

'2024 Early Bird Border Battle'

8th Annual



"High School Fishing Tournament"

Hosted by Marinette Fishing Team

Menominee River & Bay of Green Bay

Tournament Headquarters: Nestegg Marine - Marinette, WI

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Registration will be from 6:30 – 7:00 am at Nestegg Marine.

A rules meeting will be held at 7:00 am and fishing will begin immediately after.

Tournament begins after rules meeting - ends at 2:00 pm – Weigh-in by 3:00 pm.

Tournament, Rules, & Registration Materials

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Registration:

- Please contact Luke Maulding to pre-register.
- **Registration materials must be filled out (Team Rosters, Tournament Liability-Release Waiver)** and turned in during registration Saturday morning at Nest Egg Marine (6:30 – 7:00am Central Time)

Who:

- Open to all students grades 7-12. Schools may register multiple teams.
- Teams may consist of 1 - 4 anglers. **An adult boat coach/advisor is required.** Teams may consist of up to 2 adults.
- **There must be an equal ratio of students to adults per team, or more students. Teams may not consist of more adults than students.**

Fishing:

- Fishing will begin after the rules meeting and will end at 2:00 pm Central Time.
- Menominee River and the Bay of Green Bay - **Both boat and shore fishing allowed.**

General Rules:

- **All Anglers must obey Wisconsin and Michigan DNR fishing regulations.**
- Wisconsin Fishing License - (16 years or older) Including Great Lakes Trout Stamp if targeting or intending to keep Trout.
 - Anglers may fish the Menominee River and everywhere south of Menominee River including the whole Southern Bay of Green Bay.
- Michigan Fishing - (17 years or older) All Species License
 - Anglers may fish the Menominee River and everywhere north of Menominee River to Cedar River.
- Wisconsin and Michigan License
 - Anglers may fish from Cedar River and anywhere south in the Bay of Green Bay and includes the Menominee River.
- **Each student-angler and adult must sign Tournament Medical Release Waiver.**

Target Species and Bag Limits:

- Each student-angler is allowed to register 1 Walleye, 1 Trout, and 1 Northern Pike for individual awards.
- Each 2-4 angler (students/adults) team can register up to 3 Walleye, 6 Northern Pike (pictures of length), and 6 Trout for team awards. (only 1 walleye per angler, a team of 4 can keep 4 walleyes, but will weigh-in their top 3 walleye)
- Anglers may begin weighing in at 12:00 pm central time at Nestegg Marine. Fishing ends at 2:00 pm and anglers must be in line to weigh-in by 3:00 pm.
- Culling fish is not allowed - This means, no exchanging a smaller fish for a bigger fish by throwing the smaller one back once it is in a cooler, live well, or on a stringer.

Boat Safety:

Every boat must be operated by an adult boat captain.

Each participant must observe safe boat conduct at all times.

Boats should be equipped with the proper flares and safety equipment required by state and federal laws. **Tournament officials reserve the right to delay, cancel, or restrict tournament waters in case of severe weather.**

In the event of a thunderstorm, lighting, and/or severe weather, contestants may pull into the nearest boat launch until it is safe to continue fishing.

Tournament officials reserve the right to disallow the use of any boat and/or motor they deem to be unsafe, inappropriate, or unsuitable for use. The Tournament Director's decision in this matter is final and may be made at any time.

Each student-anglers must wear a lifejacket when boat is under power. **Lifejackets** are optional when trolling or drifting, or on the discretion of the parents and/or boat captains.

Boat Captains (Adult and Coaches)

The role of the Adult Boat Captains is to assist and guide student anglers during the tournament. This tournament was created to be competitive, but it was also created to act as a great learning tool. Boat captains are encouraged to teach the young anglers how to use fishing gear, set up lines, and boater safety tips during this tournament. Once student-anglers are confident enough to set out lines, boat captains are encouraged to let student-anglers set up lines on their own.

Boat captains are encouraged to make contact the parents of each student angler in the boat to ensure boat rules and expectations for behavior are communicated.

