



# Lake St. Clair Walleye Association

501 (c)(3) Non-Profit Organization

"Dedicated to the preservation of Michigan's Walleye Fishery."

## 2011 Lake St Clair Classic Rules & Regulations

1. **Rules and Rule Changes.** These rules will remain unchanged unless notified at the captains meeting. Interpretation of the rules will be to the discretion of the tournament director and the rules committee. The rules and the interpretations of them will be final and not open to protest. Safety rules may be changed at any time.
2. **Participation and Eligibility.** It is the contestant's responsibility for knowing and abiding by all LSCWA, local, state and providence regulations which pertain to the tournament waters. Contestants must enter as a two-person team. Any person 10 to 17 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Observers may not participate in any way during tournament fishing hours.
3. **Entry Information.** A \$40 club membership must be purchased before entering the tournament for at least one angler per team. All participant memberships must be up to date and current to participate in any tournament. All entries must be received by the beginning of the captains meeting. NO entries will be accepted after the cut off time. No refunds will be given with the exception of a death in the family. Club membership will not be refunded. Any entries not completely filled out will be returned. The Lake St. Clair Walleye Association reserves the right to accept or reject any applications.
4. **Alternate Member.** A team may choose to name an alternate should one team member be unable to compete.
5. **Sportsmanship.** Entrants must conduct themselves in a true sportsmanlike manner at all times NO EXCEPTIONS. Courtesy and ethics of the highest standard are the norm, not the exception. Remember that you not only represent yourselves but all tournament anglers and competitive fishing. Any rude or insulting type of behavior will be subject to disqualification or penalties enforced.
6. **Safety.** Safety must be observed at all times. All contestants must wear coast guard approved PFD's while the boat is moving above trolling speed. Each contestant is to follow all coast guard regulations. All boats are required to have and in working order an emergency cut off switch. No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances may be consumed or in possession by teams during fishing hours.
7. **Boat and Equipment.** All boats will be inspected prior to the start of that day of fishing. A boat identification board will be issued after inspection and also a colored ribbon marker for on the water identification. Teams are responsible for returning of the boat boards. A \$25.00 fine will be charged for not returning a boat board. This is for safety. It is to show that you have returned back from fishing. All boats must conform to the appropriate state, and USCG standards. Your boat must have USCG safety equipment on board. All outboards used in the LSCWA tournament must not exceed the horse power rating set by the USCG ruling November 1, 1972. All boats will have a USCG or BMA plate attached by the boat manufacturer and the horsepower rating will not be exceeded by any means. Kill switches must be in working order. Bait and tackle may not be passed between boats after the tournament has started. Tournament staff is not permitted to loan their boats or equipment to any tournament fisherman during the tournament. No binoculars or cameras with telephoto lenses are to be used during the tournament hours.

8. **Marine Radios and Cell Phones.** You must have your own working VHF marine band radio. Radio units will not be loaned out for any reason by the LSCWA. Teams will not be allowed to fish without a marine radio. The official tournament channel will be announced at the captains meeting. Marine radios, cell phones cb's, scanners and two way communicators with gps functions are allowed for emergency use only. Any type of communication via any communication device concerning any aspect of fishing is prohibited during the tournament. Communication of fishing information between fishermen is prohibited. If you are going to be carrying cell phones on your boat you must list the cell phone number on the tournament application.
9. **Captains meetings, flights and launching.** Mandatory captains meeting (no exceptions) will be held prior to the tournament at 6 pm. It is required that one team member must attend and sign in. The meeting place will be posted on the LSCWA website. Each team will be allowed 8 hours of fishing including travel time. Teams returning late will be disqualified. Flighting may be used. A third party observer may be used at any time and for any reason. The observer must be at least 18 years of age or older and must sign a waiver. Boundaries for the particular tournament are available upon request.
10. **Fish and Fishing.** This is a kill tournament but it is recommended to keep your fish alive. All state or provincial fishing regulations are rules will be observed unless the tournament director specifies more stringent regulations. Five (5) 15" minimum fish unless otherwise notified and or state provincial or federal laws permit. Only walleye, sauger or saugeye caught on hook and line in a conventional sporting manner will be accepted for weight in. A three (3) lure limit will be allowed per angler. Both artificial and live bait can be used. All fish must be kept in aerated live wells or coolers to keep fish alive and as fresh as possible. Use of stringers, wire fish baskets, boat bags, etc is prohibited. Any fish mauled, frozen, stringered, injected with water or other fluids containing foreign matter to add weight or showing white gills, soft flesh, sunken eyes or gills that won't bleed may result in disqualification from the tournament at the discretion of the weigh master. Undersize fish will result disqualification. Once the tournament has started (captains meeting) all contestants are prohibited from fishing except during tournament hours. All boats are subject to inspection on and off the water by tournament officials, state, local or federal authorities. Only five fish (5) can be weighed for big fish basket (most weight) there will be no re-weighing of fish. The weight stands that reads on the scales or by the discretion of the weigh master only. No exceptions. All contestants must possess a valid fishing license for the waters fished.
11. **Severe Weather Rule.** In the even of sever weather the tournament hours may be suspended or cut short. A tournament may be cancelled at the discretion of the staff at the event. If the tournament day is cut short due to sever weather no weight for the day. "if you see lightning take shelter"
12. **Protest.** The tournament committee or any other contestant has the right to protest another team or contestant. The protest must be filed in writing with in one hour of the last flight time on the day of the tournament with the tournament director. Protest forms are available from the tournament director.
13. **Spirit of the rule.** All rules have "loop holes" it is the intention for the tournament director and the committee to provide a sportsman like tournament. All questions or problems are to be referred to the tournament director and the rules committee. They have sole jurisdiction in determining the application of the rules. The committee will be named at each tournament site. If you are disqualified you are not entitled to any refund.
14. **Wavier and hold Harmless.** All contestants in signing an entry form agree to hold harmless any and all promoters, tournament directors, agents, sponsors and organizations assisting the LSCWA. Furthermore all contestants agree to waiver all responsibility for death, injuries, damage, liability, theft, fire or loss of any kind to entrants. I have read

and understand the above rules and by signing the entry form is in the fact signing a waiver form. No unsigned entry will be processed for the competition.

15. **Photo & Video Release.** I understand and agree that any and all photographs, videos or films taken during the course of my participation in the tournament which includes me, my name and/or my boat may be used by the tournament organizers, sponsors or media without my prior consent and without royalties.