



## 2023 OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Red Lowen

#### 1. TOURNAMENT RULES:

The City Auto Glass Bass Classic is an 8-hour tournament, and will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 from 7:00 AM (CDT) to 3:00 PM (CDT). The fishing tournament has been authorized and permitted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. All participants must comply with all terms and conditions of the permit. A copy of the permit is available upon request. All participants must comply with all Minnesota boating and fishing laws and regulations, as well as the following tournament rules:

- A. The City Auto Glass Bass Classic is restricted to Lake Mille Lacs. Tournament Headquarters will be located at Eddy's Resort.
- B. The City Auto Glass Bass Classic will operate under the catch-record-release format, as required by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
- C. Winners will be determined by total weight of up to five (5) Large or Smallmouth Bass caught by a team within the tournament time, as converted by the Reel LiveWell app. The team with the highest total registered weight will be ranked number 1 and declared the winner of the first (1st) place prize. The team with the second highest total registered weight will be ranked number 2 and will be declared the winner of second (2nd) place prize, and so on.
- D. A team must have two (2) persons and must fish from the same boat. One (1) team per boat. The **NON-REFUNDABLE** entry fee per team is \$400.00. Each team member must sign an official entry form to participate in the tournament.
- E. Mandatory rules & registration meeting is on Friday, Sept. 15, at 6:00 p.m. at Eddy's Resort, in Onamia. Team Check-In begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Event Center.
- F. Both team members of each team must attend the rules meeting.
- G. On tournament day, all boats must be checked in by a tournament official before the start of the tournament at Eddy's Resort.
- H. All storage compartments and live-wells must be accessible to tournament officials prior to tournament start.
- I. All boats must depart from official tournament headquarters in numerical order. Boats will take off one by one and will receive the "go ahead" from the start boat.
- J. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed during tournament hours. Violation will result in disqualification.
- K. At no time during tournament hours is a contestant to leave their boat unless you return to tournament headquarters and permission is granted by a tournament official. Use safe judgment during inclement weather. If there is a need to clear the lake, the fishing tournament will resume when the tournament director deems the lake safe.
- L. Pre-fishing must be concluded by 4:00 PM Friday, Sept. 15, 2023.
- M. A protest of any kind must be filed with the tournament director before the final results have been compiled. A \$200.00 fee is required: refunded if found to be valid. A protest committee will consist of three (3) tournament officials and two (2) randomly selected contestants. The committee's findings are final. If the committee recommends a polygraph test, moneys will be withheld until the results of the polygraph test are known.
- N. The violation of any rule, as determined by the tournament director in their sole discretion, shall result in automatic disqualification from the tournament and ineligibility for prizes or awards. All decisions will be final and may not be challenged.
- O. Promoters, tournament directors, organizations, and sponsors are not responsible for death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire, or loss of any kind to entrants.
- P. The City Auto Glass Bass Classic reserves the right to refuse entry to any individuals who have been barred or disqualified from any tournament for rules violations.
- Q. No underwater cameras will be allowed during tournament hours.
- R. All participants must possess valid fishing licenses for the tournament waters being fished.
- S. You must be 18 years of age or older. Exceptions would be a person under the age of 18 fishing with a parent or guardian. Or a parent or guardian completing and signing a liability release and waiver form, allowing a child under 18 to fish with a partner who is 18 or older, and not a parent or guardian.
- T. This tournament will utilize artificial bait only.

## 2. ENTRY FEE:

The entry fee for the tournament is \$400.00 per team and is **nonrefundable**.

## 3. PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES:

- A. Prior to entering Lake Mille Lacs, all watercraft that have been in waters known to be infested, must be thoroughly dried both inside and out.
- B. Participants must clean all lake weeds from trailers and watercraft, including wet wells and other internal locations, upon leaving the lake.

## 4. INSURANCE:

All contestants using their boat in the City Auto Glass Bass Classic must show upon request a certificate of insurance or a "paid in full" current boating liability policy with a minimum value of \$100,000. Waivers will not be accepted.

## 5. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:

- A. Contestants may fish anywhere accessible by boat, except designated federal, state, or local posted or permitted areas.
- B. All angling must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing water. The boat must remain in the tournament water during the tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat, and must remain in contact with the boat at all times except in case of emergency.

## 6. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT POLICY:

Eddy's Resort will be the official tournament headquarters. This location will include boat inspection, departure in the morning, and check-in in the afternoon. Any violation of this policy will result in immediate disqualification.

## 7. SAFETY:

- A. Each competitor must observe safe boating conduct at all times.
- B. Each angler is required to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver which is fully secured whenever the main combustion engine is running.
- C. All competitors must have an emergency ignition shut-off device securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation.
- D. All boats must be a minimum of twelve (12) feet in length. No barges or other cumbersome craft will be permitted. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.
- E. Use of and/or possession of alcohol or drugs (other than prescribed by a licensed physician, or purchased over the counter) during the Tournament is prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- F. The Tournament Director retains the right to delay, cancel or restrict Tournament waters in the case of severe weather.
- G. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify the use of any boat and/or motor he deems unsafe, inappropriate, or unsuitable for use in competition. The Tournament Director's decision in this matter may be made at any time and is final.

