



ST. LOUIS RIVER MUSKIE SHOOTOUT

2025 OFFICIAL RULES

1. Tournament date **09/20/2025**, fishing hours **7:00 am** to **4:00 pm**.
2. **A mandatory rules meeting will be held at 6:30 am Rice's Point landing. You will be required to turn in your signed liability form and you'll receive your tournament packet at that time.**
3. **Use of forward facing sonar/Live scope and/or all other real-time imaging-like technology is not allowed during the tournament. Unit transducers must be removed from the boat during the tournament. If transducers are built into the trolling motor or wired in place, either the unit itself must be removed from the boat, or a cover must be put over the transducer that prevents it from working. Use of any real-time imaging-like technology will result in all participants in the boat being disqualified, also no live bait allowed.**
4. The minimum fish size is **34"**.
5. Maximum of 2 lines per person, even if fishing Wisconsin waters. **This is a 2-person team event. No fishing No fishing from shore.**
5. Life vests must be worn while traveling from spot to spot.
6. Bump boards must be available for inspection.
7. Fish boundaries are anywhere on the St. Louis River from Duluth and Superior entries to the upstream boundary.
8. Boat number must be included in the photo of the fish along with the bump board. Make sure to take a clear photo; blurred photos will not be accepted.
9. **Once a fish is caught, take a clear photo of it on a bump board and text the picture to either Curt or Dustin, see contact information below. Your text must include name of fisherman, boat number, and length of fish. You will receive a confirmation text back.**
10. Record each fish length on the back of your boat number card.
11. Fish entries will not be accepted after the tournament ends, the ending time is listed above. All boats must be back to the boat launch and fish registration cards must be turned in at that time. If you're fishing a long way from the launch, make sure to give yourself time to get back. No exceptions will be made.
12. The Muskies Inc. scoring system will be used to determine the total points and ultimately the winner of the tournament. Measure fish to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ ". There are 8-pts for each 34" fish plus 1-pt for each additional inch.
 - Examples: 34" fish = 8 points, 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ " fish = 8 + $\frac{1}{2}$ = 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ points, 42 $\frac{1}{4}$ " fish = 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ points, and a 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ " fish is too short and does not count. Time of registration will be used to break ties so text your registration as soon as you can!
13. The awards ceremony will be held at Barker's Island Inn following the tournament. We hope all anglers will attend the awards ceremony. We will have \$3,000.00 worth of great prizes to raffle off and your odds of winning are extremely high.

Tournament Contacts

Curt Ellestad 218-390-8888

Jim Carnes 715-553-2099

Dustin Carlson 218-464-2379

RELEASE OF LIABILITY – READ BEFORE SIGNING

Participant's Name: _____
(Please Print)

Address: _____ State: _____

_____ Zip Code _____ email address _____

Telephone Number _____

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate among and on boats under the auspices of Muskies, Inc. and **(Lake Superior Chapter of Muskies Inc.)**

I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

I am aware of the inherent risk associated with fishing and boating, including but not limited to the risks of collisions with other boats and stationary objects in and around the lake, including rocks, reefs or piers, or other vehicles and trailers at landing areas. This release applies to any and all risk of contracting, or exposure to, the Covid-19 Coronavirus or any disease, by contact with, or proximity to, other persons, locations, equipment, or facilities encountered during the course of travel to, participation in, and returning home from this event, whether such persons are also participants or otherwise.

1. I am familiar with other risks up to and including death by drowning associated with rough water, changing weather patterns, heavy winds, and lightning storms. I expressly assume all risks associated with this tournament and I hereby release Muskies, Inc. and **(Lake Superior Chapter of Muskies Inc.)** The host, sponsors, and event officials from all claims of negligence resulting from injury and/or property damages incurred in connection with the tournament."

2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of those persons released from liability below, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and

3. I will comply with all rules and regulations. If I have any question or observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my participation, I will immediately bring such to the attention of the nearest official; and

4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Muskies, Inc. and _____, the owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, their officers, officials, ("Releasees"), with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

Date Signed:

Participant's Signature

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FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE
(Under Age 18 at Time of Registration)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian of this participant, do consent and agree to his/her indemnification, release and hold harmless as provided above of all Releasees, and I, for myself and behalf of my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all claims incident to my child's involvement in these programs even if arising out of the negligence of the Releasees, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Release of Liability: In consideration for being permitted to participate in the event described, we understand that by signing this Release, we give up the right to sue the Released Parties for any damages or injury suffered during the event. We also will allow Muskies, Inc. to use photos and digital images from the event to print in the organization's newsletter and/or magazine.

X Date Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature

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CROWD NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY – RELEASE

Please be aware that filming, recording and taping may take place in connection with Muskies, Inc. activities.

By entering an event of Muskies, Inc., you are entering an area where photography, audio and video recording may occur.

Your entry and presence at the event constitute your consent to be photographed, filmed and/or otherwise recorded and to the release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction of any and all recorded media of your appearance, voice and name for any purpose whatsoever in perpetuity in connection with Muskies, Inc. and its initiatives, including, by way of example only, use on websites, in social media, news and advertising.

By entering the event premises, you waive and release any claims you may have related to the use of recorded media of you at the event, including, without limitation, any right to inspect or approve the photo, video or audio recording of you, any claims for invasion of privacy, violation of the right of publicity, defamation, and copyright infringement or for any fees for use of such recorded media.

You understand that all photography, filming and/or recording will be done in reliance on this consent. If you do not agree to the foregoing, please do not enter the event premises.

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