**2019 Central Montana Perch Derby**

**Eastfork Res.**

**January 19th & 20st , 2019**

**Tournament rules**

**TEAMS**

**A:** Will consist of Two anglers. (At least one member must be 18 or over.) and no more than 2 rods per angler.

**B:** (PLEASE do not arrange to fish with friends, family members, etc. during this event. Don’t hang around non-tournament anglers while fishing the event. Don’t invite people to “meet me on the ice” during the event. *This is meant to be fun but, is still a COMPETITION and as such, these rules will be enforced aggressively.)*

**C:** Teams may not fish any closer than 5 paces from another team.

**D:** Team members may pre-fish until 3:00pm Friday night before the event.

**E:** TEAMS MAY ONLY USE ATV’S, UTV’S, SNOWMOBILES ETC. NO PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, SUV’S ETC. TOURNAMENT STAFF DECISION WILL BE FINAL. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST MAKE THEIR OWN DECISION AS TO ICE SAFETY. **If using motorized equipment, a speed limit of 15MPH while on the ice will be in effect…If you are operating unsafely, (too fast, too close to others, etc.) you will receive a warning, or DQed. The SAFETY of all participants is #1.**

**F:** Every team must check in and pass thru inspection. ALL equipment brought onto the ice will be inspected **(NO LIVE MINNOWS OR ALOCHOL ALLOWED AND IS GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION).** Please have trailers, ice houses, coolers, buckets etc. open and ready as you pass thru inspection. ***NO PRESETUP ON ICE!!!***

**G:** After inspection, teams will be directed to a “pre-start” area and will wait for the Directors final instructions and let team go out on the ice to setup at that time. Fishing will start at the sound of the horn.

**H:** Teams may not assist any other teams (except in emergency/life or death situations.) NO towing another teams equipment, on, off or around the ice via snowmobiles, quads, UTV’s etc. EACH team is expected to get on, off and around on the ice under their own power, motorized or not. NO sharing of bait, lures, equipment, etc. once the tournament has begun. No inter team cell phone/**two** way radio use during the tournament.

**I:** At least one team member must maintain personal control over their tournament fish at all times, and when exiting the ice that person/persons MUST report directly to an official and proceed directly to the weigh in area. At **NO TIME** may any team’s tournament fish be within 5 paces of another team’s fish until those teams are in the official weigh in line. You must be in line with your team’s fish by the announced time or you will not be allowed to weigh in.

**J: START TIMES: Inspection at 6:00AM, with tournament rules meeting starting at 7:30 , and tournament starting at 8:00AM, weigh in 2PM**

**K**: Each team will be allowed to weigh up to 100 perch at the end of each day.. If a team chooses to weigh their catch prior to the official end of the tournament, then they are done fishing for the day. The total weight of the perch will be the team’s official score. In case of a tie the winner will be determined by the team with the largest fish.

**L**: Fish must be kept CLEAN in a bucket or other container prior to weigh in. NO ICE/SLUSH ON FISH or frozen fish will be accepted. It is your choice what fish you will weigh, but you may not turn in more than 100 fish in your container and have no more than 120 perch in your possession at any given time . **If you hand in 101 Perch or more you will lose 1lb for every fish over and your largest perch. Count them as many times as you must to be certain!** Your weight will be recorded and a receipt given. In the event of a discrepancy, you MUST have this receipt.

**M**: All contestants must abide by all MONTANA FWP rules and all applicable local, state and federal laws. Anyone cited by law enforcement for any reason will immediately be disqualified from the tournament.

**N**: During tournament hours, you may only leave and re-enter the lake by the official entry area. (Bathroom breaks are excluded but you may not carry anything off the ice with you, nor bring anything back. *Violation will be grounds for immediate disqualification)*

**P: Rules violations will be evaluated by a tournament board following basic criteria.**

***TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY TO ANY PERSONS/TEAMS FOR ANY REASON AT ANY TIME.***

*To avoid compromising this tournament, the following statement must be made clear:*

***Cheating will not be tolerated.* Outright Cheating:** Modifying fish, entering fish not caught that day, illegal bait, etc.

**Penalties may include a weight reduction, a DQ for that event. Any suspension or DQ will require a full review by tournament organizers before either member is allowed entry to any future tournaments.**

***If you are caught in a violation that could have a direct impact on your weight, therefore impacting the tournament results, then you have willfully violated the rules and are attempting to steal. If you attempt to steal from this tournament, you are stealing from every person entered. Anyone caught in any willful violation of these rules will be dealt with harshly and publicly. We will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law!!!***

***(Simple mistakes will be judged on their intentionality and the potential impact on the results)***

***ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL!!!***

***PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY***

The Central Montana Perch Derby is a competitive ice fishing event. Participants understand that as such, certain dangers may exist. No ice should ever be considered safe and contestants must make their own decision on ice safety. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS, OFFICIALS, SPONSORS OR ANY OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EVENT ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CONTESTANTS SAFETY, INJURY OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY WHILE COMPETING IN THIS EVENT. *Acknowledgement of this statement by your signature means you accept these conditions without exception, and that you agree to abide by all tournament rules, and understand that in the event of any discrepancy the* ***decision of the directors is final****.* You also authorize the use or release of any photos taken in conjunction with tournament events for promotional purposes.

Any Questions please contact Kennie Williams at 406-670-0885

***Both Team Members Must Sign*** *acknowledging the above statement & for entry to be valid.*

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**$80.00 per Team**

**Big Fish Pot $10/day for a total of $20.00**

**Make payable to the Crooked Creek Chapter of Walleyes Unlimited (Eastfork Perch Derby)**

**Team Member #1 (Please Print) (Sign)**

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**Team Member #2 (Please Print) (Sign)**

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Mail Entry to:

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Lewistown, MT 59457

Mailed Applications must be in before Jan 14th. After that date please bring application with you or register the morning of the event. Also if you register at one of the local sporting goods store you agree to the rules and releases. If you feel it won’t get there in time call the director to insure you get your name in.