

May Madness Tournament

Salt Fork Lake

May 14, 2022

- All fish must be caught between 7:30 am and 6:00 pm on Saturday, May 14th at Salt Fork Lake.
- Registration for the event will be on line or in person the morning of the event from 6:30 am to 7:30 am.
- All fish must be 30 inches or greater to qualify for entry.
- Neither live nor dead natural bait shall be permitted for the event.
- All fishing and boating rules, regulations, and licensing in effect in the state of Ohio shall apply and be adhered to by all event participants. It is the angler's responsibility to know the rules and regulations of the state of Ohio.
- This is a tournament where the longest fish wins the event, but the angler also has the choice to enter a Big Fish pool or a Total Points pool or no pool.
- The angler with the longest fish will be awarded first place. No witness is required. All fish must be successfully released to qualify. If a fish dies or is kept, the fish cannot be entered in the event or either pool. If there is a tie for the event winner, all those tying will be declared the winners.
- All persons in the boat must be entered in the event and must be entered in the same pool. If the angler is going to enter a pool, they can only enter one of the two pools.
- If an angler chooses to participate in the Big Fish pool, then they do so at their own risk. The winner will be based on the largest fish reported. No photo is needed for the Big Fish pool. The winner of the Big Fish pool is declared thru an honor system, so if you have any concern, do not enter the pool. Ties will not be broken; the cash pool will be split among the entries which are tied.
- Decisions of the tournament director will be final.
- No fish will be reported to the Muskie Angler Log. It is the angler's responsibility to report all fish caught.
- For the event and the Big Fish pool, all fish must be reported to the tournament director by 6:30 pm at the Old Marina Boat launch ramp. For the Total Points pool, for any fish caught, two pictures must be sent via text with the angler's name, length, time caught; one on a bump board and one with the angler holding the fish to the tournament director by 6:00 pm. Final results will be provided at the Old Marina Boat launch ramp.

- All anglers in the event must pay the \$15 entry fee and any pool entry.
- If an angler chooses to enter the Big Fish pool, an additional \$5 is needed for entry. All money collected in the Big Fish pool will be paid to the winner. If there is no winner in the Big Fish pool, all entry monies will be donated to the Minnow Fund.
- If an angler chooses to enter the Total Points pool, an additional \$35 is needed for entry. All money collected will be paid to the top three positions reporting points with First place receiving 60%, Second place 30% and Third place 10%.
- The applicable IRS notice 1340 indicates a tax-exempt organization must report raffle prizes if (a) the amount reduced, at the exempt organization's option, by the wager (the amount a person paid for the chance to win a prize), is \$600 or more; and (b) the payout is at least 300 times the amount of the wager. Therefore, the Ohio Huskie Muskie Club will not be filing a Form W-2G unless both these conditions are met.
- Total Points Pool special rules:
 - All anglers must be at least 18 years of age or fish with a parent or legal guardian.
 - All anglers must report their catches via text with the angler's name, length, time caught and bump board picture and a picture with the angler holding the fish to the tournament director by 6:00 pm. All anglers must use a phone capable of taking and storing pictures and transmitting the angler's name, length, time caught and picture via text. Service varies by carrier at Salt Fork Lake with dead zones present with each carrier. It is the angler's responsibility to transmit all catch reports by 6:00 pm. It is highly recommended that any entries be transmitted as soon as service is available. All anglers must be able to submit a picture of the fish on a "bump board", no other method of determining the length of the fish will be accepted. If fishing alone, the angler must be able to also take a picture of the angler holding the fish, one suggestion is an inexpensive cell phone holder with a suction cup attachment which allows hands free pictures to be taken thru the timer on the phone.
 - All anglers must be at the Old Marina launch ramp to be released at 7:30 am. You may launch your boat in the water prior to being released.
 - Before being released at 7:30 AM, all anglers will be provided a marker which must be displayed on their bump board and must be visible in any photo submitted to the tournament director for entry together with the Total Points Information sheet.
 - Fish must be measured with the fish on the bump board, have the mouth closed, the nose against the side bump plate, tail squeezed for maximum length. Measurements are rounded down to the ¼". Here is an example of how the fish should be positioned on the bump board. Notice, in this case the red and blue dots which were necessary for the picture are visible.



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- The two photos should be taken with your phone first, then sent via text with the angler's name, length and time caught to the tournament director. You are encouraged to take multiple pictures to ensure alternate pictures are available in case there is an issue with the photo sent to the tournament director. All photos on the phone should be retained until the Total Points pool is finalized. The photo on the bump board should be your selection as to the photo which provides the clearest evidence of the fish's length. The photo of the angler holding the fish should be sent after the photo with the fish on the bump board.
- If the tournament official cannot clearly read the measurement in the photo, they will make their best determination and that decision will be the final measurement. The fish will not count if the official cannot see the picture or board marker, or the fish's nose appears to not be touching the front of the board.
- Scoring is based on any fish 30 inches or greater will receive 4 points plus a point for each inch over 30 inches prorated by fraction. For example, a 42.75" fish would generate 4 points plus 12.75 points for a total of 16.75 points. Total points for all fish determine the final score total for an angler.

- The anglers who are initially determined to be potential winners of prize money must submit their board for certification before results are final. If the board proves to be measuring incorrectly, adjustments will be made to the fish entered in the pool and the points earned. Final results will be declared once all prize money winners have had their board certified and final points are determined. The tournament director will determine which anglers will need to have their board certified based on preliminary results. All anglers who have the potential to claim prize money will be asked to submit their boards for certification.
- Any unclaimed prize money will be donated to the Minnow Fund. If no fish are caught, all the money is donated to the Minnow Fund. If only one angler catches a fish, they will receive the 60% payout with the remaining money being donated to the Minnow Fund. If two anglers catch fish, then the 3rd place payout will be donated to the Minnow Fund. If there is a tie for first place, based on the number of people tied, the money will be split for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. For example, if two tie, 1st and 2nd will be split. If 3 tie, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be split. This will be true for each position. Only the top 3 positions will be paid out.
- Should any angler be caught cheating, it shall result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of the event and pool entry fee.