



2021 Fishing Challenge Rules

I. Participants and Eligibility

- A. Contestant must register online at givehope.mntc.org/fishing OR submit an official entry form along with the \$100 entry fee per team to Mn Adult & Teen Challenge, 2424 Business 371, Brainerd, MN 56401. Confirmations will be mailed or emailed.
- B. Contestants may pay with check, money order or credit card.
- C. This is a two-person per boat fishing tournament. If both contestants are under age 18, a non-fishing guardian or parent must be present.
- D. Contestants must attend the Friday, June 4, 2021 Rules Dinner at Heritage Assembly of God in Baxter. Celebrity fishermen and special guests will make this a great event, along with any last minute instructions. This is a free dinner for registered anglers, \$5 charge for guests.
- E. Contestants over age 16 must possess a valid Minnesota fishing license.

II. Team Sponsorship Challenge

- A. Teams are urged to raise team sponsorship funds and to begin the fund-raising process as soon as possible. The minimum amount requested that each team raise is \$500; there is no maximum. Top fundraising teams will win fishing trips with Al Lindner, Steve Pennaz, or Den Plumier.
- B. When you register online, an automatic online donation page will be created for your team. This page will allow you to watch your donations grow and keep all "Fishing Challenge" info at your fingertips. Call Sue or Mark, 218.833.8752 for suggestions and assistance. (If you register with a paper registration form, a donation web page will be set up for you and you will be notified of how to access it.
- C. A number of items will be available to help you with your fundraising, including a video! Share the video with friends, your church family, businesses, groups, Facebook, etc., to enhance fundraising and attract new teams.
- D. Fundraising money collected should be sent to Mn Adult & Teen Challenge as soon as it's gathered. Postage-paid envelopes will be provided for your team if requested.
- E. Sponsorship funds (100% tax-deductible) raised to support your team's donation to Mn Adult & Teen Challenge must be submitted prior to or at registration at the Rules Dinner to be eligible for any prizes.
- F. A raffle with very attractive prizes makes additional fundraising even easier. (Tickets will be available for all team members to sell to friends and family!)
- G. A full list of prizes is available. Subject to change.

III. Scoring

- A. Anglers must declare before fish are weighed which division they intend to enter. There are five divisions: Walleye, Bass, Pike, Panfish, and Mixed Bag.
 - Walleye: teams may weigh three walleyes
 - Bass: teams may weigh three largemouth
 - Pike: teams may weigh only one northern
 - Panfish: teams may weigh a maximum of three panfish (bluegill, sunfish, crappie, or perch in any combination)
 - Mixed Bag: entering this division excludes the team from entering the other divisions. "Mixed Bag" of one panfish, one walleye, one bass, and one pike must be declared at weigh-in
- B. One rock bass will be the bonus "kicker" fish and added to each division.
- C. Weigh-in headquarters: Cragun's Resort on Gull Lake beginning at 1:00pm.
- D. Ties will be settled by a coin toss.
- E. Plaques will be awarded for the ugliest fish, biggest walleye, and biggest bass.

IV. Tournament Format

- A. Tournament boundaries are the entire Gull Lake Chain.
- B. Launch at any ramp.
- C. Scales open at 1:00 p.m. Teams may weigh a limit for any species only once.
- D. Contestants may be on the water and at their fishing destinations, but may not begin fishing until 7:00 a.m. (CST) on June 5, 2021.
- E. All boats must return to Cragun's Resort no later than 3:00 p.m. (CST) on June 5, 2021.
- F. Teams returning earlier than the 3:00 p.m. deadline will streamline the weigh-in process.
- G. Artificial lures and live bait are allowed.

H. Each competitor must observe safe boat conduct, no-wake zones, and local navigation rules. Competitors are expected to demonstrate courtesy and act in a sportsmanlike manner.

I. The tournament director will interpret rules according to the spirit and intent of the rule and his decision in all matters is final.

J. All prizes and trophies will be awarded from the weigh-in stage immediately upon completion of the tournament.

Winners must be present to collect prizes or they will be forfeited. Each team will be entitled to win one major prize; it will be for the highest finish of all divisions entered.