



# Guidelines, Rules, and Regulations



1. All specific event details can be found on OHMC's social media pages (<https://www.facebook.com/OHMCI> and <https://www.instagram.com/ohiohuskiemuskieclub>), website (<https://ohmci.org/>), or via the online event registration.
2. All fish must be photographed on a bump board with the nose/mouth completely touching the bump board fence end. 1/4-inch deductions may be enforced at the tournament director's discretion.
3. A to-be-determined identifier released the night before the start of the event must be present in each submitted event photo. The identifier must be printed off or handwritten. No fish submissions with a virtual identifier will be accepted (i.e., cell phone image of identifier, edited images overlaying identifier, etc.).
4. Fish submissions not on a bump board or without the correct event identifier present in the picture will be disqualified.
5. All fish must be LEGALLY caught between the designated time and day in accordance with the event details.
6. All fish caught must be turned in to the Tournament Director no later than the designated time and day in accordance with the event details via text message (phone number released the night before the event on social media channels) or in person at the designated fish "weigh-in" location set forth in the event registration details.
7. Fish must be a minimum of 30 inches to qualify for all events.
8. Winners will be determined based on the point system used by Muskies Inc. with each fish 30" or greater receiving an initial 4 points for the fish itself and .25 points for each additional quarter inch over 30". (For example, a 42.5" fish would earn 4 points plus 12.5 points for a total of 16.5 points.)
9. All fish must be successfully released to qualify. If a fish dies or is kept, that fish is disqualified from being entered into the event standings.
10. All anglers in a boat must be registered for the event.
11. In the event of a tie, the first fish based on the timestamp by fish submission will be declared the winner.
12. The winner of the Big Fish pool (optional) will be based on the largest fish turned in amongst all Big Fish pool entrants and will receive all Big Fish pool money. Ties will not be broken; the prize pot will be split evenly amongst tied entrants. Big Fish pool winner must be present to collect prize.
13. No fish will be reported to either Ohio Muskie Angler Log or Muskies Incorporated. It is the anglers' responsibility to report fish caught and is encouraged.
14. Artificial lures permitted only.
15. OHMC membership is NOT required to participate in the event.
16. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in event disqualification upon tournament director review.
17. Decisions of the Tournament Director will be final.
18. **New for 2024:**
  - a. All point system events will now have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.
  - b. All in-person event plaques will now be given to the winner at the designated in person fish "weigh-in" location. If any angler receiving a plaque is unable to make it to the "weigh-in" location, it is that angler's responsibility to pick it up at a later date. Plaques will not be mailed out going forward. Plaques will be forfeited after the following year's banquet.