

Wixom Lake Northern Pike Charity Open



Presented by Warren Masonic Lodge #427

Two person team - \$65 per team

FIRST PRIZE

Guaranteed



Saturday, September 8, 2017

Registration begins @ 5:30 AM

Wixom Lake Gas and Launch

Estey Rd. Albright Shores

\$65 Entry Fee per two person team

2:00pm weigh-in

More info:

Tom Bowland (989)-495-3888

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Rocky King (989)-615-1715

SAME DAY MEETING: The mandatory contestant meeting/registration will start 1 ½ hours before sunrise (local time).

BOATS: You must have a boat (at least 12'), with live well capacity to keep the fish alive. **NO** non-boater for this tournament.

TOURNAMENT RULES: A complete copy of the tournament rules can be picked up at registration.

FOR A GREAT CAUSE

The Warren Masonic Lodge No. 427, a non-profit organization, is guaranteeing a \$500 First Place Prize. Funds raised from this tournament are donated to several worthwhile local causes and charities, including our Scholarship Fund, missions, youth athletics and food pantries.

Fill out the form and bring to registration on day of tournament!

(Registration begins at 5:30am Saturday, September 8, 2107)

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

E-Mail: _____

Partners Name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone _____

E-Mail: _____

**** By signing this application, I hereby waive and release all other contestants, the host, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims of injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. I further understand and agree that the tournament committee reserves the right to refund this entrance fee if it shall choose for any reason not to accept my application. I swear that the above facts are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. ****

Signature _____

Date _____

Partners Signature _____

Date _____

TOURNAMENT RULES AS FOLLOWS

1. **Rules:** Interpretation of these rules shall be left to the Tournament Committee. The decision of the judges and tournament officials shall be final.
2. **Participants and Eligibility:** Participation in this tournament is open to sportsmen and women. If younger than 16, participant must be accompanied by a Michigan Fishing Licensed Adult.
3. **Legal Fish:** NORTHERN PIKE eligible for plaques and cash for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places total weight for maximum of four Northern Pike.
Minimum legal length on longest straight line with mouth closed. Limit is four Northern Pike per team entry. Minimum legal length on longest line with mouth closed.
4. **Scoring:** Tournament standings, auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by the pound and ounce weight of each team entry's catch during the tournament. Tournament officials will conduct checks for violations; in the event a competitor has more than the above described limit in possession, the largest Northern Pike shall be culled first, down to the limit described. No Northern Pike under 24" shall be presented for weigh in. Any Northern Pike suspected to be pre-tournament catch will result in disqualification of the team and persons of that team. Both members will not be allowed to fish this tournament again. DNR (Department of Natural Resources) may be present during the tournament and weigh in.
5. **Tackle and Equipment:** Artificial lures, live bait, and trolling will be allowed. State law legal maximum number of rods may be used.
6. **Official Check In and Fishing Location:** Official check in will be between 5:00am - 6:30am on September 8, 2017 before the tournament starts.
Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Competitors must remain in the boat at all times except in the case of dire emergency. Competitors must remain together at all times, within sight of each other and each other's catch, in order for their catch of the day to be scored in the tournament.
7. **Safety:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. Each contestant is required to wear a coast guard approved chest type life preserver. The preserver must be worn any time the boat is on plane. The preserver must remain snapped, strapped, or zipped securely and maintained in this condition until the competitor reaches their fishing location and boat is off plane.
Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification.
8. **Boat and Motor:** Every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment and be 12ft. in length or larger.
9. **Boat Identification:** Each boat must be given, prior to start, an inspection check by a tournament official. A number will be given to that boat which must remain with that boat until turned in at weigh-in. This number must be displayed upon request of a tournament official, and turned into the officials at weigh in.
10. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED IN BOATS. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.**
11. **Official Checkpoint:** There will be only one official point for check out in the morning. And for check in during the afternoon. That location is Wixom Lake Gas and Launch.
12. **Don't Kill Your Catch:** Each competitor is expected to keep their fish alive. NO STRINGERS. **Dead or undersize pike will not be weighed.**
13. **Ties:** Any ties are broken by weight of competitor's largest fish.
14. **Participants agree that any properly designated Tournament Official may approach and inspect his/her boat at any time during the tournament to ensure compliance with contest rules.**
15. **There will be a mandatory meeting at weigh in site at 6:30am on Saturday.**
16. All rules have loopholes. It is intended that the Tournament Committee provide a fair and enjoyable tournament. All questions or problems are to be referred to the Tournament Committee. They have the sole jurisdiction in determining the application of the rules.

For further information or questions, please contact one of the Committee Members:

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**Public welcome at Pike Tournament Weigh in
September 8, 2017 at 2:00pm**