

## Southern Alberta Walleye Trail Rules

1. Catch and release tournament, we ask that all fish caught be handle with care.
2. All people competing in the tournament must be a member for the calendar year. Memberships are \$20.00. All teams entered in the tournament must have one member of there team present at Fridays rules meeting to be held at 08:00 pm or as soon as every team is registered.
3. Each entrant will be required to sign a waiver form before being allowed to participate in a SAWT function, once signed, this waiver will be in affect for the whole of the SAWT season.
4. When registering Friday, the team member operating the boat must provide verification of their boating license (where required by law).
5. Promoters and organizations hosting/ assisting in the tournament operations, their agencies, and agents are not responsible for the death, damage, injury, liability, theft, fire or any loss to any entrants or families and friends.
6. All anglers must possess (where required by law) a valid fishing license, and comply with all Alberta Fishing regulations.
7. Each boat is required to pass a boat inspection each day of the tournament.
8. Each boat is required to have personnel flotation devices (PFD) and MUST be worn at the start of the tournament. Each boat will require a bailing bucket, sounding device, oars and acceptable live-well. Officials will determine whether the live –well(s) is (are) accepted or not.
9. Entrants must be 16 years of age, if less than 16 years of age must be with an adult.
10. Entry fee will only be returned if notice is given 7 days prior to the start of the tournament.
11. Only two people in the boat except as expressly waived by the SAWT executive and members.
12. Cellular phones are allowed for business or emergency purposes ONLY. Two ways radios are not allowed.
13. Any boat found with alcohol bottles or cans, empty or full will be DISQUALIFIED from the tournament.
14. Pre-fishing may occur up until 3:00pm sharp the Friday previous to the start of the tournament.
15. Teams will be assigned a number at registration on Friday. This number will be in the order in which you leave the starting line the first day and reversed starting order will take place on the second day.
16. All boats are required to display/carry an identifying decal with your number in order to identify them as tournament anglers.
17. Boat inspections will start at 05:30 It will be your responsibility to be on time and to allow for traffic line ups.
18. FISHING TIMES. First flight is 06:30am to 03:30pm, Second flight 07:30am to 04:30 pm on Saturday. First flight is 06:30am to 01:30pm, Second flight 07:30am to 02:30 pm on Sunday.
19. Teams returning late will loose 20% of there daily weight for every minute late. After five (5) minutes, day's total Weight will be disqualified. Once a team has weighed four (4) fish, their fishing day is over and will return to shore.
20. Each team's boat will be required to pass through two (2) buoys in a NO WAKE ZONE. Once clear of the buoys teams may throttle up. Slower boats are asked to immediately turn and travel closer to the shore line.  
SAFETY IS PARAMOUNT
21. The tournament at Travers Reservoir will have an Out-of-Bounds fishing area at all times, located between the 2 no-wake zone signs.

22. In previous years, there have been issues with boaters speeding through the No Wake Zone when going to or coming from the river. There will be an Automatic Disqualification of any boat found speeding through the no-wake zone at any given time during tournament hours.
23. **MEASURING FISH:** Only walleye, sauger and saugeye are eligible for tournament fishing. All fish will be measured in millimeters (mm) and will be translated to a pound (lb) measurement for the purpose of calculating heaviest fish and total weight of all fish entered. All fish will be measured on the water by tournament officials at predetermined areas. **THE WEIGH MASTER IS THE OFFICIAL JUDGE AND ALL MEASUREMENTS BY THE OFFICIALS ARE FINAL.**  
**ANY TEAM MEASURING A FISH UNDER LEGAL SIZE FOR THAT BODY OF WATER WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THAT TOURNAMENT.** The minimum size limit will be the legal size limit set for that body of water. For example, one can only measure a 500mm or greater on a water body where 500mm is the legal size limit. If the body of water is a legal size limit of 550mm or greater then can measure equal to that or greater. **ONLY FOUR (4) FISH PER DAY. NO STROKING AND NO FUZZING IS ALLOWED.**  
**ONLY LIVE FISH WILL BE MEASURED.**  
**YOU MUST DECLARE THE NUMBER OF FISH ON THE BOAT AND HAVE ALL LIVE WELLS OPEN AT TIME OF WEIGH IN.**  
 When weighing in fish at the weigh boat, the Weigh Master will inspect the fish. If the fish are declared "green" they can be weighed and released. If a fish is declared "Red", the "Red" fish will be weighed and released. The "Red" fish will be allowed 60 seconds to swim away at its own power. There will be no reworking of fish. If the "Red" fish is still belly-up and having difficulties, or floats back up within the 60 seconds, the Weigh Master will call that fish disqualified, and you will receive a weighed fish at Zero (0) weight. **NO SECOND CHANCES.**  
 Teams picking fish up that are floating on the water will be disqualified.  
 Once the fish has been measured, the weight will be documented in the official record book and will be initialed by a team member. That measurement is final.  
**NO MORE THAN THE LEGAL LIMIT WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE LIVE WELL FOR THAT BODY OF WATER. TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE ALLOWED TO CHECK AT ANY TIME FOR VIOLATIONS. TEAMS FOUND TO BE VIOLATING THE RULES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**  
 Checking of fish at any weigh station is prohibited.
24. A team member may leave the boat at the original boat launch to go to the bathroom, get more bait etc. But upon return to the boat, it must again require a boat inspection prior to commencing fishing again.
25. A boat must not come in contact with any other boat except the officials on the water. Being sports minded anglers you should give other boats appropriate courtesy/consideration either fishing or under throttle.
26. **Spirit of the Rule/Protest** All rules have "loopholes" It is the intention of the SAWT to provide an honest Sportsman like tournament. In the interest of good sportsmanship, contestants are reminded that "spirit of the rule" will prevail and all judgments by officials are final. All questions or problems concerning the rules are to be referred to the tournament chairperson.  
 Any contestant has the right to make a protest against another contestant. A protest form is available from the tournament chairperson and must be filled out and submitted to the chairperson within one hour of the close of the fishing day. A one hundred (\$100.00) dollar protest fee will be required to accompany any formal protest. The fee will be returned if the protest is found to be valid by the protest committee. If found to be invalid the fee will not be returned.
27. **THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY ANY TEAM FOR RULE INFRACTIONS IF THE SITUATION WARRANTS SUCH ACTION.**
28. **THE DIRECTORS OF THE SAWT RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DECLINE ANY ANGLER FROM ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY DISQUALIFIED FOR CHEATING AT ANY OTHER FISHING EVENTS.**

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