

## ENTRY FORM CONTINUED

### PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT:

I understand that this is a professional sporting event governed by rules. The Tournament Director shall act as the referee in all disputes and his decision based on his interpretation of the rules will be final and without legal appeal.

### PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE:

As a participant in the Mercury Marine National Walleye Tournament, I understand and agree that my photograph or video tapes of me may be taken during the course of my participation in the tournament by the tournament administrators or sponsors or media. As a voluntary participant in the Mercury Marine National Walleye Tournament, I agree that photographs, film or video tapes taken of me during my participation in the tournament may be used for commercial purposes by tournament administrators, sponsors and the news media without royalties or prior consent.

### RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

I acknowledge that I am VOLUNTARILY participating in the Mercury Marine National Walleye Tournament.

I am aware that my participation in the tournament listed on my entry form and as in all fishing tournament(s) creates the risk of serious personal injury or death. My participation could also lead to loss or damage to personal property which may result from my participation in the Mercury Marine National Walleye Tournament.

In exchange for being permitted to participate in the Mercury Marine National Walleye Tournament, I hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE the tournament administrator, Mercury Marine, Brunswick Corporation and the tournament sponsors, the Lighthouse Anglers, TFM Promotions, Fond du Lac Festivals, their officers, directors, agents, employees and legal representatives (the "Released Parties") from the liabilities or injuries, damages or other loss sustained by me caused by the negligence or strict liability of the Released Parties. I do not release the Released Parties from liability for willful or intentional conduct.

I expressly recognize that loss of property, injury, or death could arise from (1) the fishing and boating activities contemplated by the tournament, (2) the fact that competition rules contemplate that participants will fish in boats belonging to OTHER participants in the contest, as well as their own boats (3) the fact that the risks normally encountered in open-water fishing from a boat may be enhanced by the existence of competition.

### POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AND WAIVER AGREEMENT:

As a participant in the Mercury Marine National Walleye Tournament, I understand that Mercury Marine has reserved the right to require a polygraph examination of any contestant, and that unsuccessful results from the examination, may, at the sole discretion of the Tournament Officials, be sufficient grounds for participant disqualification. I understand the winnings, if any, may be withheld pending results of the test.

I hereby agree to submit to a polygraph examination, if so requested. I further voluntarily waive any right or privilege I may have under Wisconsin Law or otherwise, to object to the disclosure by Mercury Marine to any third parties of the taking of the polygraph examination or the results of the examination.

**I HAVE READ THE PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND THE POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION AND WAIVER AGREEMENT CAREFULLY AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I SIGN UP VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS.**

1ST PARTNER

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

2ND PARTNER

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

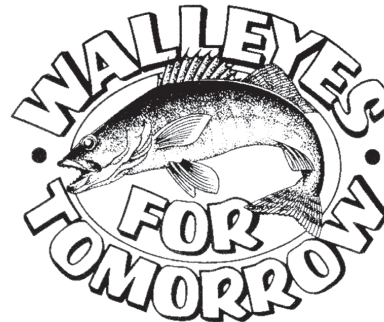
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**This entry form must be signed by both team partners.** Failure to do so will mean return of entry form. Entries will only be accepted when all information is completed.

## CONSERVATION DONATIONS



\$10 of each team's entry fee will be donated towards the conservation organization, Fish America Foundation. Funds raised are donated to habitat improvement and fishery projects across the country.



\$15 of each team's entry fee will be donated to Walleyes for Tomorrow for their local and statewide projects aimed at improving walleye fishing for generations to come.

## BONUS PRIZES FOR PLACES 66 - 75

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- F. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those prescribed by a licensed physician or purchased over the counter), during the tournament is prohibited; this includes the weigh-in, up until your team's fish are weighed in. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification from present and future events.
- G. Tournament officials reserve the right to delay, cancel or restrict tournament waters in the case of severe weather.
- H. Tournament officials reserve the right to disallow the use of any boat and/or motor they deem unsafe, inappropriate, or unsuitable for use. The Tournament Director's decision in this matter is final and may be made at any time.

### VIII. SPORTSMANSHIP

- A. All competitors will be expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner at all times 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.
- B. Any unfavorable conduct or action by a competitor which could negatively reflect on the Mercury Marine National Walleye Tournament will be grounds for disqualification or rejection of entry application.
- C. During tournament fishing hours, contestants will not discuss techniques, tactics or fishing spots with any other competitors; nor will they be allowed to receive fishing information from non-competitors. Non-competitors will not be allowed to anchor or hold spots for contestants.