Fishing Etiquette:

Student anglers are to be respectful and act in a mature manner while fishing on the Menominee River and Bay of Green Bay. During this time of the year, boat traffic can be very heavy and fishing quarters very close.

Shoreline Fishing:

- The use of waders or hip boots encouraged.
- Remember to show courtesy towards other fishermen. There will be other fishermen in the river who aren't in the tournament so please be aware of that.
- Use public accesses only.
- The Menominee River may be flowing swiftly, please be careful when using waders in the water.

Boat Accesses:

- You may launch boats from any available access as long as you are fishing in the regulated tournament waters. (Menominee River and Bay of Green Bay)
- There are multiple public accesses that can be used, but boats can be trailed to any boat landing as long as you are fishing in the tournament boundaries. (Menominee River and Bay of Green Bay) They include and are not limited to: Boom's Landing, Mystery Ship Landing, Menekaunee Boat Landing, Lighthouse Landing, and Little River.
- **Launch fees are the responsibility of each boat team.**

Awards:

Individual Student Awards for: (Length will be used to break tie)

- Awards based on weight – **Walleye - Trout** (1st Place Award)
- Awards based on length (Pictures with ruler/angler) – **Northern Pike** (1st Place Award)

Team (Students & Adults) Awards for: (Length will be used to break tie)

- Total weight of each species – **Walleye – Trout** (1st – 2nd Place)
- Total length – **Northern Pike** (1st – 2nd Place) (pictures with length/angler)
- Total combined weight of – **Walleye and Trout** (1st – 3rd Place)

Weigh-in:

- **Only Walleye and Trout will be registered for weight at the weigh-in.**
- Northern Pike will be registered through **Catch-Photo-Release Process** using length.
 - Using a bump board or ruler, the nose of the Northern Pike must touch the end of the bump board, or ruler, and the tail should be clearly visible. Next, pinch the tail and take a picture that clearly includes the head touching the bump board and the tail measurement.
 - **ROUND DOWN to the nearest ¼". Fish must touch or cross a ¼" make to take that measurement. Record the measurement onto the Coaches' Sheet.**
 - After taking a measurement photo of the fish, take a 'Hero' shot with the angler holding up the fish showing the other side of the fish for the photo!

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Northern Pike Record Sheet

School:	Team #:
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Please record team members' names below.

Angler 1	Angler 2	Angler 3	Angler 4
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- **Boat Captains/Coaches - Please record the length of each Northern Pike on this scoring sheet and then take a picture of the fish on the bump board/tape measure with the nose touching the end and the tail pinched.**
- **Next, take a 'Hero' shot with the angler holding up the fish showing the other side of the fish for the photo.**
- **Weigh-in officials may ask to see the picture of each fish at the weigh-in, so please have the pictures available.**

Northern Pike (length)	Angler's Name
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6

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Official Roster Form

School Name: _____

Team Number: _____

Adult Boat Captain/owner: _____

Boat Information: Make/Model: _____

 Length: _____

 Motor & HP: _____

Phone Number: _____

***Teams may consist of 1 - 4 anglers. A maximum of 4-anglers. There must be an equal or greater number of students vs adults on the team.
Example:(1 adult, 1 student) (2 adults, 2 students) (1adult, 3 students)**

***An adult boat operated is required.**

***All fish caught counts towards team total, only student fish can count towards individual awards.**

Names of Team Members:

Adult - Angler 1 - _____

Student or Adult - Angler 2 - _____

Student - Angler 3 - _____

Student - Angler 4 - _____

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Liability Release

I _____ (Full Name) acknowledge that my safety and well-being is in my control and solely my responsibility. The Marinette High School Fishing Team, Marinette Public School District, City of Marinette, and/or anyone associated with this tournament in any way, shape, or form are not responsible for injury to person(s) while commuting and/or competing in this event. The Marinette High School Fishing Team, Marinette Area Public School District, City of Marinette, and/or anyone associated with this tournament in any way, shape, or form are not to be held liable for any damage, theft, and/or loss of equipment, and any other event due to an act of god and/or by another party.

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