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2009 Tournament Rules and Regulations

The following rules apply for each KWA Tournament.

These rules will be interpreted solely by the Tournament Committee. All decisions are final.

- 1. Contestant Eligibility:** Each KWA tournament is a two person Buddy Team tournament. Contestants must be 16 years of age or accompanied by an adult to participate. You do not have to be a KWA member to fish the tournaments or be eligible for prizes at that tournament. However, both team contestants must be members in order for the team to receive points for year-end awards and to earn eligibility for the Cabela's National Team Championship Tournament.
- 2. Pre-Tournament Practice:** There are no closed periods on the lake prior to registration. The lake will be closed to all contestants at 6: 15 p.m. the evening prior to the tournament.
- 3. Pre-Meeting:** A pre-meeting is held on the evening before each tournament, beginning with registration at 6:15 p.m. The tournament rules, number of flights, boat inspection time and start time will be announced at this meeting. At least one member per Buddy Team is required to attend and sign-in at the pre-meeting. Boat numbers will not be issued to anyone other than one of the Buddy Team members. Failure to observe this rule will result in that team being placed at the end of their assigned flight for the tournament (e.g. Flight #1 or Flight #2, etc.) regardless of original boat take-off position.
- 4. Waiver:** Promoters, tournament officials, directors and organizations assisting in the tournament operation, their agencies, agents, etc., are not responsible for death, injuries, damages, liability, theft, fire or loss of any kind to entrants. Each entrant, upon signing an entry form will be in effect, signing a waiver form.
- 5. Fees:** The entry fee is \$80.00 per boat for KWA members and \$100.00 for non-members for all tournaments. Mail proper fee and entry form to the KWA, P.O. Box 250, Carbondale, KS 66414. All entries paid for by personal check must be postmarked one week in advance of the tournament. Entries will also be accepted at the pre-meeting if paid with cash or money order (if the tournament has not filled).
- 6. Take-Off Position:** The take-off position will be determined by the early bird drawing held at the annual banquet and after that by earliest postmarked date.
- 7. Safety:** Safe boating conduct and a high standard of sportsmanship and courtesy must be observed at all times. Any infractions of these rules may be cause for disqualification. All entrants must wear a personal flotation device when the big motor is engaged at more than a trolling speed. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the boat at any time during tournament hours. The safety of all contestants is the number one concern in all KWA tournaments. It is solely the responsibility of the contestants to be aware of changing weather situations. If weather conditions become unsafe during the event hours, the contestants are required to seek safe shelter until the weather passes. All teams are required to report in by the end of each tournament whether or not the team has fish to weigh-in.
- 8. Tackle and Equipment:** Each team is responsible for supplying it's own boat and equipment. All fish must be caught by rod and reel using legal methods only. Only two rods per person are allowed unless a team member has a Kansas license to fish with a third rod.
- 9. Contestant Communication:** During tournament hours (i.e. from takeoff until weigh-in) all on-water communication by contestants with other contestants (excluding partner) pertaining to: 1) method or type of presentations being used, 2) lure selection or color and 3) location of fish or type of water being fished is strictly prohibited. Additionally, during tournament hours, contestants may not obtain or receive assistance from non-competitors or follow a non-competitor's boat. Neither contestants nor non-contestants are allowed to anchor or hold spots for KWA tournament contestants. KWA Tournaments are boat versus boat competition. No group team fishing is allowed.

With the exception of a marine band radio, the use of mobile communication devices is strictly prohibited during tournament hours. This includes, but is not limited to, cellular phones, radios, pagers, walkie-talkies, CB's, etc. Contestants who are concerned about medical, weather or other emergency issues during tournament hours may use a marine band radio. Tournament officials will monitor marine band frequencies.

