

14TH ANNUAL WATER'S EDGE WALLEYE TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Final Registrations/Team Check-Ins – Final Registrations and Team Check-ins are on **Friday, August 16, 2024** between **5:00–5:45 PM** at Beach Bums located at 35776 Co Hwy 72, Battle Lake. At least **one (1) Team member must Check-in**. During this time, you will receive up-to-date information regarding Tournament procedures. It is also an opportunity for Team members to ask any questions.

2. Tournament Headquarters – Zorbaz, on the southwest end of Otter Tail, is the location for both the start and end of the Tournament. Zorbaz is located at 36108 Co Hwy 72, Battle Lake. Tournament date is **Saturday, August 17, 2024**.

3. Eligibility – Anglers must be 18 years old to register and compete. Persons under 18 years can participate only as a teammate of a parent, guardian, or relative 18 years or older. A completed and signed Registration Form must be accompanied with the entry fee for each Team of two (2) participants. Contestants must have a valid Minnesota fishing license.

4. Pre-Tournament Practice – Contestants must be off the water by **4:00 PM** the day prior to the Tournament date.

5. Sportsmanship – Contestants are expected to be courteous, safety-conscious, and practice basic sporting principles. Any infraction can result in disqualification. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in boats during Tournament and any violation will result in disqualification.

6. Fishing Boundary – Otter Tail Lake shoreline is the boundary. Navigating past the entrance into the Otter Tail River entrances on the North end is out of bounds.

7. Participant Interaction – It shall be illegal for a contestant's boat to pull immediately up to any other boat during the Tournament. There will be no cell phone use during the Tournament hours. No boat can land or go to shore during the Tournament except at Zorbaz or the nearest point of safety in the event of dangerous weather conditions.

8. Fish – The Tournament is a 'Catch and Keep' Tournament per our DNR Permit. Fish that are weighed will be kept after Weigh-In and used for the Fish Fry following the Event.

9. Ties – Tournament officials will resolve ties with a drawing in the presence of at least one Team member from each Team.

10. Scoring – Prizes are awarded by the most weight in pounds. Each Team will be judged by a total of six (6) Walleyes (maximum of 8 in boat) per Team. Only two (2) Walleye can be 20" long or longer. A fish that touches the bump board line at 20" is an 'OVER'. A Walleye must be a minimum of 14" long to be weighed. Fish will be called 'Alive' or 'Dead' at weigh-in. A Walleye judged to be 'Dead' will be assessed 3/10 (.30) of a pound penalty. A Walleye without moving gills will be called 'Dead.' Contestants can weigh any individual fish early if they suspect a fish may die. The official ruler will be "The Judge."

11. Safety – Team members must wear a life jacket and drivers have a kill-switch attached when traveling at speed during Tournament hours.

12. Boat Inspection – Each Team must be inspected at the Zorbaz dock between **6:30–7:30 AM**. Have boat lockers and live wells open. Each Team will be given their Team Number and a Weigh-In bag. Instructions will be given where to line-up for the take-off. Boats will be released in order by a Tournament official.

13. Landing – Teams may launch their boats at ANY public access landing in the morning.

14. Weigh-In – A Tournament official will record arrivals of contestants. Teams must Check-In by **3:00 PM**. Teams will pass near the 'Check-In Boat' where they will return their Team Number and receive a Weigh-In Number. A late penalty of **one (1) pound per minute** will be deducted from the total weight. Any team more than **15 minutes** late will not have their fish weighed. Teams will be called to a Zorbaz dock slip to weigh in the order that they returned. Teams need to be listening and aware of when their number is to be called next. Each Team must check-in even if a Team chooses not to weigh. Any Team not weighing fish, must call Kevin Cook at **218.282.3025** so that we can account for all contestants. Weigh-In at Zorbaz will be manned during the Tournament hours.

15. Award Ceremony and Fish Fry – A Fish Fry will be hosted at the **Ottertail Community Center** at 93 Lake Ave, in the City of Ottertail, immediately following the Tournament weigh-in. Awards will be given as soon as results are known.

16. Problems or Breakdowns – Call or text Kevin Cook at 218.282.3025.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I agree that I am voluntarily participating in this event and assume all risks that could lead to loss or damage to personal property, serious injury, or death. In exchange for being permitted to participate in this tournament, I RELEASE AND DISCHARGE Water's Edge Church, their officers, all volunteers, contestants and tournament sponsors from any liabilities or injuries, damages, or other loss sustained by me. I acknowledge the fact that the risks may be enhanced above normal boating activities by the existence of competition.

**I HAVE READ THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT CAREFULLY AND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.
I SIGN VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION.**

Boater 1 Signature _____ Date _____ Boater 2 Signature _____ Date _____