



**DANIEL DREVNICK MEMORIAL FUND**  
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**DANIEL DREVNICK MEMORIAL FUND Fishing Tournament June 25, 2017**

***2017 Tournament Rules & Regulations***

***ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION***

1. Each participant must complete, sign and submit a Daniel Drevnick Memorial Fund Tournament Official Entry Form. Registration forms are available at [www.heroathome.org](http://www.heroathome.org). Registration forms, along with the correct entry fee, can be mailed to: Daniel Drevnick Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 251566, Woodbury, MN 55125 or e-mail to [Ken@HeroAtHome.org](mailto:Ken@HeroAtHome.org).
2. Tournament entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable regardless of the date of cancellation. A waiting list for participants will be maintained by the Daniel Drevnick Memorial Fund. In the event of a cancellation, the next person on the waiting list will be notified. If a fully paid team alternative fills the cancellation opening prior to the entry deadline, the cancellation will be eligible for a 50% refund.
3. All participants must possess a valid fishing license for the tournament waters being fished.
4. As a condition of participation in the tournament, each participant must execute a Release of Liability. The release indemnifies the Daniel Drevnick Memorial Fund and tournament sponsors.
5. Participants must have proper liability insurance for the boat being used in the Daniel Drevnick Memorial Fund Tournament.
6. As a condition of participation in the tournament, each participant must sign a Publicity Release Form. This release allows the use of the participant's likeness in all marketing.
7. A team must have two (2) persons and must fish in the same boat. One (1) team per boat.
8. The Daniel Drevnick Memorial Fund Tournament reserves the right to refuse entry to any individuals who have been barred or disqualified from any tournament for rules violations.
9. Participants under 18 years of age must have the signature of his/her parent or legal guardian on the entry form, as well as the participant's signature.

## FORMAT/SCORING

1. Fish will be brought to the "Official weigh-in stage" at Arrowwood Resort on their beach.
2. This is a two species tournament for walleye (live or artificial bait may be used) and largemouth bass (only artificial bait may be used).
3. No more than six (6) of each species may be brought in to be weighed.
4. Each boat must declare the species of fish they are fishing for at the time they fill out the entry form. Participants are not required to purchase a walleye stamp to land Minnesota's most-popular gamefish, but buying yours just might help your catch later.
5. Once you pay your entry fee and pick the species of fish, you CANNOT change species.
6. Each participant may fish with only one rod. However, you may carry more rods in your boat.
7. Minimum length of both walleye and bass is 14 inches. Any fish brought in for weighing that is under the minimum of 14 inches will not be counted toward the combined team weight.
8. For the walleye anglers the limit is 6 fish per boat with no more than two (2) fish over 20 inches. If you are fishing alone, you can only have one fish over 20 inches.
9. In case of a tie, standings will be determined by the team with the single heaviest fish.
10. Tournament standings, contingency awards and final winners shall be determined by the total combined weight of each team.
11. Any fish altered (after being caught) which enhances the weight or circumvents tournament slot limits will not be allowed and will be grounds for immediate team disqualification if so determined by the tournament rules committee.
12. Although the tournament is considered a "kill" tournament for walleye, fish must appear to be releasable by the weigh master. If the fish (walleye or bass) do not appear to be releasable there will be a penalty deduction of .30 pounds for each fish determined to be unfit for release.
13. All fish must be caught on a hook and line in a conventional sporting manner. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging fish (that is, not hooked in the head per state regulations) will be disqualified.
14. Photos of each fish may be used for display at the Awards Ceremony, on the tournament website, Hero At Home website, and future tournaments.
15. One participant from the team is required to sign the Official Scorecard to certify their boats catch.
16. The Awards Ceremony will be held on the beach at Arrowwood Resort. The Awards Ceremony will begin after the weigh-in is complete.

## **RULES MEETING**

1. A rules meeting will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Arrowwood Resort. Registration and rules meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. Boat numbers will be randomly drawn during the rules meeting.
2. The rules meeting is mandatory. Only one person from each team is required to be present at the rules meeting. **If at least one member from a team is not present that team shall be disqualified without refund of entry fee.**

## **PREFISHING**

All pre-fishing must end at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2017. You must be off the water with boat on trailer no later than 3:00 pm! **The tournament director may change the ending time of pre-fishing if circumstances dictate.**

