

I. Participants and Eligibility

A. Contestants must register online at fishingchallenge.org OR use a paper official registration form and mail the \$200 entry fee per team to Mn Adult & Teen Challenge, 2424 Business 371, Brainerd, MN 56401. Confirmations will be mailed or emailed.

B. Contestants may pay with check, money order or credit card.

C. This is a two-person per boat fishing tournament. If both contestants are under age 16, a non-fishing guardian or parent must be present in the boat.

D. Contestants must attend the Friday, June 2, 2023 Rules Dinner at Heritage Assembly of God church in Baxter. Celebrity anglers and special guests will make this a great event, along with any last minute instructions. Free for registered anglers, \$5 charge for guests.

E. Special fishing trips and other adult and youth contestant prizes will be awarded by draw at the rules meeting.

F. Contestants over 16 must possess a valid Minnesota fishing license.

II. Team Sponsorship Challenge

A. Teams are urged to raise team sponsorship funds and to begin the fundraising process as soon as possible. The minimum amount requested that each team raise for your team is \$500; there is no maximum. Top fundraising teams will win fishing trips with Al Lindner, Steve Pennaz, or Den Pluimer.

B. When you register online, an automatic online donation web page will be created for your team. This page will allow you to watch your donations grow and will keep all "Fishing Challenge" info at your fingertips. Call Sue or Mark, 218-833-8752 for suggestions and assistance. (If you register with a paper registration form, a donation web page will set up and you will be notified of how to access it.)

C. A number of items will be available to help you with your fundraising, including a video! Share the video with friends, church family, businesses, groups, Facebook, etc., to enhance fund-raising and attract new teams.

D. Fundraising money collected should be sent to Mn Adult & Teen Challenge as soon as they are gathered. Postage-paid envelopes will be provided for your team if requested.

E. Sponsorship funds (100% tax deductible) raised to support your team's donation to Teen Challenge must be submitted to MNTC prior to or at registration at the Rules Dinner to be considered for any prizes.

F. A raffle with very attractive prizes makes additional fundraising even easier. (Tickets will be available for all team members to sell to friends and family!)

G. A full list of prizes is available. Subject to change.

III. Scoring

A. Anglers must declare before fish are weighed which division they intend to enter. There are five divisions: Walleye, Bass, Pike, Panfish, and Mixed Bag.

- Walleye: Teams may weigh three walleyes
- Bass: Teams may weigh three largemouth
- Pike: Teams may weigh only one northern
- Panfish: teams may weigh a maximum of three panfish (bluegill, sunfish, crappie, rock bass or perch in any combination)
- Mixed Bag: Combination of one panfish, one walleye, one bass and one pike.

B. One rock bass will be the bonus "kicker" fish and added to any division. (If you already have rock bass in your mixed bag collection, an additional rock bass is your bonus "kicker".)

C. Weigh-in headquarters: Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake scales open at 1:00, main weigh-in at 3:00

D. Ties will be settled by a coin toss.

E. Plaque will be awarded for the ugliest fish, biggest walleye, and biggest bass.

IV. Tournament Format

A. Tournament boundaries are entire Gull Lake Chain.

B. Launch at any ramp or resort.

C. Scales open at 1 p.m. Teams may weigh a limit for any species only once.

D. Contestants may be on the water and at their fishing destinations, but may not begin fishing until 7 a.m. (CST) on June 3, 2023.

E. All boats must return to Cragun's Resort no later than 3 p.m. (CST) on June 3, 2023.

F. Teams returning earlier than the 3 p.m. deadline will streamline the weigh-in process.

G. Artificial lures and live bait are allowed.

H. Each competitor must observe safe boat conduct, no-wake zones, and local navigation rules.

Competitors are expected to demonstrate courtesy and act in a sportsmanlike manner.

I. The tournament director will interpret rules according to the spirit and intent of the rule and his decision in all matters is final.

J. All prizes and trophies will be awarded from the weigh-in stage immediately upon completion of the tournament. Winners must be present to collect prizes or they will be forfeited.