Realizing that a cell phone could make a difference in a life or death emergency, carrying a cell phone, **WITHOUT IT TURNED ON**, is permitted. However, even in the case of an actual emergency, usage is the decision of the contestant since disqualification from the tournament is the outcome of any cell phone use.
- 10. Permitted Fishing Locations:** Each tournament is restricted to fishing within the boundaries of that lake. There are no off limits on the lake waters. All fishing must be done from a boat. Boat contestants must remain in their boat at all times, except in cases of dire emergency.
- 11. Buffer Zones:** All boats must maintain a 50-foot buffer zone between boats (except officials' boats). If other tournament contestants come within that zone, you can ask them to move, if you were there first.
- 12. Length & Stringer Limits:** The length limit will be consistent with State Regulations. Each team is allowed to weigh-in six (6) walleye, sauger, saugeye—or any combination. All fish must meet walleye length limits. **Any team weighing in a short fish will have their entire day's catch disqualified.** The place finish will be determined by the total weight of the teams' catches. If any fish are questionable (white gills, overall pink flesh, soft flesh, sunken eyes, etc.,) due to poor handling by a team, those fish may not be counted. Tournament officials reserve the right to disallow any questionable fish from the stringer.
- 13. Bonus for Live Released Fish:** The KWA encourages contestants to keep their walleye catches alive and releasable (e.g. frequent aeration in livewell, sufficient water in livewell, etc.). Therefore, a bonus of a tenth of a pound per fish (.10/lb.) for all walleye released alive will be awarded. For example - if you weigh-in a six fish limit and they are all released alive, you will receive six tenths of a pound (.60 lb.) bonus added to your total weight.
- 14. Late Penalty:** Teams must be inside the take-off cove at the deadline designated for their flight. Up to 15 minutes late will result in half the day's weight deducted. Over 15 minutes late will cause the entire day's weight to be disqualified.

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- 16. Prize Winners and Awards:** Prizes are awarded according to total weight of each team's catch. The big walleye for each team shall be used to break heavy stringer ties. Each team will be responsible for choosing their largest walleye from the stringer brought to the weigh-in. The big stringer for each team will be used to break largest walleye ties. There is an 80% payback of the entry fees collected at each tournament. The payback is one place for each eight entries. There is also a cash prize of \$200 at each tournament for the largest walleye caught. Plaques are awarded to the top three teams at each tournament as well as the person catching the largest walleye. Contestant teams do not need to be KWA members to qualify for individual tournament prizes and awards. An IRS form 1099 will be filed for any fishing contestant earning \$600 or more during the 2008 fishing season.
- 17. Point System:** Points are awarded to KWA member teams at each tournament. Each team receives five (5) points for entering the tournament plus 50 points for a first place finish. Therefore a total of 55 points is received for first place, 54 points for second, etc. If you weigh a walleye in the tournament, you will receive a minimum of ten (10) points. The year-end order of finish, starting with the highest scores, will determine who will be eligible for slots awarded to our club for the Cabela's National Walleye Championship (NTC) the following spring. The top five highest scoring buddy teams as well as the top twenty teams of the season will each receive recognition at the annual awards banquet.
- 18. Tournament Rights:** Tournament officials reserve the right to refuse entry to any individuals.
- 19. Protests:** Only contestants and tournament officials have the right to contest the actions of another team or contestant. Protests by contestants must be filed in writing with a tournament director no later than one-half hour after the close of that fishing day. Protests will be reviewed and a decision made by a Tournament Committee that will consist of the tournament directors and two or more KWA members appointed by the directors. **Any team found violating the KWA tournament rules may be immediately disqualified and the reason for the disqualification announced at the weigh-in.**
- 20. Miscellaneous:** All entrants must read the rules, fill out the entry form, sign it, pay the appropriate fees and be at the pre-meeting. Cancellation 30 days prior to the tournament will be refunded 100%. Cancellation two weeks in advance, 50%. No other refunds allowed (except in cases of dire emergency). All rules have 'loopholes.' It is the intention of the sponsors to provide an honest and sportsmanlike tournament. Contestants are reminded that each team should conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike, courteous, safe and ethical manner when fishing. In the interest of good sportsmanship, all contestants are reminded that the 'spirit of the rule,' will prevail in all judgment cases. All decisions are final.
- 21. Team Substitutes:** There is a hardship rule for emergencies. Each team is allowed one (1) substitute per buddy per season. Substitutes do not need to be KWA Members.



