

## 2023 Jack Dallman Memorial Tournament Rules

### PARTICIPATION

The Jack Dallman Tournament is a team tournament. Contestants must enter as two-person teams (no "Partner TBD" or unknown partner names on the entry forms) and must fish together from the same boat.

Each team member must complete, sign and submit an official entry form with a complete entry fee by the published due date. (No refunds after **April 22, 2023, 7:30AM**). The Participation Agreement releasing Nestegg Marine and tournament's officers, agents, employees and sponsors from all damages must be signed and dated by both team members.

### ENTRY

The entry fee for each team is categorized by the following: \$50 Walleye and Brown Trout, \$30 Walleye, \$30 Brown Trout. The optional team fee for "Big Fish" will be \$20 (cash only). **Note:** The "Big Fish" entry fee will be collected during morning registration of the tournament. Complete payment must accompany each entry. Acceptable payment is check, cash, or money order. The check or money order should be made out to: Nestegg Marine

Both team members must sign this entry form. Failure to do so will mean return of entry form. Entries will only be accepted when all information is complete and signed. Teams can enter the day of the tournament (**Deadline April 22, 2023, 7:30 AM**) but pre-registration is recommended.

### RULES MEETING

**Attendance is mandatory by at least one team member at the Rules and Procedure Meeting 7:30 A.M. Saturday April 22, 2023. (Location: Nestegg Marine) Failure to register and check-in before the start of the rules meeting results in disqualification for the tournament.**

### TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Teams can register on the day of the tournament. Registration is between 6:30-7:30 A.M. *Coffee and donuts will be supplied.*

***.ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS RECCOMENDED!!***

Teams must check in during the morning of, prior to the tournament starting. Each team will be assigned a team number placard during registration day. The placard must be kept with each team until the conclusion of the tournament.

Each team must also check in with the tournament director at the conclusion of the tournament. Teams who return late to check in will forfeit their total weight for the tournament. Failure to check in and return the assigned placard card will result in team disqualification.

All team members must remain in their boats during tournament hours. In the case of an emergency, teams may leave their boat to enter another team's boat or rescue craft. In such a situation, partners must remain within sight of each other and their catch until they reach tournament headquarters.

Trailing of boats during tournament hours under any circumstance is prohibited.

Teams must abide by all local navigation laws and avoid restricted areas at all times.

**The tournament date is April 22, 2023.**

Start of tournament will be a shotgun start at the mouth of the river to ensure all tournament boats observe "NO WAKE" in the river between Nestegg Marine and the mouth of the river/entrance to the bay.

Tournament waters include the Menominee River (downstream of the Interstate Bridge) and Wisconsin and Michigan waters of Green Bay.

Fishing hours begin at 8:00 A.M. and end at 3 P.M. The boat must be within view of tournament headquarters (no lines in the water) by the tournament director at 3 P.M. to avoid disqualification. *Beverages and snacks will be available during weigh-in and awards.*

Fish registration opens at 11:30 A.M, but officers can accommodate for earlier arrivals.

Official tournament communication during the event to participants on the water will be via VHF Marine Radio (Channel 71). The tournament director and headquarters will monitor channel 71 during tournament hours.

### EQUIPMENT AND TACKLE

Artificial and live bait are allowed.

Every boat in competition must have all Coast Guard required safety equipment and an operable bilge pump, live- well pump and source of aeration that will adequately maintain alive the walleyes. No stringers allowed.

## **WEIGH-IN AND LIVE RELEASES**

The Jack Dallman Tournament is a “catch and keep” format tournament.

**Only Walleyes and Brown Trout will be weighed. Each team may weigh a total of TWO (2) Walleye. The minimum size for Walleye is 15 inches. Each team may weigh a total of SIX (6) Brown Trout. Minimum size for Brown Trout is 10 inches.**

Any fish altered (before or after being caught) which enhances the weight or circumvents tournament slot limits will not be allowed and will be grounds for immediate team disqualification if so determined by the tournament director.

## **SCORING**

Total accumulated weight in pounds will determine the final standings for each of the categories. **Members of each team can choose ONE (1) Walleye and/or ONE (1) Brown Trout to be weighed for their “big fish.”**

If a tie occurs, the team with the heaviest single fish in that category will determine the tiebreaker. If a second tiebreaker is needed, a coin will be flipped to determine the tiebreaker.

At least one team member must accompany the catch to the scale. Each team must initial the official weigh-in slip and will receive a copy for their records.

Cash awards and prizes are based on a full field of participants. The tournament committee reserves the right to adjust cash/prize values accordingly.

## **SAFETY**

Each participant must always observe safe boat conduct.

Each participant is required to wear a Coast Guard Approved chest-type life preserver, which is fully secured whenever the main combustion engine is running above idling speed.

The boat should be equipped with the proper flares or electronic flares and safety equipment required by state and federal laws.

Tournament officials reserve the right to delay, cancel or restrict tournaments waters in case of severe weather.

In the event of a thunderstorm, lightning and/or severe weather, contestants may pull into the nearest shoreline until it is safe to continue fishing. Contestants may not leave their boats during tournament hours except at the official weigh-in station or if severe weather forces them ashore.

Tournament officials reserve the right to disallow the use of any boat and/or motor they deem to be unsafe, inappropriate, or unsuitable for use. The Tournament Director's decision in this matter is final and may be made at any time.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

All contestants will be expected to always act in a sportsmanlike manner towards non-competitors and competitors alike. This shall include the areas of safety, conservation and courtesy. Violators of this rule will be subject to disqualification.

Any unfavorable conduct or action by a competitor, which could negatively reflect on the Jack Dallmann Tournament, will be grounds for disqualification and/or future rejection of entry application.

## **RULES AND INTERPRETATION**

Contestants are responsible for knowing tournament rules as well as state and local rules and regulations, which pertain to the tournament waters. Any team violating state or local rules may be disqualified at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

All protests must be lodged with the Tournament Director in writing within 30 minutes of completion of daily weigh- in. Following interviews with concerned parties, a ruling will be made. The Tournament Director will interpret rules according to the spirit and intent of the rule and his decision in all disputes is final.

If rules infractions are brought to the Tournament Director's attention at anytime, and investigation proves a violation occurred, a penalty of daily and/or tournament weight may be made. Also, cash prizes and awards must be returned if requested.