

GENERAL RULES FOR 2022 TOURNAMENT

1. THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE SHALL BE THE SOLE INTERPRETERS OF THE RULES. THEIR DECISION SHALL BE FINAL. THE RULES SHALL REMAIN UNCHANGED DURING THE TOURNAMENT HOURS. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REVISE THESE RULES FROM YEAR TO YEAR.
2. REGISTRATION AND WAIVER/LIABILITY form is required before any fish will be weighed in. Pre-registration would be appreciated. Registration can be done at weigh station Friday 6 p.m. 9 p.m. on tournament grounds, or during the day on Friday outside the business office. Electronic Registration is also permitted and will be available through our Facebook page and Website, using a Google Doc program. Mailed registration forms must be postmarked by September 15th.
3. A Pennsylvania fishing license is required for all contestants 16 years of age and older.
4. Safe boating shall be observed at all times. ALL PA Fish & Boat Commission Fishing and Boating regulations, including lengths and creel limits shall apply. All fish become property of the PA State Championship Fishing Tournament. All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. **Please Note: the excessive use of alcohol is prohibited.**
5. All fish must be taken from the Allegheny Reservoir (PA Waters) Allegheny River (Kinzua Dam to Hunter Station) Tionesta Lake & Creek from Dam to Kellettsville Bridge; Brokenstraw Creek & Conewango Creek (PA Waters) beginning at 12:01 a.m. Sept. 24th until 8 p.m. Sept. 25th. Weigh-in closes at 8 p.m. sharp.
6. CATCH AND RELEASE RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED: Please make every attempt to keep your fish alive. Fish must be brought to the outside weigh station in water filled containers. NO DRY BAGS, NO HAND CARRIED, between the hours of **5 a.m. & 8 p.m. on Saturday and 8am and 2:30pm on Sunday**
7. **Junior Champion Angler Division:** Anglers ages 9 through 15 years of age are eligible for the Junior Champion Angler trophy and prizes. The Junior Champion Angler will be crowned on Saturday evening at approximately 8:30 pm.
8. **Saturday's Contest: Total weight per category** will qualify the contestant for Sunday's Contest. There will be a 4 oz. penalty for each dead fish. **Qualifying will be in a single category only.** Anglers are not permitted to "double qualify." Only one weigh-in per day. **Scales on Saturday are open from 5am to 8pm SHARP.** Qualifiers for Sunday's finals will be announced Saturday night at 8:30pm.
9. **Sunday's Contest:** The **total weight of the combined catch** will determine the Champion Angler. There will be a 6 oz. penalty for each dead fish. Each qualifier will fish with a referee starting at 5 a.m. and must be in to the scales by 2:30 p.m. No exceptions. REFEREE CHANGES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE FISHING REGULATIONS CHAIRPERSON. Crowning of the Champion Angler will be on Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. **Scales are open from 8am to 2:30pm SHARP Sunday.**
10. **Disqualifications:** Any fish determined by the committee not to have been caught during the tournament hours, any fish not brought to weigh station in a water filled container, or the contestant has not otherwise made a reasonable effort to keep their catch alive. Any contestant reasonably believed by the PA Fishing Regulations Chairman and Committee to have violated any PA Fish & Boat Commission or US Coast Guard Laws. Any person

determined by the Fishing Regulations Chairperson to be intoxicated and/or disruptive to tournament procedures or any person violating tournament rules.

11. The Contestant by submitting fish for weigh-in verifies that he/she caught and entered fish in strict compliance with the tournament rules. The Contestant thereby CONSENTS TO BEING INTERVIEWED BY AND COOPERATE WITH TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS INVESTIGATING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS.

12. Since the tournament is for valuable prizes, intentional violation of the rules may subject the violators to civil liability and/or criminal penalties including fines and/or possible imprisonment.

PLEASE REGISTER ALL GAME FISH

MUSKELLUNGE must be 40 inches to qualify. 1 per day.

NORTHERN PIKE must be 24 inches to qualify.

WALLEYE must be 15 inches to qualify.

SMALL MOUTH BASS must be 12 inches to qualify.

TROUT must be 7 inches to qualify

Observe Creel Limits according to PA Fishing Regulations.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 2022

Cash and trophies awarded for those qualifying for Sunday's fishing will begin at appx. 8:30pm:

1st - **\$25.00 and a trophy** for the most total weight per category.

2nd - **\$15.00 and a trophy.**

3rd - **\$10.00 and a trophy.**

\$10.00 and trophy for the largest CATFISH.

Lunker Awards will also be given in each category.

\$100 to the oldest male fisherperson who turns in fish - sponsored by Tidioute Towers.

\$100 to the oldest woman who turns in fish - sponsored by a friend.

JUNIOR CHAMPION ANGLER

Open to youth ages 9 to 15

Trophy and Prizes are awarded to the top 3 junior anglers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 2022

Prizes to be awarded Sunday at 3:00 pm

Champion Angler: \$1,000 and trophy

2nd Place Angler: \$200 and trophy

3rd Place Angler: \$150 and trophy