

**UNITED WAY FISHING TOURNAMENT
PRESENTED BY LUEKEN'S VILLAGE FOODS
CATCH, PHOTO, & RELEASE**



RULES

The United Way of Bemidji Area Fishing Tournament presented by Lueken's Village Foods, a live catch and release tournament will be held beginning July 24, 2020 at 7 AM (CDT) and ending July 26, 2020 at 3 PM (CDT). All participants must comply with all Minnesota boating and fishing laws and regulations, as well as the following tournament rules:

ZOOM RULES MEETING

- Rules & Registration meeting will take place via Zoom at 5 pm (CDT) on July 23, 2020. A link to join the meeting will be sent to every registered participant.
- One team member of each team must attend or watch the rules meeting; both are encouraged.

TEAMS

- A team must have two (2) persons and must fish from the same boat. One (1) team per boat. Entry fee per team is \$200.00. Each team member must agree to these rules in order to participate in the tournament.
- One member of the team must be at least 18 years old
- One team member must register the team through the app called FishDonkey. The team can either share the account, or use one phone to record measurements.

FISHDONKEY APP

- All registration and payment must be completed using the app.
- The FishDonkey App will be used to photo document fish and will generate live leaderboards that will be pushed to all participants. The leaderboards will update throughout the event as fish are submitted. All entries will be considered unofficial until verified by tournament director.

BODIES OF WATER

- The tournament is restricted to lakes within Beltrami, Clearwater, and Hubbard County.
- Fishing has to be legal and in public waters only: no private ponds, streams, lakes or rivers. Participants may fish in any water that is open to public fishing.
- The FishDonkey app tags location through their photo process, your submissions will show your location to the tournament director.

MEASURING & PHOTO DOCUMENTING

- All photos must be taken through the FishDonkey app and measurements must be on a valid measuring board.
- Fish must be recorded immediately and measurements noted by length.
- All submissions must include at least two photographs: 1) A pic of you holding the fish 2) A pic of the fish on the measuring board with closed mouth and pinched tail.
- Close the fish's mouth. The nose should touch the bump of the measuring board (the belly is facing you). The measurement photo needs to include the entire fish on the board.
- If the fish tail is touching the graduation line on the board then that is the exact measurement. If the tail crosses the graduation line, round up $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- All fish must be released after documentation
- All participants must have their fish submitted within tournament completion. (July 26, 2020 at 3:00 pm).

MEASURING BOARDS

- All participants must check out and return the tournament measuring board from Northwoods Bait & Tackle (Bemidji)- available beginning 7/20/2020
- *participants outside of the Bemidji will work with the Tournament Director to receive their measuring board
- No handmade measuring boards, stickers, or tape measures allowed.
- Participants must use the tournament measuring board
- If your measurement is not clearly readable in your submission photo, it will automatically be disqualified.
- Measuring Boards must be returned within one week of the tournament
- If measuring boards are returned after 7 days past the end of the tournament, there will be a \$100 fee.
- If instructions fail, please contact the tournament director

PRACTICE THE FISHDONKEY APP AHEAD OF TIME



-[Watch a 1 minute tutorial on How to Enter a Fish](#)

-Test the app before you get out on the water.

-Download the app - Then join "Practice Entering a Fish"

FISHDONKEY IN POOR RECEPTION AREAS

-The app will work without internet.

- Open the app before heading out to poorly covered areas.
- Tap on the name of the tourney. Once you see the button 'Enter a Fish', head out & fish away.
- Fish should be entered as normal in bad reception areas.
- Your Digital Livewell® (fish icon) will show you if there are fish waiting for an internet connection to get pushed into the leaderboard.
- When you get back to a well connected area, open your Digital Livewell® and leave that screen open/active until all fish are "Received".
- If your pictures are missing from the leaderboard, this is what you need to do. Until your pictures are received, do not delete or alter the photos on your phone, as the software will not accept your photos as originals.

MISSING PICTURES ON THE LEADERBOARD?

-Anglers should open their Digital Livewell (fish icon) when they get back to an area with good reception and leave that screen open until all fish are "Received".

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

-Your Tournament Director is Shannon Lee, Director of Marketing & Events, United Way of Bemidji Area. If you need to reach your director, their contact info is in the "i" Info icon within your tournament in the app.

Shannon@UnitedWayBemidji.org 320-260-2979

-The interpretation and enforcement of the rules is at the sole discretion of the director. The tournament director may change rules or impose sanctions as they deem appropriate, including but not limited to: disqualifications, forfeiture of prizes, and prohibition from competing in future tournaments. All decisions made by the tournament director are final.

SPORTSMANSHIP

-All participants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation.

-Any participant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of fishing could be disqualified. Encroachment is considered a sportsmanship rule.

TIEBREAKERS

-All ties will be split and shared.

CLAIMING PRIZES

-Ensure that your correct address, email, and mobile number appear in your app profile for prize announcements & delivery.

-Cash prizes will be distributed by mail, allow for 1-2 weeks for payment to arrive.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

-All federal, state, and local laws and all fishing and boating rules apply.

-Failure to comply with any tournament rules subjects participants to disqualification and removal from the competition, as determined by the tournament officials. The right to refuse sale and/or revoke a competition ticket to anyone is hereby reserved.

CHEATING

-All protests must be brought to the director's attention BEFORE the end of the event.

-Anyone caught breaking the law or disobeying the rules will be disqualified.

-Fish must be hooked and caught live in a conventional manner. Fish cannot be snagged, netted, speared, etc.

SAFETY

-Promoters, tournament directors, organizations, and sponsors are not responsible for death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire, or loss of any kind to participants in tournament activities.

QUESTIONS?-If there are any questions about the rules, reach out to the tournament director.