

**Entering the Tournament:**

1. Each entrant, upon registering to compete in the Southtowns Walleye Assoc., of W.N.Y. Inc. Tournament, agrees to hold the sponsors, their agents, employees, and Southtowns Walleye Association harmless from any liability of any nature and for any injuries and/or damages suffered by the entrants during the period of the Tournament and related activities.
2. All entrants agree to the use of their name and/or photograph in club publications and advertising, without compensation or notification, at the discretion of the Southtowns Walleye Assoc. of W.N.Y., Inc.
3. All entrants agree upon registration to abide by all Tournament rules.
4. All persons aboard the same boat must be registered in the Tournament and are subject to being checked for the same. In the event there are persons on board who are not registered entrants in the Tournament or Junior members, (regardless of whether they are angling or not) all fish caught during that particular outing may not be offered for any Tournament prizes. Children in boat must be Club members.
5. There will be no refund of entry fee in the event of disqualification.
6. All entrants, in signing the application for entry, stipulate that the results of any polygraph examination administered may be used as evidence in a court-of-law involving any civil and/or criminal actions.
7. Location: all waters of Lake Erie and upper Niagara River.

**Fishing the Tournament:**

8. The 28th Annual Southtowns Walleye Tournament begins 12:01 a.m. June 9, 2012 and ends 4:00 p.m. June 17, 2012.
9. All entrants must follow territorial regulations for fishing and boating whether it be U.S. or Canadian waters and have a valid fishing license in their name, purchased prior to the tournament, to be eligible to weigh in fish.
10. All walleyes entered in the Tournament must be freshly caught on hook and line and retrieved by rod and reel. Those fish must be caught in the mouth.
11. Each entrant must reel in his or her own fish.
12. All launching fees and docking arrangements shall be the responsibility of the entrant.

**At the Weigh Station:**

13. Walleye must be a minimum length of 26 inches to qualify for weigh in.
14. Eligible fish, which may be offered at weigh-in stations, are walleyes only.
15. Anything that is not a "natural" part of the fish does not get weighed in with the fish.
16. The largest walleye by weight will determine the winner.
17. In the event of a tie (by weight), the earliest fish registered by date and time will determine the winner.
18. No fish will be accepted for weigh in until the entrant completes his portion of the paperwork.
19. When an entrant enters a fish for weigh-in, he or she must present their official entry form, valid fishing license in their name, and an affidavit of compliance filled out completely to reflect all persons on the boat at the time of the catch.
20. A supporting affidavit, which is part of the weigh slip, will be required by all registered entrants aboard the same boat, affirming the integrity of the catch, and also that no unregistered person was aboard the boat.

21. One entrant may weigh-in a fish caught by another entrant provided both Tournament entries and both valid fishing licenses bearing the names of the entrants, are displayed at the time of weigh-in.
22. All fish entered will have their gill plate pie-shaped cut for weigh-in identification and may be subjected to internal probe and scanning.
23. All fish over 10.50 lbs. will be tagged and should be frozen until after the tournament picnic.
24. It will be the responsibility of any entrant having a walleye in contention for any major cash or special prize to retain that walleye or walleyes until after the Awards Picnic in the event that an inspection is required.
25. Any walleye that is frozen, has fresh cuts, gaff marks, gill net or puncture marks anywhere on the body of said fish will be questioned and may be held for further examination by the Tournament Committee. Refusal will disqualify said fish and entrant. Any entrant who brings to a weigh station a walleye that has been altered in any manner will be disqualified for the remainder of the Tournament.
26. In addition, any previous fish entered by said entrant will be removed from the Tournament and disqualified for all prizes and recognition as a prizewinner.
27. Entrant's signature finalizes information on weigh-in slip.
28. The number and location of weigh stations are subject to change.

**Polygraph Test:**

29. All entrants and weigh station volunteers are subject to a polygraph testing.
30. Refusal to take a polygraph test will be an automatic disqualification.
31. Disqualification will result if at the time of the polygraph it is determined the entrant is unfit for a polygraph due to excessive drug or alcohol consumption.
32. Entrants and weigh station volunteers must make themselves available through a phone number entered on the weigh-in slip.
33. Selected entrants must make themselves available for polygraph testing at dates and times to be specified by the Tournament Committee.
34. If the result of the polygraph is negative or inconclusive, the Tournament Committee may disqualify the fish and entrant.

**General:**

35. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded at the picnic on Saturday, June 23, 2012 to be held at 5895 Southwestern Boulevard, Hamburg, New York.
36. No entrant can win more than one (1) cash prize in the main tournament.
37. All entrants will be eligible for only one (1) prize from the merchandise offered during the awards picnic drawing and any drawings thereafter, whether a fish is entered or not.
38. Cash prize structure based upon 1250 entrants.
39. The Tournament chairman and his/her committee shall be the sole interpreter of the rules and their decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.
40. Entrants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation.
41. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.
42. Violation of these rules and regulations may lead to suspension from the club and possible legal actions.

43. All rules have loopholes.
44. It is the intention of the Southtowns Walleye Assoc. of W.N.Y., Inc. and sponsors to provide an honest, enjoyable sportsmanlike Tournament.
45. In the interest of good sportsmanship, entrants are reminded that the spirit of the rule will prevail in all judgment cases.