

Winnebagoland Musky Club

5-2-6 Team Tournament Rules

The Winnebagoland Musky Club is going to try something new in 2017. The Outing Committee has proposed having club outings in the months of May, June, July, and August. In September we are going to continue with our Veteran's Fishing Outing on the Three Lakes Chain. In addition to that we are going to have a season long tournament that is run a little different in an effort to learn new waters and share information with club members.

The tournament will run as follows:

There will be two person teams and they can consist of two members or a member and a guest. At least one of the team members must be a member of the club. This will allow members to fish with a friend and maybe encourage them to join the club.

The teams will hand in a registration form listing the names of the team members and the lakes they selected to fish. Each team will select (5) lakes of their choice. The five lakes selected represents the (5) in the 5-2-6 tournament.

Two of the lakes must be lakes that neither of the team members have ever fished before. This represents the (2) in the 5-2-6 tournament. This is being done to encourage members to try new waters.

The tournament will run from May through October which is 6 months long. This represents the (6) in the 5-2-6 tournament.

The tournament registration form can be turned in at any time during the period of May through October, but none of the lakes fished or fish caught will count until the tournament registration form is turned in. The form can be turned in at any meeting or mailed in to the club address in which the post marked date will be the official start time.

The teams will fish each of their selected lakes for one day only and record all fish caught that are 34 inches or longer caught during that time period. You do not have to fish all five lakes selected, but ten (10) points will be awarded to the team for each lake they fish (up to five lakes) to encourage the team to fish all five lakes. The team can earn a total of 50 points if they fish all five lakes. You can fish any of these lakes as many times as you would like during the season after you fished that lake and recorded your information.

All points will be applied to the team. If one member catches three muskies and the other catches two, the points will be combined for a team total. The team with the most total points wins. In case of a tie, a flip of a coin will determine the winner.

A lake registration form will be provided for each lake fished where the members will record the fish caught to the closest inch. Each team is encouraged to take pictures of any fish caught, but it is not required. The club registration form will be used to record any

catches and all the information must be filled out on the form. Please list on the club fish registration form if the fish is a tournament fish. The size of the fish and the person catching it should also be listed on the tournament registration form. The tournament will be run on the honor system.

For the two “new” lakes fished, the team will be asked to provide some information about the lakes they fished at the November meeting. You may want to write this down after you fished these lakes so you can remember it for your presentation. Some of the things you may want to record and talk about includes: Name and location of the lake, the type and quality of the landing, lake habitat, size and average depth of the lake, amount of pressure from other fisherman, would you fish it again. This is just a guideline and you can add anything you want as if you were talking about the lake to the club for a club outing.

The Winnebago Land Musky Club is about sharing and helping other learn and enjoy the sport of musky fishing. This tournament was designed to encourage members to try new waters and share what they learned with other club members. It might seem pretty complicated but it is meant to be fun. It is also intended to provide another excuse to fish more during the year, as if we needed an excuse!

Now for the rewards for participating! The team with the highest total points will receive the following awards:

- Each member of the winning team will receive a plaque recognizing them as the winners of the tournament.
- Each member of the winning team will receive a \$75 gift certificate to Cabelas.

At the November meeting a vote will be taken to see if the club would like to continue the tournament the next year.