



“Chain of Lakes Open” Tournament Saturday, June 4th, 2022

Sponsored by: Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc. and
The Fairmont Lakes Foundation, Inc.

Basic Information:

Tournament Date: June 4, 2022

Tournament Headquarters: Gomsrud Park

Tournament Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tournament Director: Jim Miller 507-236-3442, FLCL

Entry Fee: \$60.00 per two-person team before May 29th, \$70 per team thereafter

Number of Teams: 1st 50 paid entries

Registration cutoff: June 4, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. or when **50 paid** entries have been received

Mandatory Rules Meeting: Friday, June 3rd, 7:00 p.m. at Gomsrud shelter house

Boat check-in: 6:00 a.m.

Ease off start: 7:00 a.m. (*In the order that PAID entries are received.*)

Divisions: Walleye, Panfish, Yellow Bass, catch and release

Prizes Walleye by Weight: 1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$150 (limit of 6, 15” minimum)

Prizes Panfish (crappie, bluegill, perch) by Weight: 1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$150 (limit of 30 combined)

Prizes Yellow Bass by Weight: 1st Place only in Yellow Bass \$100 (No limit)

Preferred Online Registration: www.fairmontlakesfoundation.com/events

Weigh in: All fish are registered by boat team, fish must be alive.

All participants under age 16 will receive a new rod & reel package

Note: We would greatly appreciate your sponsorship and affiliation with this tournament. We will give you recognition online, at the event and promote your business in FLF’s newsletter.

www.fairmontlakesfoundation.com/sponsorship

Mail-in Entry Forms available at:

www.foxlakeconservation.com

Sommer’s Outdoors, Fairmont

Welcome American Legion Club

Amborn Lumber, Sherburn

or contact Jim Miller at 507-236-3442 or Nate Amborn at 236-2075

Tournament Rules

This is a catch/release tournament. All fish should be kept alive for weigh-in, and all teams are responsible for their catch. Contestants alone are responsible for any applicable taxes due on any prize won, in compliance with Federal and State tax laws.

Participation and eligibility

1. Contestants must enter as two-person teams. Any person 16 years of age or younger must be teamed with their parent, legal guardian, or provide a signed release from that person's parent or legal guardian.
2. Boats will take off single file in the order that **Paid** entries are received.
3. Entry fee refunds will be made only if proper notification is made to the tournament director prior to May 29, 2022. A \$10.00 service charge will be retained on all refunds of entry fees, regardless of the cancellation date.
4. Each contestant must have in his or her possession, a valid Minnesota fishing license, and current Liability Insurance for the boat being used in the tournament.
5. Promoters, sponsors, tournament directors and organizations assisting in the tournament operation, their agencies, agents, etc. are not responsible for deaths, injuries, damages, liability, theft, fire, or any loss of any kind to entrants. Each entrant upon signing an entry form will in effect be signing a waiver form.

Orientation

1. The orientation meeting will be held on **Friday, June 3rd, 2022** at 7:00 p.m. at Gomsrud Park shelter house in Fairmont. **This meeting is MANDATORY for at least one member of each team.**

Safety

1. All boats will be required to meet US Coast Guard safety regulations as well as those of the State of Minnesota. All boats must be properly registered and inspected for invasive species before launching.
2. Safe boating conduct and all safety precautions must be observed at all times.
3. All contestants must be equipped with an approved PFD (Personal Floatation Device) and must be wearing that device at the start of the tournament. Each boat must have an additional throw-able floatation device.
4. Failure to observe **Slow and No Wake Zones** are grounds for automatic disqualification.
5. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed by the contestants during tournament hours including the weigh-in of contestants' fish.
6. In the event of a thunderstorm or lightning, contestants are allowed to pull in to the nearest shoreline until it is safe to continue fishing.

Tackle and Equipment

1. Minnesota regulations shall apply to all fishing methods and equipment.
2. All fish must be caught live and in a conventional manner on hook and line. All fishing must be done from a boat inspected by "*Chain of Lakes Open*" Tournament Officials.
3. All fish must be kept alive if possible. It is recommended that fish caught be kept in an aerated live-well. Dead fish **must not** be thrown back into the lake, but brought to the weigh-in for proper disposal.

Permitted Fishing Waters

1. Fishing is permitted by boat on Hall, Budd, Sisseton and George Lakes, which are connected by navigable channels.
2. All boats must be inspected prior to the start of the tournament. All contestants must start and return to the Budd Lake access at Gomsrud Park.

Fishing Hours

1. Tournament fishing hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
2. All teams must register their catch.
3. All Boat Boards must be returned to the weighmaster. **This is a safety issue.**
4. In the interest of conservation, fish may be weighed in at any time during the fishing hours. Be sure a tournament official is present before coming to shore.
5. Any team that fails to report in after completion of the day of fishing will be disqualified. Contestants who return late will be disqualified. **No exceptions and no excuses.**

Fish Species Divisions, Size and Limits

1. Walleye (Limit of 6, 15" minimum)
2. Pan Fish (Crappie, Bluegill and perch)(Limit of 30 combined)
3. Yellow Bass (No limit)
4. Winners of all divisions determined by total weight.
5. In case of a tie, the team with the most Yellow Bass weight will be awarded the prize.

All decisions of the Tournament Director are final.