## Walleye Tournament Rules

- 1. This is a team tournament. One or two anglers make up a team.
- 2. If changing a team member, you <u>must</u> inform the tournament director by e-mailing <u>pymalakeassoc@gmail.com</u> or by calling 724-418-1501.
- 3. No team member shall be on the water for eight (8) hours prior to the tournament.
- 4. All Walleye must be caught from Pymatuning lake. Hatchery waters are off limits.
- 5. All Walleye must be caught during tournament hours 6 am till 2:30 pm and team entrants must be in the weigh in line beginning at noon and no later than 3:30 pm or the team will be disqualified.
- 6. No passengers and/or spectators allowed with the team while tournament fishing.
- 7. Each team will consist of no more than 2 people per team. Single member teams are permitted but must pay the \$45 entry fee.
- 8. Each team must fish together as a team. One team per boat, if fishing from a boat this includes pontoons.
- 9. All Walleye must be caught on a rod and reel.
- 10. All entrants must follow all state regulations along with all boating and fishing regulations while fishing in the Walleye tournament.
- 11. All Walleye must be ALIVE when they are brought to weigh-in.
- 12. Teams may bring up to three (3) of their largest Walleye to the scales. Teams bringing more than 3 to the weigh in will be disqualified.
- 13. Total weight of your three (3) Walleye will determine the winner.
- 14. One (1) "Big Fish" per team will be weighed in at the scales for entry into the big fish weight category.
- 15. All ties will be broken by the flip of a coin or they may choose to split the winnings.
- 16. The tournament director has the right to disqualify any questionable fish.
- 17. The tournament director, who reserves the right to make additional rules conducting the Walleye tournament if circumstances require the change, will make all decisions in compliance with these rules and the interpretation of these rules.
- 18. Failure to follow the event rules may result in disqualification.
- 19. All winners are subject to a polygraph test. Any entrant who refuses or fails the polygraph test will be disqualified and will not be eligible for prizes.
- 20. The Pymatuning Lake Association, Pymatuning State Park (PA DCNR), Ohio Pymatuning State Park (ODNR), PA Fish and Boat Commission and any sponsors are not responsible for any theft or injury that may occur at the event.
- 21. Pre-registered teams are <u>NOT</u> required to check in prior to the start of the event. Registered teams may launch from any boat ramp on the lake.
- 22. Prizes will be awarded following the completion of the weigh in.
- 23. Weigh in location, southeast side of the causeway, at the Pymatuning lake association pavilion at the Espyville boat launch. Watch for the tournament signs.
- 24. Please help support catch and release.... Only keep what you plan to weigh in.
- 25. Upon entering the Walleye tournament, you hereby grant the sponsors the unconditional right to use your name and or photograph in any articles or press releases, but not as an endorsement.
- 26. Each team member will receive a ticket during weigh in for the door prizes whether they caught a fish or not.
- 27. Returned checks + non-sufficient funds (NSF) or for any other reason will be assessed a \$30 fee in addition to our banks service charges.
- 28. The tournament director has the right to reduce the payout of prizes if there are less than 50 entrants. The payouts would be increased or reduced proportionally to the percentage of reduction or increase of entrants from 50.
- 29. Launching is permitted before 6am, but lines cannot be in the water till 6am.

## Pymatuning Lake Association's Walleye Tournament! Saturday May 17,2025

"Open to the public"



## THREE FISH TOTAL WEIGHT

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$250
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$200
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$150
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$100
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$75.
Big Fish \$150	

This is based on 50 teams. Payouts will be reduced or increased proportionately if there are more than or less than 50 teams

Weigh-in and Late Registration

Pymatuning Lake Association's Pavilion at the Espyville Boat Launch. Registration 6 AM to 8 AM on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 Weigh in Noon to 3:30 (All teams must be in line by 3:30) Pymatuning Lake Association contact info:

Phone: 724-418-1501

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Results will be posted to our Facebook page and website Pymatunnglake.org