

Red Lake Fall Classic 2021 – Tournament Rules and Regulations

Tournament Rules are subject to change

(Revised 2021)

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RED LAKE FALL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Morning Boat Check-in

Open at 6:00am

FLIGHT TIMES – TRICKLE START

Day 1

Flight 1 - Boats 1-50 – Out 7am, Check in at 4:00pm

Flight 2 - Boats 51-100 – Out 7:15am – Check In 4:15pm

Flight 3 – Boats 101 – Last Boat – Out 7:30am – Check in 4:30pm

Day 2

Flight 1 - Boat 1-50 – Out 7am, Check in at 3:00pm

Flight 2 - Boats 51-100 – Out 7:15am – Check In 3:15pm

Flight 3 – Boats 101 – Last Boat – Out 7:30am – Check in 3:30pm

- All **paid** entries must be received **no later** than Friday August 27th 2021 to be eligible for entry.
- A full field shall be no more than 130 teams.
- All new entries will be received on a first come first served basis.
- Cancellation will only be processed up to Friday August 27th, 2021. Cancellations will be subject to a \$50 administration fee. Spots cannot be sold or transferred. Refunds will only be granted by the RLFC Committee. No cancellation fees or entries will be paid after August 28, 2021.
- Any team or angler who is disqualified at any time during the tournament, will be ineligible for weigh in - resulting in a final weight of 0lbs, thus ineligible for any prize.
- Disqualification will result in immediate removal from the tournament (no further fishing). Eligibility for entry (after disqualification) into the 2022 tournament will be decided upon by the Red Lake Fall Classic Committee.
- Disqualified teams WILL NOT receive a refund for paid entry.

- It is the intent of the committee that all Anglers Participate in an honest, sportsmanlike tournament.
- **Contestants will be reminded that the Spirit of the Rules WILL prevail in all cases.**
- Any contestant may submit a written protest for consideration prior to 5:00pm, Monday September 6 , 2021. The contestant/team will be required to make a \$500 cash deposit with EACH protest, the deposit will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

RED LAKE FALL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The Red Lake Fall Classic Committee retains the right to change or amend **The Rules** at their discretion. Rules will be handed out, Friday, September 3, 2021 (Red Lake High School). All participating anglers are required to read the rules **in their entirety**. One member of every team will be required to sign a liability waiver in order to participate in the tournament. This will take place from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

***Disclaimer – one member from every registered team must sign in and pick up their tournament package on Friday night.**

2. Starting positions and times are determined according to;
 - Finishing position from 2019 Red Lake Fall Classic (Returning Anglers)
 - Earliest date of paid entries (New Entries)
3. Pre-tournament fishing will cease at 3:00pm Friday September 3, 2021.
4. Every boat will be checked in at the docks at the start of and at the end of each tournament day. Contestants checked in late will receive an 8oz penalty per infraction. Any boat 5 minutes late will be ineligible for weigh in and will collect no weight for that day.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL ANGLERS - ANY TEAM THAT DOES NOT CHECK IN WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE 2021 TOURNAMENT, AND THE 2022 TOURNAMENT.

The Pontoon boat is deemed the “check in location”.

In the event that a team is unable to make it to the docks or pontoon boat for Check In, a tournament official may be called at on of the above phone numbers.

5. Boats may be checked by tournament officials at any time throughout the tournament. Any team refusing inspection WILL be disqualified.
6. Tournament Boundaries – ALL bodies of water accessible by Red Lake.
7. All contestants under 16 years of age will have written parental consent. One member of every team must be 18 years or older.
8. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL CARRY A VALID ONTARIO FISHING LICENSE (unless under the age of 18).
9. TOURNAMENT WEIGHTS
 - A MAXIMUM of FOUR (4) fish may be weighed in each tournament day per team,

