

May 20th, 2025

2025 Mississippi Walleye Club Shoot Out

100% Payout, first, second, and third of each prize pool

\$150 per boat, max 3 Anglers per boat.

Eligible fish: sauger, saugeye, walleye

Three pools:

1. Weight of 5 legal fish brought to scale, 15" to <20" fish alive.
2. Photo of 5 fish greater than 20" by scorecard weight
3. Big Fish by actual length – scale or photo entries

All prizes are awarded to the boat captain. Only one Big Fish prize per boat captain.

Rules:

1. Must be fully registered and paid as individuals and a Team before 6:00 PM Saturday.
2. Boat number draw will follow the registration close on Saturday.
3. Violation of any Rule will result in a disqualification unless noted.
4. Boat inspection and check-in 5:45 am – 6:30 am. No tournament fish are allowed in possession at inspection.
5. Boats must return to Schmidt Harbor by 3 pm, inside the no-wake buoy, off plane.
6. All Anglers must follow Iowa fishing laws with exceptions:
 - a. No Willow Cats (dead or alive) allowed in possession
 - b. 2 rods per angler
7. No fish is to be physically altered to make it a higher-scoring fish.
8. All Anglers must follow all Federal, State, and Local Boating Regulations applied to the tournament boundaries.
9. Tournament boundaries are Pools 11-13 track to track, lock to lock.

10. The last boat number drawn will perform the duties of the Starter Boat. The Starter Boat has the authority to issue penalties for start violations.

- a. The Starter Boat will be positioned inside the no-wake buoy in Schmidt Harbor. Once all boats are ready or at 7 am the Starter Boat will single boat 1 to pass.
- b. All tournament boats will organize themselves by order of the drawn boat numbers and form a progression to pass the starter boat.
- c. Boats passing the starter boat must have life jackets properly worn.
- d. Any boat out violating b. or c. will be sent to the back of the line.
- e. Any boat violating the no-wake area will be assessed a 1-pound penalty to weigh/photo and 1-inch penalty to Big Fish calculations.

11. Placards will be presented to you at the boat inspection. These placards are necessary for weighing and photo processing. They must be returned at the end of the tournament.

12. Weigh Process.

- a. Up to 5 Fish may be presented to the Weigh Master at the ramp including your boat number placard. Other fish of that size class must be released before presenting fish.
- b. Penalty of 1 pound for presenting a dead or dying fish that cannot maintain a swimming posture (belly up).
- c. The captain indicates the big fish to be weighed first.
- d. Weigh Master will measure each fish on the Judge Ruler by gently pressing the fish to the ruler with the mouth in a natural position touching the bump plate, pinching the tail, and positioning the tail across the ruler. The highest mark touched by the tail is the score of the fish. In the event of a questionable measurement, the boat captain may request a second measurement with the fish flipped over.

- e. The total weight of 5 fish will be weighed for your weight score.
 - f. Tie-breaker is the weight of the big fish.
 - g. All entries and decisions are then deemed final by the Weigh Master.
 - h. Your fish are then released at the ramp.
 - i. Prize pool for Weigh fish is 1/3 third of all entry money with 50% going to 1st, 30% going to 2nd, and 20% going to 3rd.
13. Photo Process.
- a. When a fish is caught and it is 20+ inches to be entered into the Photo entries, it must be processed immediately before any other fishing can resume. Photos need to be taken with your phone and kept organized so that at the end of the day you can text the length and hero photos of your five-scoring fish to the Photo Weigh Master. Anglers using the MyCatch app for the Walleye Challenge may use the photos saved to their phone by the app.
 - b. Length Photo: The fish is to be placed on a Judge Ruler or any commercial fixed bump board style ruler, with the nose to the left and the fish's left side visible. In the photo, it is required that the issued boat number placard be clearly visible as well as the nose of the fish touching the plate and the length of the fish. Quickly verify the photo is good and clearly shows the three required items, placard, nose, and length. Penalty: if the photo does not clearly show the three required elements the fish is removed from the scorecard.
 - c. Hero Photo: The fish is picked up off the ruler by an Angler and held so the right side of the fish is visible. The fish is to be released immediately. The process for both the Length and Hero photo should not exceed a minute. A fish out of the water for less than one minute has a rather successful survival rate that decreases sharply every additional 20 seconds. As a sportsman, it is more valuable to get the fish back in the water versus squeezing out another 1/8 inch.

- d. Record the fish onto the score card with a length that is rounded up to the next $\frac{1}{4}$ inch mark on the ruler. (a 22 $\frac{1}{8}$ inch by sight scores as 22 $\frac{1}{4}$).
 - e. Using the provided conversion chart, record the converted weight of the fish.
 - f. At the end of the day, circle the five-scoring fish to be submitted, and total the weight. All anglers in the boat must attest to the scorecard by signing it before submission. Text the Length and Hero photo of that fish to the Photo Weigh Master.
 - g. Penalty: if the length photo does not clearly show the three required elements of the scored fish or if the hero photo is not provided the fish is removed from the scorecard.
 - h. The prize pool for Photo fish is $\frac{1}{3}$ third of all entry money with 50% going to 1st, 30% going to 2nd, and 20% going to 3rd.
14. Big Fish process
- a. Big Fish will be documented and determined from the Photo process or if necessary, from the Weigh process.
 - b. Big Fish is the actual length of the fish, not the converted length so be certain of the quality of the photo of the larger fish.
 - c. All decisions of the photo evaluations by the Photo Weigh Master are final
 - d. The prize pool for Photo fish is $\frac{1}{3}$ third of all entry money with 50% going to 1st, 30% going to 2nd, and 20% going to 3rd.
 - e. Each captain is eligible to win only one Big Fish prize.
15. Any dispute of the application of these rules must be brought to the Tournament Directors' attention before presenting their placard for return. The Tournament Directors will determine if a rule was violated and rule accordingly. All disputes will be resolved at the ramp before the awards ceremony.