

State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources

Fishing Tournament Permit Application and Permit

Form 3600-208 (R 12/23)

Application ID: T293634

Application Fee: \$25

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Application Information (Contact Person)				
Applicant Mary Dawson			Application Date 03/24/2025	
Street Address 124 Rohrer St			DNR Customer Number 084-774-199	
City Clintonville	State WI	Zipcode 54929-1428	Telephone Number 435-881-1283	
Tournament Information				
Tournament Name for which Permit is Requested RUFF FISH TOURNAMENT				
Tournament Date(s) Inclusive 07/19/2025 - 07/19/2025		Entry Fee Category \$0	Entry Fee	Tournament Type(s) CATCH AND KEEP
Tournament Entry Fee Type INDIVIDUAL				
Name of Waterbody to be Fished Primary: PIGEON LAKE				
Location of Water(s):	County Primary: Waupaca	Section 23	Township 25 N	Range E/W 14 E
Tournament Sponsor PLPRD				
Maximum Number of Individuals 100	Maximum Number of Boats 20	Maximum Value of all prizes 900		Has this tournament been held 4 out of 5 years from 2004 to 2008? No
Boat Identification Method NA				
Fish to be Caught by Competitors All Rough Fish				
Request to Utilize Statewide Bass Regulation of 5 fish bag limit and 14" minimum length N				
Exact Location of Weigh-in Site WAYSIDE PARK (MATHEW'S BAY) 8TH ST., CLINTONVILLE, WI 54929		Weigh-in Begin 9:00am	Weigh-in End 3:00pm	
		Location of Access, if Different than Weigh-In WAYSIDE PARK		

Permit Notes and Plan For Dead Fish

ACCESS TO LAKE FROM ALL BOAT LANDINGS ON THE LAKE.
DEAD FISH WILL BE PLOWED INTO FARM FIELD (OWNED BY GERALD HONISH FAMILY IR TRUST AT E8985 HUDSON RD, CLINTONVILLE, WI)

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Method of Fish Release

Anglers & Boats Which Will Release Tournament Fish

Applicant Certification

The Fishing Tournament report (third page) must be completed and returned to the Department within 30 days of the tournament. **PROVIDE COPY OF YOUR RULES, ENTRY FORM AND A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO WISCONSIN DNR FOR YOUR APPLICATION FEE OF \$25 WITH APPLICATION.** Mail Application to: DNR Fishing Tournaments, 101 S. Webster St., Madison, WI 53703

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Providing false or fraudulent information may result in the suspension of an applicant's privilege to sponsor a fishing tournament in Wisconsin for a period of two years, in addition to other penalties and fines that may be imposed.

Signature of Applicant or Authorized Representative

Date Signed

(This permit is not valid unless signed by applicant)

Leave Blank - DNR Use Only

This permit authorizes the above identified tournament sponsor to conduct the above fishing tournament for species listed and waters named above on the above dates pursuant to the general provisions set forth in NR 20.40, Wis. Adm. Code and allows the authorized individuals to possess fish in excess of the legal possession limit during the restocking process. Special conditions of this permit are contained in the attached form.

This section does not apply to Great Lakes salmon and trout tournaments or small (<20 boats) inland tournaments.

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For the Secretary

By

Fisheries Biologist

Date Signed

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General Tournament Conditions