- Saugers will be considered walleye for the duration of the tournament and will be eligible for weigh-in,
- NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) FISH MAY BE RETAINED IN ANY BOAT AT ANY TIME,
- ONE (1) walleye 23" or over, and THREE (3) fish no more than 18" may be weighed in by each team at the end of each tournament day, **OR**
- Up to FOUR (4) fish 18" and under may be weighed in.
 - THE LONGEST MEASUREMENT OF THE FISH WILL PREVAIL AT THE 18" and the 23" side.
 - All fish will be measured by tournament officials. Anglers will be shown any discrepancy.
 - All Fish will be measured, pinched tail, both sides, using a JUDGE ruler,
 - ANY ANGLER FOUND WITH A FISH EXCEEDING ANY OF THE ABOVE LIMITS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT
 - Any anglers with fish found in the tub with weights will receive a 16oz penalty,
- ALL DISQUALIFICATIONS WILL BE HANDLED BY THE RED LAKE FALL CLASSIC COMMITTEE.
- MEASUREMENTS ARE BASED ON A FULLY PINCHED TAIL AND NOSE ON BUMP-BOARD. LUND FISH JUDGES WILL BE USED FOR TOURNAMENT MEASUREMENT.

****SEE PHOTOS OF MEASURING AT THE END****

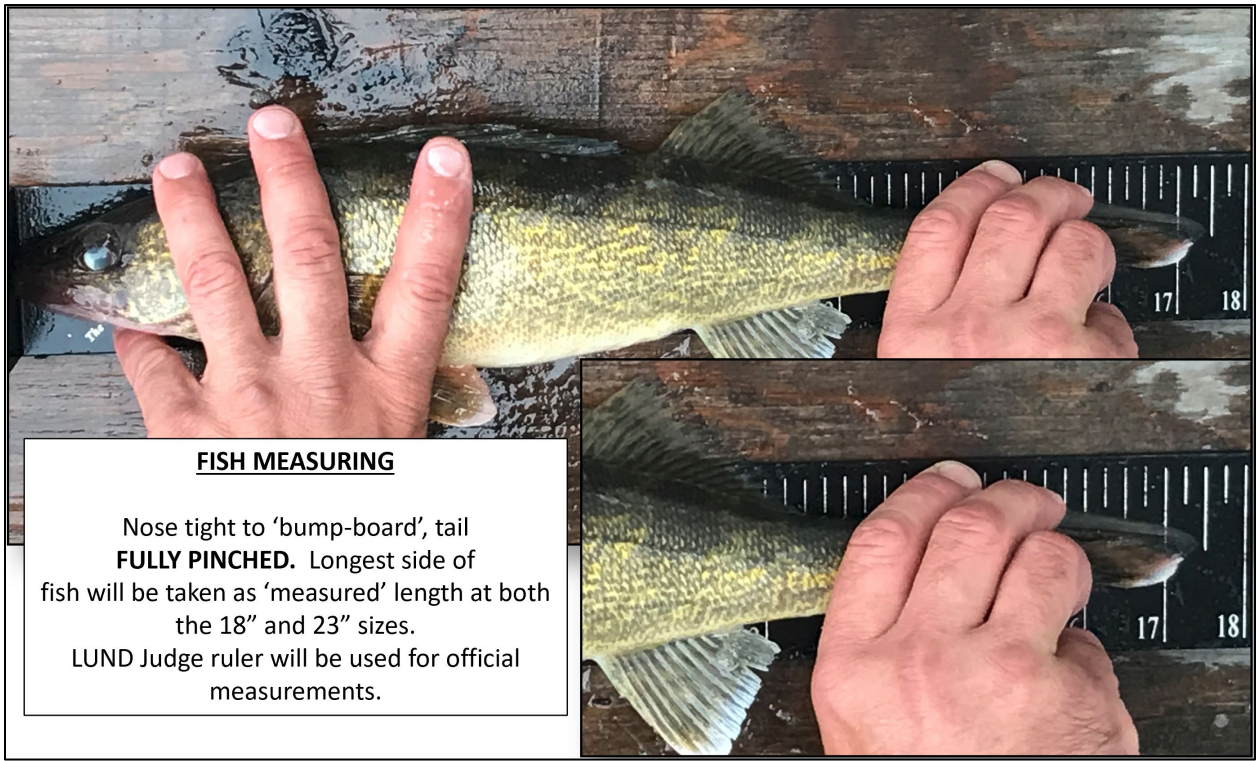
10. All anglers may weigh their fish throughout the day to reduce stress on the fish.
11. Scales will be closed one hour to the official weigh-in. Any angler who chooses to weigh in within one hour of the docks closing, will be required to weigh in ALL fish at that time
12. ALL STRESSED AND ALL DEAD FISH WILL RECEIVE A PENALTY OF 25% OF THEIR TOTAL WEIGHT.
13. All "Big Fish" will be weighed separately.
14. ANY fish that appears to be "unnaturally altered", will be ineligible for weigh-in, and will result in disqualification for the team weighing in the fish.
15. The Red Lake Fall Classic Committee is not responsible for fizzing fish.
16. Aerated live wells are MANDATORY. Temporary live wells are acceptable. The use of water treatment chemicals which are legally available in the Province of Ontario is recommended for usage in live well. All fish must remain in the live well at all times.
17. Contestants may use Live Bait.
18. The Red Lake Fall Classic committee encourages the use of barbless hooks.
19. All ties will be determined by the highest weight on day TWO.
20. All teams will receive a numbered sticker, which will be affixed in a clearly visible location at all times.
21. ALL participants WILL wear a life jacket or PFD. NOT WEARING A LIFE JACKET WHEN TRAVELLING ABOVE TROLLING SPEED MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