## 8. SPORTSMANSHIP:

- A. All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.
- B. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be in Tournament waters. Violators of this rule will be disqualified.
- C. Any radio communication (broadcasting or monitoring) during Tournament hours, except in cases of equipment breakdown or for safety reasons is prohibited. Violation of this rule could result in disqualification.

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

Tournament format is Catch-Record-Release (CRR). No fish will be brought to the check-in location or weigh-in stage.

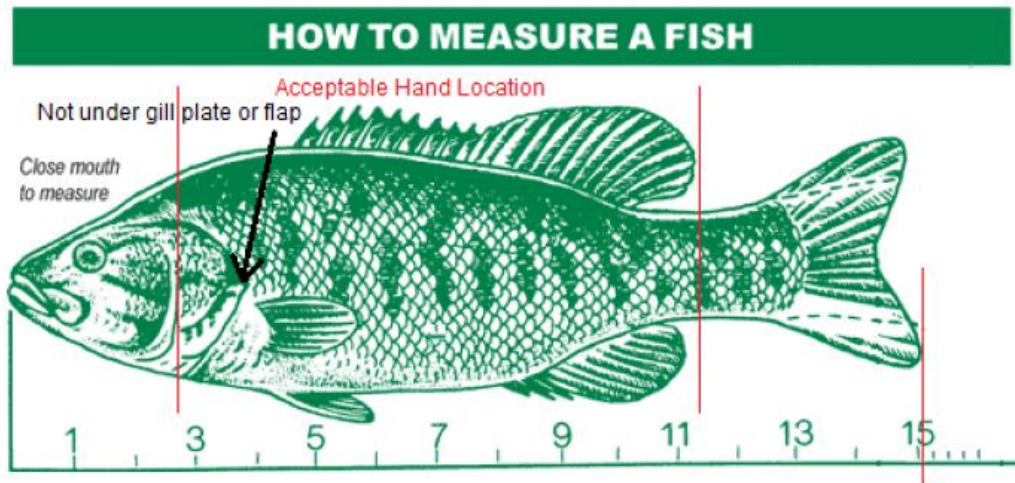
## 10. PHOTO RELEASE RULES & INSTRUCTION:

1. "Weigh in" will be done through uploaded photos into the Reel LiveWell App. All fish in photographs must be caught during tournament hours on Lake Mille Lacs by the participating team.

2. CRR format requires the use of a mobile device like a smartphone. Tournament officials will not provide mobile devices. It is recommended, but not required, to have multiple smartphones available for backup purposes. Contestants must supply their own mobile device that is capable of the following:

- A. Installing the Reel LiveWell App
- B. Taking pictures
- C. Maintain battery life for the duration of the tournament

3. While the fish is being held on the provided Judge ruler, a photo must be taken of the fish validating the agreed upon length. This photo must clearly show both the HEAD and TAIL of the fish. The photograph must be taken of the LEFT side of the fish ONLY (belly towards the angler holding the fish, head to the left). A photo that does not clearly show the head and tail of the fish, and the left side of the fish on the ruler WILL NOT BE SCORED. More than one attempt to get a valid photo is allowed.
4. Another photo MUST be taken of the fish being held up by a partner (Media Shot). This photo MUST show the entire RIGHT side of the fish. These photos may be used on stage during or be posted on media outlets (web, Facebook, etc.)
5. The partners agree on the length of the fish to 1/4th inch accuracy. If the fish tail touches the graduation line on the measuring board, that is the exact measurement. If the fish tail crosses a graduation line, round the measurement up 1/4 inch.
6. Close the mouth of the fish. Fish lip or jaw must be in contact with the provided Judge measuring board fence, and the fence must be visible in the photo. Violation will result in denial of the photo submission. Any fish that appears altered or mangled may result in a loss of that fish or disqualification for the event.



7. The fish must then be immediately released back into the water
8. Record the fish using the Reel Livewell App. Recordings that are not able to upload at the time of submission will be automatically uploaded when enough cellular signal is obtained.
9. In the event that two fish are caught at the same time, the CRR format requires that one fish be measured, photographed, recorded and released as quickly as possible before next fish is processed.
10. No fish are ever to be put in your live-well and no fish can be held in water with nets, stringers, etc.
11. While a fish is in the boat being measured, anglers are not allowed to reset or put fishing lines in the water until after fish is processed and released. Normal fishing can then resume.
12. Teams are allowed 5 Fish, any combination of large or smallmouth bass.
13. If a photo is visually blocked, not the right length, you will lose that fish. If you have more than 5 fish recorded, the App will credit the top 5 fish
14. Minimum length 12 inches, so a fish 11 3/4 equals 12.
15. A fish can only be scored one time.
16. Results are not final until announced by tournament officials

**Emergency phone number is 218-966-3866**