



# The 1<sup>st</sup> WI Chapter of Muskies Inc. 46th Annual Musky Tournament September 15-16-17, 2023



Register On-Line: [firstwimuskiesinc.org/shop](http://firstwimuskiesinc.org/shop)

Mail registration form by September 1st or register in person  
Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> 5-9pm at The Big Minnow, Holcombe  
Or at Mouldy's in Lake Hallie 4:30 - 7:00pm  
Awards Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm at EastBay Lodge



## TOURNAMENT WATERS

Tournament Waters are located in the following Counties:

All navigable waters in CHIPPEWA, BARRON, DUNN, EAU CLAIRE, RUSK NR.20.40(3m)(a)

**THIS IS A TOTAL RELEASE TOURNAMENT**

Muskies 34" and longer can be counted on all tournament waters

## TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

		After Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>
Single.....	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00
Spouse of single entry.....	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
Juniors (under 18) .....	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00

## PRIZES AND AWARDS

### GRAND PRIZES: SIX \$250.00 CASH DRAWINGS

GRAND PRIZES DRAWN FROM ALL CONTESTANT ENTRIES!

TOURNAMENT POINTS WINNER: FIRST PICK FROM PRIZE TABLE

TOURNAMENT LONGEST RELEASE: LAX REPLICA MOUNT OF FISH

LONGEST RELEASE FOR EACH COUNTY: PRIZE PACKAGE

EVERY CONTESTANT RELEASING A 34" FISH OR LONGER WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE

## TOURNAMENT MAJOR SPONSORS



# INFORMATION AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS

## Tournament Registration:

Register On-Line: [firstwimuskiesinc.org/shop](http://firstwimuskiesinc.org/shop)

OR

Mail Registrations forms:



Make checks payable to:  
Mail registration forms to:

First Wisconsin Muskies Inc.  
P.O. Box 122  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

\*\* Mailed entry forms must be mailed by September 1st \*\*

**On-site Registration:** Registration at the Big Minnow in Holcombe on Thursday night from 5:00pm until 9:00pm and at Mouldy's Archery and Tackle in Chippewa Falls from 4:30pm until 7:00pm

**Scoring:** A 34 inch release will count as 8 points. In addition, you will receive 1/4 point for every 1/4 inch rounded down to the nearest 1/4 inch. Example: 34-1/4 inches is 8 points plus 1/4 point for a total of 8.25 points. In the event of a tie, the longest fish will be used. If the fish length is tied, then the tournament committee will use the flip of a coin to make determination. Pure strain and hybrid muskies are eligible.

**Prize Structure:**

Cash prizes (6 - \$250) .....	Drawing from all contestant registration entry forms
Highest Point Total.....	Tournament Winner – first pick from prize table
Longest Release .....	LAX taxidermy replica mount
Longest Release by County...	Prize package
All Releases.....	Choice from prize tables
Remaining items on the prize tables will be drawn from contestant's present	

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### MAIL REGISTRATION FORMS BY SEPT 1st

- Thursday:** 4:30pm until 7:00pm - On-Site tournament Registration at Mouldy's Archery and Tackle  
5:00pm until 9:00pm - On-Site tournament Registration at the Big Minnow Hwy 27 in Holcombe
- Friday:** Tournament fishing hours 6:00am – 12:00pm (noon) and 1:00pm – 8:00pm  
*Contestants must have NO LINES in the water from 12:00pm (noon) until 1:00pm for a mandatory break*
- Saturday:** Tournament fishing hours 6:00am – 12:00pm (noon) and 1:00pm – 8:00pm  
*Contestants must have NO LINES in the water from 12:00pm (noon) until 1:00pm for a mandatory break*
- Sunday:** Tournament fishing hours 6:00am – 10:00am



**12:00pm (noon) – A paper release form** for every fish caught must be submitted at the awards ceremony site.

Failure to submit release forms on time will result in fish disqualification **\*\* NO EXCEPTIONS \*\***

1:00pm – Awards Presentation begins at Eastbay Lodge Lake Holcombe

## ADDITIONAL PRIZE DONATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Bill Brunstad • Chippewa River Rod Company • ESCO of Eau Claire • Flater's Flambeau Point Resort • Musky Marks Guide Service • Rob Kahl's–Guide Service • Spring Bay Resort • Donner's Bay Resort • Slammer Tackle • Steve Jonesi Fishing • WMD Guide Service