Cheney Tournament • May 17, 2009

PRE-MEETING (required) - Saturday, May 16, 2009

Location: Cheney Marina Shelter

Registration: 6:00 p.m. + Rules Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Tournament Day: Sunday, May 17, 2009

Take-off and weigh-in: East Boat Ramp

Sponsored by MID-KANSAS MARINE, Andover & Hutchinson

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El Dorado Lake Tournament • May 31, 2009

PRE-MEETING (required) - Saturday, May 30, 2009

Location: Blue Stem Point Beach Shelter House - El Dorado Lake

Registration: 6:00 p.m. + Rules Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Tournament Day: Sunday, May 31, 2009

Take-off and weigh-in: Blue Stem Point—south boat ramp

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Co-sponsored by Demo Sales, El Dorado

Marion Lake Tournament • June 07, 2009

PRE-MEETING (required) - Saturday, June 06, 2009

Location: Cottonwood Park Shelter House "A," Marion Lake

Registration: 6:15 p.m. + Rules Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Tournament Day: Sunday, June 22, 2009

Take-off and weigh-in: Cottonwood Park Boat Ramp

Sponsored by MID KANSAS MARINE - Andover and Hutchinson

Co-sponsored by City Beverage, Hutchinson; Canada Bait & Tackle, Marion; and the Marion Lake Association

Milford Lake Tournament • June 14, 2009

PRE-MEETING (required) - Saturday, June 13, 2009

Location: Eagle Ridge, Milford State Park

Registration: 6:15 p.m. + Rules Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Tournament Day: Sunday, May 14, 2009

Take-off and weigh-in: Rush Creek State Park boat ramp

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Wilson Lake Tournament • June 28, 2009

PRE-MEETING (required) - Saturday, June 27, 2009

Location: Tatanka Lodge in the Wilson Lake State Park

Registration: 6:15 p.m. + Rules Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Tournament Day: Sunday, April 27, 2009

Take-off and weigh-in: Wilson State Park boat ramp

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Melvorn Lake 2-Day Tournament • July 11-12, 2009

PRE-MEETING (required) - Friday, July 10 and Saturday, July 11,

Location: Eisenhower State Park Shelter House

Registration: 6:15 p.m. + Rules Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Tournament Day: Sunday, July 13, 2009

Take-off and weigh-in: East Boat Ramp, Eisenhower State Park

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As a member of the Kansas Walleye Association, you have the opportunity to -

Round up a partner and join us for a great time with some of the finest walleye fishermen in the country. Meet new people, make new friends, catch walleye in lakes across the state and promote Walleye Conservation. A KWA membership offers all this and more. Whether you fish one or more tournaments, you'll come away with a memorable experience.

There are also the fish stories and the friends and acquaintances you can share your experiences with at the tournaments. What's a successful day on the water? Some say it's if you catch fish—any fish. Some say it's only if you catch your limit. And some say that even if you don't catch a walleye it's still been a good day. Some teams go home with prize money and some don't, but everyone's a winner for having experienced the excitement and fun of participating in a first class fishing event.

The Kansas Walleye Association donates ten percent (10%) of your membership fee to walleye conservation. Tournaments provide an 80% payback of the entry fees collected at each tournament. Sixty percent (60%) of the membership fee is paid back to the Top Five Buddy Teams at the end of the season. The order of finish, starting with the highest scoring team, will determine who will be eligible for slots awarded to our club from the Cabela's National Walleye Championship (NTC) the following spring.

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