

RED LAKE FALL CLASSIC 2020 - Tournament Regulations

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1. STARTING POSITIONS and TIMES will be determined according to:
 - a) finishing positions from 2019 tournament for returning anglers
 - b) earliest date of paid entry for new entries

All entries must be received and paid by 7:00 pm Friday August 28th, 2020 to be eligible. A full field shall be 130 teams. All new entries are on a first come first serve basis. Entries must be accompanied by payment in full. Cancellations will be accepted up to Friday August 28th, 2020. If a team has to cancel that team cannot sell their spot to any other person, their entry fee will be refunded, less a \$50.00 administration fee. NO REFUNDS after August 28th, 2020, unless due to extreme circumstances and committee will make final decision.

2. Pre-tournament practice will cease at 3:00 pm on Friday September 4, 2020.

3. The Red Lake Fall Classic Committee retains the right to change or amend these rules at their discretion. Key and amended rules will be reviewed at the Friday night rule meeting at the Legion Hall, Friday, September 4th, 2020. Participants will be required to read printed rules in their entirety. One member of the team will be required to sign the liability document to participate in the tournament. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. A member from each team must sign-in before 7:00 p.m. and remain in attendance until all tournament rules are read.

4. Each boat must be checked by tournament officials at the beginning and end of each day. Contestants checking in late at the end of each day will be given an 8 oz. per minute penalty per infraction. ANY boat 5 minutes late will be ineligible for weigh-in and will have no weight for the day.

FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE, ALL CONTESTANTS MUST CHECK IN AT THE STARTING BOAT (PONTOON) OR WEIGH-IN DOCKS AT EACH DAY END.

Boats may be checked by tournament officials at any time during the tournament. Boats refusing to allow inspection by a tournament official will be **disqualified**. **Any boat that does not check in with tournament officials is automatically DISQUALIFIED from the tournament and the next year's tournament.**

5. The tournament boundaries will be all bodies of water accessible by water from Red Lake. **(5 LAKES !!)**

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6. Contestants under 16 years of age must have their parents' written consent. One team member must be 18 years of age or older. All participants must carry a valid Ontario Fishing License as per Ontario Law.

7. A maximum of 4 fish per team, per day, may be presented for official weighing. Saugers are considered walleye for the duration of the tournament and will be allowed for weigh-in. No more than 4 fish may be retained in any boat at any time. Infractions will result in **disqualification**. Only 1 walleye per day, 23" and over may be retained. Only 3 walleye per day, one per team 18" and under may be retained. OR up to 4 fish 18" and under. The longest measurement of fish will prevail at the 18" and the 23" side.

8. Any fish that are in question as to whether they are 18" or 23" will be measured by two tournament officials who must show the Angler the discrepancy. The weight slip must be signed by one team member acknowledging the disqualification. Failure to sign the disqualification ballot will result in an additional year of disqualification.

Any angler found with a fish exceeding any limits set in rules will be automatically **disqualified** for the remainder of the tournament. All fish in the tub found with any weights will be penalized 16 oz. The Red Lake Fall Classic Committee will handle all **disqualifications**.

9. Fish will be weighed throughout tournament hours to reduce stress caused by holding fish too long in live wells. The scales will be closed one hour before official weigh-in begins. (This means if you come to weigh-in an hour before all fish must be weighed in, not just 1.)

10. The determination of stressed or dead fish will be made in the live well before weighing. In the opinion of tournament officials:

- any fish not swimming upright will be considered stressed
- any fish deemed incapable of recovery will be considered dead

11. Stressed fish will receive a penalty of 25% of the total weight of the fish. Dead fish will receive a penalty of 50% of the total weight. Stressed or dead fish are not eligible to win the 'Big Fish' after the penalty.

12. Any fish entered to win the 'Big Fish' must be bagged separately.

13. Any fish that appears to be altered in any way will be ineligible for weigh-in.

14. The Red Lake Fall Classic Committee is not responsible for fizzing fish.

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15. Aerated live wells are mandatory. Temporary live wells are acceptable (i.e. large cooler with aerator). The use of water treatment chemicals which are legally available in Ontario is recommended in live wells. All fish must be kept in the live well at all times.
16. All contestants may use live bait.
17. The Red Lake Fall Classic Committee encourages the use of barbless hooks.
18. All ties will be determined by the highest weight the second day.
19. Each boat will be assigned a boat number sticker, which must be affixed to a clearly visible place at all times.
20. All participants must wear life jackets or approved P.F.D., and a tethered “kill switch” if equipped, while travelling faster than trolling or drifting speeds. All boats equipped with a tethered kill switch must use it. Failure to wear a life jacket above trolling or drifting speed will result in a 16 oz. penalty per violation.
21. Boats must not come into contact with another boat and the passing of objects between teams will result in **disqualification**. Teams must not tow another boat unless dangerous conditions exist. Anglers are provided with an emergency phone number and the numbers of local mechanics in case of a breakdown. The Red Lake Fall Classic Committee is **not** responsible or liable for any breakdowns.
22. Unsportsmanlike behavior including obnoxious or disruptive behaviour towards non-competitors and competitors alike will be grounds for **disqualification** and/or rejection of entry applications.
23. Any competitor stepping ashore without approval or accompaniment by a tournament official may be **disqualified**, except in life-threatening circumstances (lightning, etc.)
24. There must be a team of two persons per boat. The same two competitors who start the tournament must finish, except in the case of an extreme and exceptional circumstance. The Red Lake Fall Classic Committee must be notified of any changes.
25. No alcoholic beverages or recreational drugs may be on any competitor’s boat or consumed by any competitor while on the water. Infractions will result in **disqualification**.

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26. There will be a “**NO WAKE ZONE**” beginning at the **CHUKUNI BRIDGE AND EXTENDING PAST THE MARKERS. (THE NO WAKE ZONE WILL INCLUDE BOW NARROWS.)** Markers will be in place. There will be a penalty of 16 oz. for any infraction.
27. Official fishing times as per trickle starts found in the rules and on this website.
28. Competitors may be subjected to a lie detector test.
29. Any tournament contestant may submit a written protest to the Red Lake Fall Classic Committee for consideration prior to 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 6, 2020. The contestant will be required to provide a \$100.00 cash deposit with each protest. The deposit will be refunded only if the protest is upheld.
30. Competitors may be **disqualified** by the Red Lake Fall Classic Committee for any violation of the tournament rules and will not receive a refund for their entry fee. **Disqualification** will forfeit any prizes owing to the competitors.
31. In terms of score keeping; unless otherwise noted, **disqualification** will result in no longer being eligible to fish during the weekend of the tournament (eg. DQ on Saturday results in no fishing Sunday). Fish will not be weighed in and all previous weights will be set to zero.
32. It is the intention of the Red Lake Fall Classic Committee to provide an honest, sportsmanlike tournament. Contestants are reminded that the “spirit” of the rules will prevail in all judgment cases.

“All decisions of the Red Lake Fall Classic Committee are final.”