Backwoods Bar & Grill • Blind Tiger Bar and Grill • Cat's Tails Lures • D Bar • Fill-In Station • Get the Net • Hawg Seekers Tackle • Jimmy's Master Baiters • Mouldy's Tackle • Muntz Angling • Musky Madness Baits • Markquart RV • Paradise Shores • SandBar & Grill • Spanky Baits • Zacho's Sport Center • Yoop's Bait Box • The Sportsman's Repair Shop LLC • Skinners Spinners • Suick Lures Spray Bomb Baits

- Big Guy Baits • Bills Sport Shop • Burly's Bar • Chippewa Rod & Gun Club • Crescent Meats • Entwood Golf – Holcombe
- Esox Reel Repair • Famous Daves – Eau Claire • Fireside Bar & Grill • Flambeau River Outfitters Outfitters • Fleet Farm
- Grizzly's Woodfired Grill • Hangar 54 Grill • Harvey Lures • Hoots on the Water • Interstate Battery • Jacobson's Meat Market • J&J Sports Bar • Lake Holcombe Marina • Lake X Lures • Leinie's Lodge • Loonie Bin • Marine Plus • Loopy's Bar & Grill • Milwaukee Burger Co • Naze Baits • Outdoor Grips • Pine Drive Resort • Randy's Jim Town Inn • Rocque Ridge Guides and Outfitters • Schick's Bowl & Brew • Shepp's Resort • Stump Lake Liquor Bait & Tackle • Sweeney's Y-Go-Bye Cornell • Sweeney's Pub & Grub-Chippewa Falls • The Crow's Nest • The Liner • Thirsty Badger Sports Bar and Grill • TNA Tackle • Toycen Ford-Chippewa Falls • Tractor Central

# TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **DESIGNATED TOURNAMENT WATERS:** Any navigable waters (FISHING BY BOAT ONLY) in Barron, Chippewa, Dunn, Eau Claire, and Rusk Counties.

6:00am - 12:00pm (Noon) and 1:00pm - 8:00pm on Friday and Saturday, and from 6:00am - 10:00am on Sunday.  
All contestants must have NO LINES in the water from 12:00pm (Noon) to 1:00pm on Friday and Saturday per NR20.40.

2. **REGISTERING FISH:** All muskies 34" or longer are eligible.
3. **Using Fish Donkey App:** Two photos required. (1) ENTIRE musky head to tail on a measuring device clearly showing length, and (2) angler holding fish. You are not required to have the tournament card in either photo.
4. **Registering fish with text messaging phone line (715-575-1177):** You must submit your first and last name, date, waterbody and County of capture, time of capture, length of fish, phone number and two photos. (1) first photo is of entire fish head to tail on a measuring device clearly showing length and displaying tournament card. (2) second photo is of the angler holding fish also displaying the tournament card. Pure strain and hybrid muskies are eligible. Releases MUST be texted in before **10:00pm on Friday and Saturday and 11:00am on Sunday or they will be disqualified.**  
**\*\* NO EXCEPTIONS \*\***



5. **RELEASE FORMS:** DUE BY NOON on Sunday. All muskies caught must be documented on Tournament Release Forms. Forms MUST BE LEGIBLE and approved at check in or your release may be disqualified!! Release forms are available at... Tournament Headquarters, our website, and the following locations:

Flater's Resort • Backwoods Resort • Big Minnow • The SandBar • Mouldy's • The Narrows Resort • Hoots on the Water  
Shep's • Woodland Store Augusta • Wissota Lodge • Rocque Ridge Guides and Outfitters

It is YOUR responsibility to bring release forms to the Awards Presentation Site BEFORE 12:00pm (Noon) on Sunday.  
Failure to do so will result in fish disqualification \*\* NO EXCEPTIONS \*\*