### IX. RULES & INTERPRETATION

- A. Contestants are responsible for knowing tournament rules as well as state and local rules & regulations which pertain to the tournament waters. Any team violating state or local rules and regulations may be disqualified at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- B. All protests must be lodged with the Tournament Director in writing within 30 minutes of completion of the daily weigh-in. Following interviews with concerned parties, a ruling will be made. The Tournament Director will interpret the rules according to the spirit and intent of the rule and his decision in all disputes is final.
- C. Tournament officials reserve the right to polygraph any contestant. See "waivers" section on entry form.
- D. In the event that rules infractions are brought to the Tournament Director's attention at any time, and investigation proves a violation occurred, a penalty of daily weight and/or tournament weight may be made. Also, cash prizes and awards must be returned if so requested.

### Entry Deadline

New for 2017 -Entry deadline for the tournament is Friday June 2nd, 2017. Entries must be postmarked by June 2nd and NO ENTRIES will be accepted after the June 2nd cutoff.

**Entries must be postmarked NO EARLIER than March 29, 2017. Entries will be accepted on or after postmark date of March 29, 2017. Only 300 teams will be able to fish the Mercury National.**

### Check or money order to:

Mercury National Walleye Tournament/WFT

**Mail to:** Mercury National Walleye Tournament  
c/o TFM Promotions Ltd.  
P.O. Box 482  
Appleton, WI 54912-0482

## 39TH ANNUAL



## JUNE 9 - 11, 2017

LAKE WINNEBAGO • FOND DU LAC, WI  
(Weigh-in at Oven Island)

# RULES & REGULATIONS

# OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

## OVER 100% PAYBACK IN CASH AND PRIZES

FROM



AND

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# CASH & PRIZE PAYOUT

## BASE ON FULL FIELD OF 300 TEAMS

1st Prize	Tracker Targa V-18 WT powered with a Mercury 150hp - plus \$4,000 cash*.
2nd Prize	<b>\$10,000</b>
3rd Prize	<b>\$7,500</b>
4th Prize	<b>\$4,200</b>
5th Prize	<b>\$3,500</b>
6th Prize	<b>\$3,200</b>
7th Prize	<b>\$3,000</b>
8th Prize	<b>\$2,800</b>
9th Prize	<b>\$2,500</b>
10th Prize	<b>\$2,300</b>
11th Prize	<b>\$1,900</b>
12th Prize	<b>\$1,800</b>
13th Prize	<b>\$1,700</b>

25th - 40th Prizes	.....\$500
41st - 55th Prizes	.....\$400
56th - 65th Prizes	.....\$300
66th - 67th Prizes	..... <b>MotorGuide Bonus</b>
68th - 75th Prizes	..... <b>Mercury Oil</b>

\*Total prize valued at over \$35,000

**BIGGEST WALLEYE EACH DAY WINS A**



**9.9HP 4-STROKE OUTBOARD**

Valued at \$3000

**FRIDAY NIGHT DRAW PRIZES**



## 2017 MERCURY MARINE NATIONAL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

JUNE 9 - 11, 2017

### TEAM TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

#### I. PARTICIPANTS & ELIGIBILITY

- A. Contestants must enter as individuals and be 16 years of age or older as of June 9, 2017.
- B. Each contestant must possess a valid state fishing license.
- C. Each team member must correctly complete, sign and submit an official entry form along with the complete entry fee, \$310 per team. (No refunds after May 18, 2017)
- D. The Mercury Marine National Walleye Tournament reserves the right to refuse entry to any individuals who have been barred or disqualified from any tournament for rules violations.
- E. Entries will be accepted in order, by postmark beginning with a **March 29, 2017 postmark date**. Make checks or money orders payable to: *Mercury National Walleye Tournament / WFT*. Mail to: Mercury National Walleye Tournament, C/O TFM Promotions Ltd., P.O. Box 482, Appleton, WI 54912-0482
- F. Participation will be limited to approximately 300 teams. In the event more entries are received, priority will be given to those teams (not individuals) that participated the previous year and whose entry bears the Monday, March 29, 2017 postmark. Second priority will be given to those teams (not individuals) who were alternates the previous year and whose entry bears the Monday, March 29, 2017 postmark. All remaining entries will be determined by postmark. Mercury Marine is the final judge in all matters concerning tournament entry.
- G. Boats may be stored in the secure parking lot on the corner of Harbor View Drive and Main Street. Shuttle transportation will be provided by Fred's Fast Track volunteer shuttle.
- H. All participating boats must be Mercury and/or Mariner powered exclusively (includes kicker engine).
- I. After entries are confirmed in writing by TFM no partner changes will be allowed. If in the case of an emergency where a partner change is necessary a \$50 administration fee will be collected. This will be solely at the discretion of the tournament director.