1. The organizer of a permitted fishing tournament shall provide each participant a copy of the permit conditions and rules specific to the fishing tournament.
2. A fishing tournament report shall be completed and returned to: Fishing Tournaments FH/4, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921 within 30 days following the event. Failure to do so may lead to the denial of future tournament applications for a period of 2 years. A blank report form is included with this permit.
3. Tagging and release of fish for use in tournaments is prohibited, except when specifically approved by the department to enhance collection of data for management purposes as part of a scientific study, or when tagged fish are legally obtained from a licensed fish farm and are introduced under a stocking or introduction permit issued by the department.
4. For inland tournaments, the fishing portion of the tournament may run for no more than ten (10) consecutive hours each day nor more than four (4) consecutive days. For tournaments on the Great Lakes, the fishing portion of the tournament is unlimited.
5. Participants' boats shall be identified in a uniform manner that makes them easily identifiable as fishing tournament participants, except in Great Lakes salmon and trout tournaments which do not require boat ID. Method of identification shall be provided to the department.
6. Fishing tournament organizers shall inform all tournament participants of procedures recommended by the department to clean and decontaminate boats and equipment of invasive species prior to the tournament.
7. Unless the tournament is permitted to operate with a "catch-hold-release" format, live fish must be dewatered before being transported away from the waterbody (as required by rules to prevent the spread of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia). Live minnows (from a licensed bait dealer) do not need to be dewatered, however, unwanted minnows may not be released into any waterbody.
8. Culling or sorting is against the law, except in department-permitted largemouth and/or smallmouth bass tournaments. In all other tournaments, any fish taken into possession by an individual and not released immediately shall be included as part of the individual's daily bag limit. A fish may be measured, photographed, and immediately released without including the fish in the daily bag limit, but

Note, not all Specific Conditions listed below may be applicable to your tournament. Please refer to your tournament permit to determine which conditions apply to your tournament.

Specific Conditions for "Catch-hold-release" tournaments

1. Methods for fish holding, transport, registration and release:
 - A. No person may participate in a catch-hold-release tournament unless his/her boat is equipped with a live well that is demonstrated to the tournament organizer as functioning properly prior to fishing in the tournament.
 - B. Good water quality must be maintained in live wells. Water should be oxygenated either with an aerator or a flow through system. Live wells should be sufficiently sized to handle the fish; but may not exceed 1 pound of fish per 1 gallon of water. Participants must exchange at least 50% of the water at least once per hour either manually or utilizing a flow through system and maintain the temperature within 5 degrees of surface water.
 - C. Handling of the fish at weigh-in, specifically the time spent out of water, should be minimized. Fish should not be held in unaerated water for more than 5 minutes. On-shore holding tanks must have the capacity to hold at least 1 gallon of water per pound of fish and maintain between 5 and 20 parts per million of dissolved oxygen. Water should be exchanged in the holding tank as needed to maintain good water quality.
 - D. Fish must be released past the deep side of the weeds, well away from boat landings and traffic areas.

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2. Participants and organizers are allowed to move fish captured during the tournament as well as water necessary to keep captured fish alive, within the parking or boat launching area immediately adjacent to the waterbody where the tournament is held provided that the fish are returned to the waterbody where the fish were captured upon completion of the weigh-in process. Water is to be drained or returned to the waterbody where the fish were captured upon completion of the weigh-in. Bait (from a licensed dealer) does not need to be dewatered.

Specific Provisions and Conditions for culling

1. Culling is allowed only by participants in a department-permitted catch-hold-release largemouth and/or smallmouth bass tournaments with the following provisions:

- A. Any released fish, not counted toward a participant's daily bag limit, must be able to swim away under its own power.
- B. All live bass must be held in a functioning live well.
- C. The number of live or dead fish held captive in a live well or by any other means at any one time, shall not exceed the daily bag limit authorized by the permit for that water.
- D. All other permit conditions are still effective including any reductions in bag limits.

Off-site catch-hold-release

- 1. All tournament participants shall carry a copy of the tournament permit while transporting or in possession of live fish and water away from the water, bank or shore where the fish was caught. However, participants and organizers are allowed to move water and fish captured during the tournament within the parking or boat launching area immediately adjacent to the waterbody where the tournament is held without carrying copies of the permit.
- 2. Any live fish not returned, as soon as is practicable following weigh-in, to the waterbody from which it was captured must be killed. All water which has been in contact with fish captured during the tournament must be returned to the waterbody from which the fish were captured or drained in a fashion that will prevent the spread of VHS.
- 3. Transportation of live fish to the weigh-in site, along with the water needed to keep those fish alive, is only allowed for fish caught by tournament participants, during and for the tournament. All other water including water in any bilge, ballast tank, bait bucket, live well or other container shall be immediately drained upon removing the boat, boat trailer, boating equipment or fishing equipment from the water, bank or shore. Bait (from a licensed dealer) does not need to be dewatered.