6. **WITNESSES:** The witness does not have to be a tournament contestant unless they are in your boat (see rules below). DO NOT transport fish to obtain witness. Any fish transported is considered a kept fish according to DNR rules, even if intent is to release, and the fish will be disqualified. Witness must sign the release form and provide a phone number.
7. **RELEASE ONLY TOURNAMENT**  
All fish must be returned to the water alive, in the presence of one witness.  
**\*\*\*For the safety of the fish and to reduce muskie mortality – contestants must fish from boat only\*\*\***  
DO NOT TRANSPORT FISH - Any fish taken into actual possession by an individual and not released immediately, shall be included as part of the individual's daily bag limit, per NR20.18.  
An angler may retain a fish only so long as is necessary to unhook the fish, determine its length and take pictures.
8. **BOAT RULES:**
  - All occupants in your boat must be registered tournament contestants and can be a witness, including guides which are permitted
  - Be courteous to other boaters – practice good fishing etiquette!
  - Motor trolling is allowed where legal
  - All Wisconsin boating regulations must be obeyed
9. **FISHING RULES:**
  - All muskies 34" or longer are eligible
  - Muskies must be caught on legal sport fishing tackle
  - No live or dead bait is allowed
  - No gaffs can be used while landing fish
  - Shore fishing is not permitted for the purpose of this tournament and for the safety of the musky
  - All Wisconsin fishing regulations must be obeyed
  - Juniors age 17 or younger follow the same rules as the adults. The only difference is the reduced entry fee for juniors.

## **THE FOLLOWING POINT SCORING SYSTEM IS USED FOR THE TOURNAMENT**

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Any protest or reported violations of tournament rules must be presented in writing to the Tournament Committee, by 12:15pm on Sunday. Committee members can be contacted through the hotline **715-575-1177**, at the tournament headquarters, or at the awards ceremony on Sunday.

**The Tournament committee's decisions are final.**

# RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER

In consideration for being permitted to participate in this event, I agree to the following release of liability. I understand that by paying the entry fee, I am giving up the right to sue the Released Parties for any damages or injury I suffer that is within the scope of the Release.

- Released Parties.** This Release applies to claims against the following Released Parties: Muskies, Inc. (including its officers, directors, agents and volunteers); First Wisconsin Chapter of Muskies, Inc. (including its officers, directors, agents and volunteers); the owner and lessor of the property where the event is held (including their officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers); and event officials.
- Release:** I am familiar with the inherent risks associated with fishing and boating. These risks include, but are not limited to, collisions with boats and other objects (such as rocks, reefs, piers, or debris) in and around the lake, injuries or damage caused by vehicles and trailers in the landing area or parking lot, death or injury by drowning, changing weather patterns, strong winds, and storms. I also understand that during any activities associated with the event, there is a risk of injury to myself or damage to property from someone's negligence. I release the Released Parties from liability for any personal injury I suffer or any damage to my property that is caused by the Released Parties' negligence during or in connection with the event.
- COVID-19 and Contagious Diseases.** I recognize that in any gathering of people, there is a risk that I may contract a contagious disease, including COVID-19. In choosing to participate in the event, I accept that risk and release the Released Parties from any claim I may have that their negligence caused me to contract such a disease during or in connection with the event.
- Compliance with Rules and Laws.** I will comply with the rules of the event, as well as all local, state and federal laws and regulations during the event. I have read this Release and understand its terms. I understand that I am giving up legal rights by paying the entry fee and do so voluntarily.

## REGISTRATION FORM

### First Wisconsin Chapter Muskies Inc. Annual Musky Tournament

P.O. Box 122 Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

*\* all participants must have their own entry \**

(Please Print Clearly)

NAME																										
STREET																										
CITY																	STATE			ZIP						
PHONE								EMAIL																		

Before September 1<sup>st</sup> .....  Single \$60.00         Spouse \$25.00         Junior \$25.00

**After** September 1<sup>st</sup> .....  Single \$65.00         Spouse \$30.00         Junior \$25.00

*I have read and agree to follow all tournament rules and hereby release the tournament directors/sponsors from all legal liabilities.*

**The First Wisconsin Chapter of Muskies Inc. reserves the right to refuse tournament entry**

*Entries are non-refundable & non-transferable*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENTAL CONSENT AND RELEASE (UNDER 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

I am the parent or legal guardian of this Participant, and I consent to Participant's participation in the event. I have read the above Release, and to the extent permitted by law, on behalf of myself and my child, I agree to be bound by Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above and release the Released Parties from claims that I or my child may have that fall within the scope of those Paragraphs. Any pictures submitted for tournament entries may be used by 1<sup>st</sup> WI M.I. during promotions.

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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## WIN A MUSKY ROD USING FISHDONKEY

For a chance to win a musky rod, join the "1<sup>st</sup> WI Chapter Muskie Inc" FishDonkey Tournament.  
The winner will be chosen by random draw for those participating using this app.

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