#### II. PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE AND REGISTRATION

- A. **All contestants must be off the water by 12 p.m. the day before the tournament, Friday, June 9 2017. Fishing is allowed only during tournament hours thereafter.**
- B. At least one member from each team must register at tournament headquarters in Lakeside Park on Oven Island from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 9, 2017.
- C. At least one member from each team must attend the mandatory rules meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the official weigh stage on Friday, June 9, 2017.

#### III. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- A. Teams will check out each morning and check in each afternoon with an official time-keeper at the designated locations. Teams who return up to 15 minutes late will forfeit one-half their weight for that day; over 15 minutes late will result in total loss of weight for that day.
- B. Teams must remain within tournament boundaries during the 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 one team member must call to notify the tournament director.
- C. Trailering of boats during tournament hours under any circumstances is prohibited.

- D. Teams must abide by all local navigation laws and avoid restricted areas at all times.
- E. The purchase of gas and the use of bathrooms during tournament hours is permitted as long as one member of the team remains with the boat at all times.
- F. Tournament waters include the Winnebago, Buttes des Morts, and Poygan Chain of Lakes with the following boundaries: the first dam on the Fox River in Neenah, the Hwy. 21 bridge over the Fox River at Omro, the Hwy. 10 bridge over the Wolf River at Fremont, and the mouth of all other tributaries and streams.
- G. Fishing hours start at 6:30 a.m., with the field (two groups) in single file until the last boat departs. Boats will depart in two groups, in order from 1-150 and 151-300 on Saturday. Return will be in four flights, with the first returning at 2 p.m. and subsequent flights every half hour thereafter. The field will be reversed on Sunday.

#### IV. EQUIPMENT AND TACKLE

- A. Artificial and live bait will be allowed.
- B. Three lines per competitor will be allowed.
- C. Every boat used in competition must have all Coast Guard required safety equipment and a working live well that will adequately maintain alive a limit of walleyes.
- D. Mandatory checks will be done each morning for operational kill switch, PFD's and operational live well.
- E. Any radio communication and/or cell phone text messaging (broadcasting or monitoring) during tournament hours, other than on a prescribed tournament frequency or in the case of equipment breakdown or for safety reasons is prohibited. Violation will result in loss of weight for that day.

#### V. WEIGH-IN AND LIVE-RELEASES

- A. The Mercury Marine National Walleye Tournament will be run as a live-release event. Every team should do all they can to bring in releasable fish. Those fish not deemed releasable by the fisheries personnel on the scene will be donated to local charities.
- B. Only walleyes will be weighed. If a sauger is brought to weigh-in, your team's weight for that day will be disqualified. Each team may weigh five fish daily. Minimum size for walleyes is 15 inches. When your 6th fish goes into the livewell you are done fishing for the day. NO CULLING is allowed.
- C. A 1/10 pound bonus will be awarded for each fish determined to be releasable by the weigh-in judge.
- D. The release site may be declared off-limits. This area will be designated at the rules meeting.
- E. Any fish altered (before or after being caught) which enhances the weight will not be weighed and may subject the team to disqualification.

#### VI. SCORING

- A. Total accumulated weight in pounds plus live-release bonus will determine the final tournament standings, the big fish awards and any additional awards.
- B. In the case of a tie for any place, the tie will be settled by the heaviest weight on the final day.
- C. All awards will be made following final tournament weigh-in, except those withheld pending polygraph examination.

#### VII. SAFETY

- A. Each competitor must observe safe boat conduct at all times.
- B. Each competitor is required to wear Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver which is fully secured whenever the main combustion engine is running above trolling speed.
- C. Instant stop switches must be operable and in use when contestants are using the main combustion engine above trolling speed.
- D. Main combustion engine horsepower may not exceed the Coast Guard, B.I.A. or N.M.M.A. horsepower rating plate on the boat.
- E. Boat registration numbers on all boats must be clear and identifiable.

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## NATIONAL WALLEYE TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

MAIL ON OR AFTER WED. MARCH 29, 2017  
ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY POSTMARK

ENTRY FEE \$310 PER TEAM

Fee includes \$15 conservation fee to be donated to Walleyes for Tomorrow and \$10 to Fish America Foundation  
Fee includes Fond du Lac County Launch Fees

CHECK APPLICABLE BOX:

NEW TEAM  SAME TEAM AS LAST YEAR

1ST PARTNER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SEX M OR F BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL 2X 3X 4X

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

2ND PARTNER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT CHILD SIBLING OF ABOVE Y OR N  
(Circle relationship if applicable)

SEX M OR F BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

T-SHIRT SIZE S M L XL 2X 3X 4X

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM BOAT:

BRAND/MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

OUTBOARD: HP \_\_\_\_\_ BRAND \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

OUTBOARD TYPE 4ST CARB OPTIMAX

BOW MOUNT BRAND: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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