



First Wisconsin Chapter
Muskie's Inc.



2017 Tournament Release Form

This form is for the purpose of recording fish caught and released for the annual chapter tournament only.

You are required to register your released fish by phone DAILY using the registration hotline 1-888-726-6733
Releases **MUST** be phoned in by 10:00 P.M. on the day of catch or they will be disqualified. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

It is YOUR responsibility to have your release forms to Awards Ceremony Location BEFORE 12:00 Noon on Sunday

Release forms **MUST BE COMPLETED AND LEGIBLE** and the Tournament Committee must be able to verify, or your release can be disqualified.

A fish taken off the water or transported in any way is considered a kept fish and is disqualified.

Entrant's Name (Please Print) _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone: _____

(Where you can be reached during the tournament)

Release Information:

Lake/River _____ County _____

Lure Name _____ Color _____

Lure Type: Bucktail Crank Bait Surface Spinner Jerk Bait Jig Spoon Other

Date Caught _____ Time Caught _____ A.M. or P.M.

Muskie's Length _____

Tournament Point Scoring System: 34 inch release in will count as 8 points.
In addition, you will receive one (1) point for each inch or fraction of an inch over 34" measured to the nearest 1/4 inch.

I swear and affirm that I have complied with all of the rules listed on this form, and that the information is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate, and complete. I consent to the use of any or all of this information in Muskie's, Inc. research studies or publications, including the internet web site. **Photos showing angler, fish, and current tournament I.D. card can be texted to (715-797-7006) or brought to the awards banquet.**

Entrant Signature _____ Date _____

Witness to this Muskie Release:

Signature _____ Phone _____

Fish must be returned to the water alive, in the presence of a witness.

The witness does not have to be a tournament contestant unless they are in your boat. Witness must sign the release form and provide their phone number.

Any protest of violations of tournament rules must be presented to the Tournament Committee in writing by 12:15pm Sunday

. The Tournament committee's decisions are final

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2017 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **DESIGNATED TOURNAMENT WATERS** in Chippewa and Rusk Counties are: All waters of the Chippewa River system, from the Dam at Eau Claire, upstream to U.S. Hwy. 8, including all impoundments and feeder streams; All waters of the Flambeau River system, from the confluence of the Chippewa and Flambeau River, upstream to the Big Falls Dam above Tony, WI including all impoundments and feeder streams. The following lakes are also included: Amacoy; Chain; Clear; Fireside; Island; Lake Eau Claire (in Eau Claire County); Lower Long; McCann; Potato; Rice Lake (in Barron County); Round Lake (in Chippewa County); and Sand Lake.

2. **TOURNAMENT HOURS:** All fish must be caught during tournament hours.
6:00am - 12:00pm (Noon) and 1:00pm - 8:00pm on Friday and Saturday, and from 6:00am - 10:00am on Sunday.
All contestants must have no lines in the water from 12:00pm (Noon) to 1:00pm on Friday and Saturday. NR20.40.



3. **REGISTERING FISH:** All fish 34" or longer are eligible. You are required to register your released fish by phone daily using the hotline #: **888-726-6733** Contestant **MUST** clearly state their first and last name, address, phone number, length of muskie, name of lake, date and time the fish was caught. Pure strain and hybrid muskies are eligible Releases **MUST** be phoned in by **10:00pm on the day of catch or they will be disqualified. LEAVE TELEPHONE NUMBER WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED. PHOTOS SHOWING ANGLER, FISH AND CURRENT TOURNAMENT I.D. CARD CAN BE TEXTED TO (715-797-7006) OR BROUGHT TO THE AWARDS BANQUET. ** NO EXCEPTIONS ****

4. **RELEASE FORMS:** All fish catches must be documented on Tournament Release Forms. Forms **MUST BE LEGIBLE** and the Tournament Committee must be able to verify or your release may be disqualified!!

Release forms are available at... Tournament Headquarters, our website, and the following locations:

- Flater's Resort • Backwoods Resort • Big Minnow • The View • Mouldy's •
- The Narrows Resort • Hoots on the Water - Rice Lake • Shep's • Woodland's Store Augusta •

These establishments will not call in your catch

It is YOUR responsibility to bring release forms to the Awards Ceremony Site **BEFORE 12:00pm (Noon) on Sunday.**
Failure to do so will result in fish disqualification. **** NO EXCEPTIONS ****

5. **WITNESSES:** The witness does not have to be a tournament contestant unless they are in your boat (see rules below). **DO NOT** transport fish to obtain witness. Any fish held or transported is considered a kept fish according to DNR rules, even if intent is to release, and the fish will be disqualified for the tournament. See rules below.
Witness must sign the release form and provide a phone number.

6. **RELEASE ONLY TOURNAMENT**

All fish must be returned to the water alive, in the presence of one witness.

*****For the safety of the fish and to reduce muskie mortality - catch and release from boat*****

DO NOT TRANSPORT FISH - Any fish taken into actual possession by an individual and not released immediately, shall be included as part of the individual's daily bag limit, NR20.18.

An angler may retain a fish only so long as is necessary to unhook the fish and determine its length

7. **BOAT RULES:**

- All occupants in your boat must be registered tournament contestants and can be a witness, including guides which are permitted
- Be courteous to other boaters – practice good fishing etiquette !
- Motor trolling is allowed where legal
- Shore fishing is not permitted for the purpose of this tournament and for the safety of the fish
- All Wisconsin boating regulations must be obeyed

8. **FISHING RULES:**

- All fish 34" or longer are eligible
- Fish must be caught on legal sport fishing tackle
- **No live or dead bait is allowed**
- No gaffs can be used while landing fish
- Shore fishing is not permitted for the purpose of this tournament and for the safety of the fish
- All Wisconsin fishing regulations must be obeyed

Juniors age 17 or younger follow the same rules as the adults. The only difference is the reduced entry fee for juniors.

THE FOLLOWING POINT SCORING SYSTEM IS USED FOR THE TOURNAMENT

A 34 inch release will count as 8 points. In addition, you will receive one (1) point for each inch or fraction of an inch over 34" measured to the nearest 1/4 inch. Example: 34-1/4 inches is 8 points plus 1/4 point for a total of 8-1/4 points.

Pure strain and hybrid muskies are eligible. In the event of a tie, the longest fish will be used. If the fish length is tied, then the tournament committee will use the flip of a coin to make determination.

*Any protest or reported violations of tournament rules must be presented in writing to the Tournament Committee, by 12:15pm on Sunday. Committee members can be contacted through the hotline **888-726-6733**, at the tournament headquarters, or at the awards ceremony on Sunday. The Tournament committee's decisions are final*