## **COMPETITION**

1. The Daniel Drevnick Memorial Fund Tournament is restricted to Le Homme Dieu and surrounding waters that you can access by boat only. You CANNOT exit your boat to access another body of water.
2. Tournament participants may come by water to check in on tournament day. Public boat accesses can be utilized to launch on tournament day.
3. All boats must proceed directly from boat launch to the designated docks at Arrowwood for boat inspection. You may not graph or spot check as you transit to morning check in.
4. Check in will begin at **6:00 a.m.** There will be two docks designated for boat check in. All live wells and storage compartments must be accessible to a Tournament Official during inspection.
5. Once you have checked in and your boat has been inspected you will receive your boat number board and a ribbon will be tied onto your trolling motor or front of your boat by the Tournament Official denoting your boat has been inspected!
6. Boat number board must be displayed at the take-off, check-in, and upon the request of a tournament official while on the water.
7. All boats will depart from the anchored start/finish boat at the designated start time (**7:00 a.m.**) in numerical order.
8. Boats will trickle start one by one and will receive the "go ahead" from the start/finish boat in a single continuous flight.
9. At the time of take-off all participants and their boats shall be in full conformity with all rules set forth by the tournament committee.
10. No marine radio, cell phones, or other electronic communication is allowed during tournament hours except for an emergency. Official Marine Channel is Channel #1.
11. No underwater cameras or binoculars are permitted in boats during tournament hours.

12. At no time during tournament hours shall a participant leave their boat unless granted permission from a Tournament Director. Use safe judgment during inclement weather.
13. The Tournament Director has the right to delay, shorten or cancel the start of tournament due to dangerous weather conditions. Tournament boundaries may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. The tournament may be cancelled (even after the tournament has started) because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of participants.
14. When returning to check in, each boat must check in with the Start/Finish boat BEFORE the **3:00 p.m.** deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS Teams not returning at the specified check-in time (**3:00 p.m.**) will be immediately disqualified.
15. After being recognized as "checked-in" by the Start/Finish boat you will proceed to the drop-off docks. There will be four designated docks for you to drop off one team member and your catch for weigh-in. CHECK IN AT THE START/FINISH BOAT AND AT THE CHECK-IN DOCKS IS MANDATORY-FISH OR NO FISH.
16. One team member will proceed with boat number board and the days catch to the weigh in line. You must have boat number board with at the scale.
17. Walleye over 20' will be allowed to be weighed in at anytime within the tournament hours to avoid a penalty if the fish becomes unfit for release.
18. A protest of any kind must be filed with the Tournament Committee Officials within fifteen (15) minutes of the end of the contest.
19. A \$300.00 fee is required: refunded if found to be valid. The protest committee will consist of two (2) tournament officials and three (3) randomly selected participants. The committee findings are final. If the committee recommends a polygraph test, monies will be withheld until the results of the polygraph test are known. Participants taking a polygraph test may be responsible for any and all costs incurred.
20. Promoters, tournament committee officials, organizations and sponsors are not responsible for death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire or loss of any kind to participants.
21. The Tournament Director has final say on any rules and decisions!

## **ANGLER CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. No alcohol beverages may be consumed during tournament hours.
2. All participants competing in this event are expected to act in a sportsman like manner at all times towards non-participants and participants alike. Violators of this rule will be disqualified.
3. The violation of any rule, as determined by the tournament committee officials, shall result in automatic disqualification from the tournament and ineligibility of prizes or awards. The Tournament Committee Officials' decision will be final and may not be challenged.
4. Safe boating shall be observed at all times. Each participant shall wear a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device at all times when the combustion engine is operating above trolling speed. The floatation device shall be fastened securely and the safety-stop switch attached.

5. All boats shall meet Coast Guard and State requirements. Motors may not exceed BIA rating established by the manufacturer. Boats are limited to one (1) auxiliary fuel tank (capacity not to exceed seven (7) gallons). Fuel tank shall meet Coast Guard standards and be securely fastened to the boat.

## **MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS**

1. In the event of a mechanical breakdown, the participants should attempt to make contact with the Tournament Director. Tournament Directors phone number will be given out at the rules meeting.
2. In the event of a mechanical breakdown, it is permissible for ONE team member to transfer to another participant's boat for transportation to check in with their catch and boat number board. Teams must still arrive at the check-in on time.
3. Running out of gas is NOT considered a mechanical breakdown.

## **AWARDS**

1. The Awards Ceremony will be held on the beach at Arrowwood Resort. The Awards Ceremony will begin after the completion of the weigh-in process.
2. Participants are responsible for all applicable taxes on both cash and merchandise awards.
3. Participants who receive cash awards will be required to provide the Daniel Drevnick Memorial Fund with a W-9 prior to receiving their cash award.
4. The Tournament Committee Officials reserve the right to adjust cash/prize payouts, with the exception of the guaranteed payouts.
5. Prize payouts for each category:

### **Walleye**

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$1700**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - \$1000**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - \$600**

**4<sup>th</sup> - \$300**

**5<sup>th</sup> - \$150**

**6<sup>th</sup> - \$100**

**Largest Walleye \$250**

### **Largemouth Bass**

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$1700**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - \$1000**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - \$600**

**4<sup>th</sup> - \$300**

**5<sup>th</sup> - \$150**

**6<sup>th</sup> - \$100**

**Largest Largemouth Bass \$250**

Remember Le Homme Dieu Chain is infested with Zebra Mussels. All best practices to prevent the spread of invasive species should be employed by anglers pre-fishing and after the tournament.

\*\*\*Rules subject to change\*\*\*