. If the protest is valid, the disqualified party must pay all investigative costs, including the polygraph. If the protest is invalid, the fee will not be returned.

By signing the entry form for the Annual Stetson's Fall Classic Walleye Tournament, you waive and release the promoters, tournament directors, tournament committee members, sponsors and organizations assisting in the tournament operation, their agencies, agents, etc., from all claims for deaths, injuries, damages, liability, theft, fire or any loss in connection with this tournament. Disqualification from the tournament for ANY reason will result in forfeiture of entry fee.

Miscellaneous: All questions or problems connected with the rules of this tournament are to be referred to the tournament director. No refund of entry fee for cancellation will be issued within one week of the tournament. All teams must have read and understand the rules and regulations. Any questions can be answered prior to launch at Stetson's Corner Store. Knowledge of the rules and location of the tournament site are the responsibility of the entrants.

By signing the "Official Entry Form" the teams:

- A. Agree to release press and photo rights to the promoter.
- B. Provide proof of liability insurance on the boat used upon request.
- C. Agree to submit to and pay for the truth verification test: refusal to submit to and pay for such a test will disqualify the contestant and team from all prizes and awards.

Any team that tries to gain unfair advantage in any way not mentioned in the foregoing rules may be subject to disqualification. The tournament director has the right to delay, reschedule or cancel the tournament due to unforeseen or unsafe conditions.

THANK YOU & HAVE FUN !!!

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Tournament Entry Form

Entry Fee \$ _____

Option Fee \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

#1 Fisherman: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

#2 Fisherman: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

For more information call 308-726-2369

Mail Completed Form and Fees to:

Stetson's Corner Store
101 Highway 92 West
Lemoyne, NE 69146

Please send an e-mail (ssetson@lakemac.net) with a request if you would like to receive tournament confirmation.

Make Checks Payable to: Stetson's Corner Store