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### **Illinois Muskie Youth Tournament Trail Rules For Youth Tournaments**

1. All IMTT, IDNR and site specific rules are to be followed by all participants.
2. Contestants must provide own boat with adult supervision on board during the tournament (one adult and one or two entrants).
3. No more than three in the boat during the tournament (two may be entrants in the tournament).
4. The adult must run the boat, may guide, offer suggestions, etc. The adult may also help land (net) a caught fish and assist in the measuring process and the release. Youth entrant may run the trolling motor.
5. Youth entrants must wear a life jacket at all times.
6. A completed liability form must be completed by all participants (adult/youth).
7. Fishing will be for Muskie only and only from a boat.
8. All fish must be caught with pole and line fishing only using artificial baits. No live bait may be used.
9. Minimum measuring length is 30 inches. Fish must be measured on a flat surface with a bump board and the tail squeezed. The actual length is to be recorded on the provided release form. Muskies will be scored by 5 points for each 30" Muskie and 1 point (or fraction of) for each additional inch over 30". Boat may not be moved for measuring purposes; witness must come to your boat. One witness may come from your boat. Person catching fish cannot be a witness for that fish. Two witnesses are required. Refusing to witness another contestant's fish is grounds for disqualification.
10. Entrant participation points will be awarded at 5 points per tournament fished for a maximum of 15 points. Special award for entrants receiving all 15 points. Participation points will not count towards Champion and Runner-Up Awards.
11. All participants must conform to the daily starting and stopping times. Released forms will not be accepted after the announced ending time of the tournament. Checked out IMTT equipment must be returned to the check in point at the end of the tournament, no later than ½ hour after end of fishing time. A participant may not start fishing until being released by the official starter to start. All starts must be from designated area and must be under the directions of the official starter.
12. IMTT equipment lost, stolen or damaged are the responsibility of the participant and must be replaced.
13. Starting position will be determined by order of completed entries received.
14. The tournament committee is the final judge of all tournament rules and the conducting of all tournaments.
15. Trolling will be permitted. Two rods may be used for trolling purposes per team (one per entrant). If fishing alone (one person team) one rod may be used.
16. Ties will be broken by time of earliest release of teams' first fish. If still tied, then by a flip of the coin.
17. Tournament entrants are expected to respect the fishing area of another contestant. The fishing area is considered to be 100' from their boat. Please use good judgment and good sportsmanship in participating.