

REGISTRATION FORM LAKE VERMILION MUSKIE

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CAMERA!**

CHALLENGE 2013

August 17, 2013

(YOU MUST PRINT CLEARLY)

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ANGLER NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER (____) _____ DATE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PARTNER'S NAME _____

ENTRY FEE: ----\$95.00 per person

**\$85.00 EARLY REGISTRATION MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE:
JULY 15th, 2013**

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Mesabi YFC**

**MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO:
Mesabi YFC
P.O. 474**

**Virginia, MN 55792
mesabiyfc@hotmail.com**

**At
FORTUNE
BAY
MARINA
Under the
BIG TOP TENT
Open
6:00 AM**

**ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:
Sherry Johnson (218) 780-0659
Lake Vermilion Muskie Challenge Rules**

Remember: state laws prohibit launching a boat, trailer or equipment into navigable waters if it has aquatic plants or zebra mussels attached. Please review the Minnesota state guidelines for boat cleaning.

1. Judges are the tournament committee and directors and all the judges' decisions are final. Participants must complete the registration form, pay the entry fee and execute the separate release of liability in order to participate.
2. All tournament water craft trailers will be inspected, inside and out, before launching into and upon leaving tournament waters, for the presence of Eurasian water milfoil, other plant species, and other exotics, including zebra mussels. All bilges and live wells must be drained, and boats and trailers made free of all vegetation and exotic species. Vegetation and exotic species must be disposed of at locations where they cannot enter any public water.
3. All fish must be caught during tournament hours in the designated waters of Lake Vermilion, using legal sport-fishing tackle and one (1) line per angler. Contestants can only win once!
4. This is a 100% catch and release muskellunge & northern pike tournament. Do not put muskie or northern pike in live well for release later! Dead legal muskies 48 inches or over, are not eligible for contest. (see attachment of Minnesota DNR tournament rules)
5. For tournament purposes immediate release refers to the minimum amount of time necessary to identify, unhook, measure, photograph (please take a picture of fish with measuring stick and boat # in photo and one of you holding the fish) and release the fish into its environment in a revived and healthy condition. This definition does not constitute possession, so minimum size regulations do not prohibit registration of sub-legal muskie (48" minimum) or northern pike (24-36" protected slot) in an immediate release fishing tournament. All muskie and northern pike must be registered as quickly as possible and released at the site of the catch.
6. Fish released by anglers must be capable of holding themselves upright in the water and have a high probability of survival. Under no circumstances will a muskie or northern pike exceeding the legal length limit in poor condition, likely to succumb to post release mortality, be released.
7. Fish less than the legal limit (muskie 48" minimum; northern pike 24-36" protected slot) may not be harvested regardless of condition, but should be reported as tournament mortality if that is likely.
8. The narrow channel leading from Everett Bay and connecting to Big Bay shall be a "No Wake Zone" for participants on the day of the tournament.
9. Must have **digital camera** (not provided!) Hold muskie or northern pike horizontal with one hand holding gill plate and the other supporting stomach. (keep fingers out of gills and eyes.) Measuring: fractions of an inch will be counted to the nearest ½ (half) inch. Tournament hats will be provided at check-in and must be worn in photo. All anglers must check in and obtain hats at the designated tournament headquarters.
10. Only two occupants permitted per boat and both must be registered tournament participants.
11. The use of live, dead, freeze-dried or frozen bait is prohibited.
12. It is the participant's responsibility to deliver all witness forms to the tournament headquarters by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. No entries will be accepted after this time, for any reason. Release forms must be filled out completely!
13. All Minnesota fishing and boating regulations must be obeyed and are hereby incorporated into the rules as if fully set forth. The tournament reserves the right to disqualify a contestant or fish for flagrant misconduct on the water or at a launch site, or for a violation of any tournament rule, including a violation of Minnesota fishing or boating regulations. Trolling is an acceptable angling method where and how permitted by state regulations except that tournament rules allow only one (1) line per angler, including anglers who troll. Intoxicated contestants will be disqualified!
14. Tournament hours are from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

LIABILITY RELEASE
(Read entire tournament rules form before signing)

As a participant in the Lake Vermilion Muskie Challenge, I acknowledge I am voluntarily participating. I am aware my participation in the tournament, listed on my entry form creates the risk of serious injury or death. By participating, I realize I may experience loss or damage to personal property. I assume all risk of injury, death and loss of personal property, which may result from my participation in this fishing tournament. I hereby release and discharge the tournament director, Mesabi YFC, Fortune Bay Resort Casino & Marina, board members, tournament sponsors, tournament staff and volunteers from liabilities on injuries, damages, or other loss sustained by me caused by the negligence or strict liability of the released parties.

Expressly recognize the loss of property, injury or death arise from:

- 1. The fishing and boating activities involved in the tournament.
- 2. The fact that risk normally encountered in open waters fishing from a boat may be enhanced by the existence of competition.

Participant agreement

I understand the Lake Vermilion Muskie Challenge is a sporting event governed by rules. The Lake Vermilion Muskie Challenge tournament directors or their appointed rules committee shall settle all disputes and their decision will be final and without legal appeal.

I have read the official tournament rules, release of liability, and participants agreement carefully and understand all the terms and conditions. I therefore sign as a participant. If angler is less than 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must co-sign.

(Participant) Name _____

Date _____

(Parent/guardian) Name _____

Date _____

You must also sign & return the additional release of liability on a separate page

Release of Liability
MUST BE RETURNED WITH ENTRY FORM BY ALL PARTICIPANTS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

IN CONSIDERATION for being permitted to participate among and on boats under the auspices of Mesabi YFC, I acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. "I am aware of the inherent risk of fishing and boating, including but not limited to the risks of collisions with other boats and stationary objects in and around the lake, including rocks, reefs or piers or other vehicles and trailers at landing areas. I am familiar with other risks up to and including death by drowning associated with rough water, changing weather patterns, heavy winds and lightning storms. I expressly assume all risks associated with this tournament and I hereby release Mesabi YFC, the host, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims of negligence resulting from injury and/or property damages incurred in connection with the tournament."

2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of those persons released from liability below, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and

3. I will comply with all rules and regulations. If I have any question, or observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my participation, I will immediately bring such to the attention of the nearest official; and

4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assign, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless Mesabi YFC, the owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the tournament, their officers, directors and officials

("Releasees") with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise.

5. I hereby agree to fully indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability (including any and all injury, disability, death or lost or damage to person or property) with respect to myself or third parties directly or indirectly caused by my actions, whether negligent or otherwise, incident to my participation in the Tournament.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, and understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

X _____ **Date Signed:**
_____ **Participant's Signature**