22. A tethered kill switch (if available) must be used when travelling faster than trolling or drifting speeds. All boats equipped with a tethered kill switch are required to use it.
23. Boats will not come into contact with other boats. Any boat coming into contact with another boat will be DISQUALIFIED.
24. There will be NO passing of objects between boats. This will result in DISQUALIFICATION.
25. No team will tow another boat/team unless dangerous conditions exist.
26. The Red Lake Fall Classic is not liable for any breakdowns.
27. ANY TEAM NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT INTO THE DOCKS UNDER THEIR OWN POWER WILL NOT BE ELEGIBLE FOR WEIGH IN – RULE 4 will apply.
28. Un-sportsman like, obnoxious, disruptive, disrespectful behaviour will NOT be tolerated. Any angler/team displaying this type of behaviour to ANYONE will be disqualified/or restricted from registering or participating in the 2021 tournament.
29. Any Angler who steps ashore without approval or accompaniment will be disqualified (unless life threatening circumstances exist (ie, lightning)).
30. All registered teams will have TWO persons per boat. The two competitors that start the tournament must finish the tournament. Exceptions to this rule may only be made and approved by the Red Lake Fall Classic Committee.
31. There will be no possession of, or consumption of Alcoholic or Recreational substances on any registered boat. Infractions will result in disqualification.
32. NO WAKE ZONES/NO PASSING ZONE
 - THERE WILL BE A NO WAKE ZONE BEGINNING PRIOR TO BOW NARROWS (Red Temporary Marker) EXTENDING TO THE GREEN MARKER.
 - USE EXTREME CAUTION ENTERING AND LEAVING PIPESTONE.
 - THERE WILL BE NO PASSING BETWEEN THE NO WAKE ZONE AT BOW NARROWS AND THE ENTRANCE TO PIPESTONE.
 - THERE WILL BE A NO WAKE ZONE AT THE CHUKUNI BRIDGE (Highway 125)
 - ANY TEAM NOT ADHERING TO THE ABOVE NO WAKE ZONES/NO PASSING WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

****SEE ATTACHED IMAGES BELOW FOR MORE DETAIL****

33. All competitors may be subject to a lie detector test.

It is the intention of the tournament directors to provide an honest, sportsmanlike tournament. Contestants are reminded that the "spirit" of the rules will prevail in all judgment cases.



FISH MEASURING

Nose tight to 'bump-board', tail **FULLY PINCHED**. Longest side of fish will be taken as 'measured' length at both the 18" and 23" sizes.
LUND Judge ruler will be used for official measurements.



Howey Bay Docks
Weigh-In
Boat Check

NO FLOAT ZONE
Please stay outside this area
unless you are entering or
leaving the docks.

Fish Partner
Pick-up