Conditions for musky tournaments

1. Recommended "Immediate-Release" Format - All fishing tournaments for which muskellunge is a listed species should, whenever possible, be "immediate release" for muskellunge. Available technologies, such as cellular phones and digital cameras, make "immediate release" a viable option under most circumstances. All "immediate-release" tournaments (where muskellunge are caught, immediately registered on the water, and released) must meet the following conditions:

- A. Participants must possess a "cradle" or landing net of sufficient size to allow a muskellunge to remain upright in the water at boat side.
- B. When a muskellunge is caught, the boat can not be moved under power except within the immediate vicinity of the capture site to avoid eminent danger and to facilitate a quick and safe release of the fish. If the boat is moved for greater distances or for other purposes, the fish must be counted towards the angler's daily bag limit, pursuant to s. NR 20.05(7), Wis. Adm. Code.
- C. The muskellunge must be held in a net in the water at boat-side and should not be boated except as absolutely necessary to remove hooks or to avoid imminent danger as described in B. Tournament organizers should consider recommending the use of barbless hooks to expedite the release process.

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- D. Upon landing a muskellunge, the angler must immediately initiate the official tournament registration process.
- E. Any angler who catches a muskellunge may not resume fishing until the fish has been successfully released.
- Registration of fish is restricted to the measurement of length (no weighing, fin clipping, tagging or other marking unless part of an approved DNR study). Inwater measurement of the fish is recommended whenever possible.
- F. The muskellunge should be released immediately following registration or when it is capable of swimming upright under its own power.
- 2. Alternate "Catch-hold-release" Format - If the conditions in 1 above will not be met, or where the intent is to transport, register, and release the fish alive, for muskellunge fishing tournaments, the following conditions apply:
 - A. All transported fish must be of legal size for that water body.
 - B. All participants should use boats equipped with a live well or other container of at least 45" in length (inside measurement).
 - C. Each participant's live well or other container should be equipped with a pump for aerating and exchanging freshwater that is operated continuously once a fish is placed in the live well or other container.
 - D. Participants must immediately transport muskellunge placed in a live well or other container to the designated registration site.
 - E. Tournament officials should immediately register muskellunge brought to the point of registration. No pens, tanks or other means of confinement may be used at the point of registration.
 - F. Public boat landings should not be used as registration sites or tournament headquarters.
 - G. Registration of muskellunge is restricted to a measurement of length only (no weighing, fin clipping, tagging or other marking unless part of an approved DNR study). In-water measurement of the fish is recommended whenever possible.
 - H. Muskellunge that are transported to a registration site must be counted towards the participant's daily bag limit, and that person may not fish for muskellunge during the remainder of that day.
 - I. A fish should be retained only until capable of swimming upright under its own power and should be released from the point of registration; no further transport of the fish is permitted.
 - J. The participant may not leave the registration point until the fish has been successfully released. If the fish can not be released alive, final disposition of the fish is the responsibility of the participant.
 - K. If high water temperature or excessive wave action during a tournament are likely to contribute to excessive mortality (either initial or delayed), transport and subsequent release of muskellunge could constitute a malicious waste of the resource under s. 29.095(1), Wis. Stats. Therefore, until the day prior to the start of the tournament, the department reserves its authority under s. NR 20.40(6)(c)3., to require that transported muskellunge be kept and not released.

Tournament-specific conditions (in addition to DNR regulations and general tournament provisions)

1. Areas where fishing is prohibited:

2. Daily bag limit reductions:

3. Additional fish release requirements:

4. Restriction on maximum distance fish may be transported:

5. Restriction on maximum time fish may be held in live well:

6. Additional permit conditions necessary to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species: