

OFFICIAL RULES

Eligibility: Persons 18 years old and older will be allowed to compete in this tournament. Persons under 18 can only participate as the teammate of an angler 18 years old or older. The adult member of any team assumes responsibility for a minor team member.

Pre-Tournament Practice: No pre-fishing allowed after 10:00 pm on Monday, June 5th, 2023.

Safety: All contestants must observe U.S. Coast Guard and current Minnesota boating regulations. All contestants will wear an approved personal flotation device upon take-off from the starting line.

Sportsmanship: Contestants will be expected to be courteous, safety conscious and observe fundamental sporting practices. Any infraction observed can result in disqualification. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in contestants' boats during the tournament.
Tackle: Artificial and live baits may be used. Barbless hooks are encouraged.

Fishing Area: Lake Belle Taine, and if reachable by boat, Shallow Lake, Deer Lake and Round Lake – including the river systems connecting them.

Boat and Motor: Must meet U.S. Coast Guard and Minnesota boating regulations for two person occupancy and maximum permissible motor size. Boats must have a functioning livewell system.

Lake Headquarters: Launching will take place at the public access on Lake Belle Taine. All fish weighing will be done at *Dudley's Beach*. **At the end of the tournament**, no fish should be bagged or brought to the weigh station until an official calls for it. Boats will be called in numerical order - by team number. Please watch the flip-chart at the weigh station for your team number. Leave fish in an aerated livewell. Contestants are urged to weigh-in throughout the day, but once a fish has been weighed – it becomes part of the bag limit and team weight.

Fishing Hours: The tournament will be held from **6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 10th, 2023.**

Late Penalty: Contestants who check in later than the assigned finishing time will be disqualified.

Scoring: All scoring will be announced and prizes awarded at the Nevis Muskie Park only. Prizes will be based on total weight as follows: Total weight of all three species; **Walleye (5** may be entered per team), **Northern Pike (3** may be entered per team, but only 2 may be over 26") and **Bass (5** may be entered per team – largemouth or smallmouth, or a combination of the two) combined. No Muskies. One pound = one point. (I.e. 3.25 lbs. = 3.25 points). No dead fish will be accepted. Fish on stringers will be considered dead.

Bonus Points: A one-time bonus of 3 points will be awarded for entering all 3 species: Walleye, Northern Pike and Bass.

Minimum Length: for **Bass is 12 inches**, **Walleye is 15 inches**, and **Northern Pike is no minimum**. Penalty for under-length fish is the weight of that fish and it will be deducted from your limit. Silver Pike, for scoring purposes will be considered Northern Pike. 2 Walleyes over 20" are allowed per team, and 2 Northern Pike over 26" are allowed per team.

Northern Pike from 22" to 26" may NOT be entered (follow State Law). Doing so will result in disqualification.

Ties will be broken by the largest Walleye caught; if still tied, by the largest Northern Pike caught; then the largest Bass. **Teams** must enter as two people only. (See details for first time entry bonus).

Boat Inspection will take place before launching and will be constantly observed during the tournament. Boats or boat trailers found to have milfoil or other plant life on them may be disqualified. All contestants' boats shall be readily identifiable by a uniquely colored ribbon, which will remain attached to the bow of the boat at all times. During the tournament hours, boats may only be docked at Dudley's Beach (see attached map) or the Public Access on Lake Belle Taine for emergency or restroom reasons. In the event of an emergency, officials will be in boats on tournament waters or at the weigh station. Breaking these rules will result in disqualification. Boats must also go through AIS inspection when leaving the lake after the tournament.

Interpretation of Rules: This is the exclusive prerogative of the tournament committee. On the day of the tournament, the decisions of judges and officials shall be final in all matters.

Closed Throttle Operation: Boat operation shall be closed throttle in all areas so designated by signs, buoys or markers and in any area so designated by the tournament officials.

Fish and Game Law Violations will result in immediate disqualification.

Fish Inspection: Tournament officials shall have the right to open and inspect any fish during the weigh-in process.

Contestants may quit fishing and weigh their catch at any time during the tournament, but once having quit, are through for the day. **Anyone could be subjected to a lie detector test.** Results from the lie detector test could determine disqualification and loss of winnings, as decided by the tournament committee. By entering the tournament, permission for the test is granted. **Entry forms may be rejected for any reason.**

Cirks Brothers' Memorial Scholarship Fishing Tournament

Saturday, June 10th, 2023
Lake Belle Taine
Nevis, MN

\$150 entry fee per two-member team

\$2000 First Place!
10 Place Payback!



- The team that draws the 50th take-off position gets \$100! **
- Also, see the incentive for those entering the tournament for the first time.

This walleye, northern and bass tournament has been named in memory of Gene and Kelley Cirks, two avid Lake Belle Taine anglers.

This tournament is dedicated to providing a yearly scholarship from the proceeds generated by \$10 of the registration fee. The \$10 is tax deductible.

Cirks Brothers' Memorial Scholarship Fishing

Tournament

June 10th, 2023 - Lake Belle Taine, Nevis, MN

Entry Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____ e-mail _____
 First Time Entrant? yes no
 Partner Information (required):
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____ e-mail _____

Check if you would like a text confirmation of your entry:

1. Entry form must be accompanied by \$150 entry fee in order to constitute official entry, and must be received in-person, or via USPS mail, by Jeremy Anderson - and only Jeremy Anderson - no later than 7 p.m. Friday, June 9th, 2023.
2. On Friday night, June 9th, 2023 at 7 p.m., rules will be discussed by the officials at Muskie Park, Nevis. At least one team member must be present.

Make checks payable to: Cirks Brothers' Fishing Tournament

C/o Jeremy Anderson
23850 Elderberry Circle
Nevis, MN 56467

By entering the 2023 Cirks Brothers' Memorial Scholarship Fishing Tournament, I agree to follow said official rules and I also agree that the tournament officials and sponsors shall assume no liability for any injury that I may sustain or theft and/or damage of any of my equipment that could occur as a result of my entry and participation in said tournament. I will not pre-fish after 10:00 pm Monday, June 5th, 2023.

Signature #1 _____

Date: _____

Signature #2 _____

Date: _____

Incredibly Mediocre Award

The 25th place team wins

\$100!*

*Prize awarded only if 50 teams enter tournament.

Ole & Lena Award

The highest placing male/female team wins

\$100!

Iron Horse First Timer's Award

Team or individual that enters the tournament for the first time and scores highest among first time entrants receives:

\$150!*

Draw the coveted 50th take-off position on the night of the rules meeting and you win

\$100!*

**Prize awarded only if 50 teams enter tournament.

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 9th, 2023

7p.m.: Rules meeting at Muskie Park.

Saturday, June 10th, 2023

5-6:30 a.m.: Boat check & boat launching at Belle Taine public access.

6:30 a.m.: Fishing begins

3:00 p.m.: Fishing ends.

4:45 p.m.: Awards at Muskie Park

Prizes

1 st	\$2000
2 nd	\$1000
3 rd	\$750
4 th	\$500
5 th	\$400
6 th	\$300
7 th	\$200
8 th	\$200
9 th	\$150
10 th	\$150

\$150 awarded for the largest Walleye, Northern & Bass!!

Nevis Lions Family Night Meal

Will be held prior to the rules meeting from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 10th at the Nevis Muskie pavilion. Rules meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Bring the family! Open to the public!