



# 34TH ANNUAL BARNES COUNTY WILDLIFE WALLEYE TOURNAMENT



JUNE 10 & 11, 2023 AT LAKE ASHTABULA VALLEY CITY, ND

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any person 16 years old and older will be eligible to compete in the tournament. Persons under 16 years can participate only as a teammate of a parent, guardian or relative 18 years or older. A completed and signed entry form must be accompanied by the \$200.00 entry fee.

**RULES MEETING & BANQUET:** One team member must attend rules meeting on June 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Sodbusters in Sibley.

**PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE:** Any time up to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 9, 2023.

**FISHING HOURS:** Saturday, June 10, 2023, eight (8) hours of competition and Sunday, June 11, 2023, six (6) hours of competition. Explanation of flights, check-out and check-in at tournament rules meeting.

**HEADQUARTERS, CHECK-OUT AND CHECK-IN:** The designation marked area at Sodbusters will be Tournament Headquarters. Each team must check-out and check-in each day with tournament officials at this location. Team number tags must be turned in and out each day. If not adhered to, disqualifications will result. The scale for weigh-in of fish will be open throughout the fish day. Under NO circumstances shall anyone other than contestants or officials handle or touch the catch until after it has been presented to the officials at the weigh scale. One team member will verify weights and sign a scale ticket.

**CATCH & RELEASE:** Catch and Release is recommended. All fish caught by participants will be surrendered to BCWF for releasing or will be returned to participants if so requested at the end of tournament hours. All contestants are urged to bring fish in immediately to be weighed and then released by tournament personnel.

**INSPECTION:** Boats will be inspected before and during the tournament. Cheating will result in immediate disqualification.

**FISHING AREA:** From Dam to 200 feet south of Karnak Bridge and ¼ mile in Bald Hill Creek. At all bridges, NO fishing 200 feet south and 200 feet north of bridges.

**TACKLE:** Artificial and live baits may be used, according to North Dakota Game and Fish Department rules.

**SPORTSMANSHIP—SPIRIT OF THE RULE:** Contestants will be expected to be courteous, safety conscious and practice fundamental sporting principles. All rules have loopholes. It is the intention of the sponsor to provide an honest sportsmanlike tournament. In the interest of good sportsmanship, contestants are reminded that the "Spirit of the Rule" will prevail in all judgment cases.

**REGULATIONS:** All contestants must observe US Coast Guard and North Dakota Game and Fish Department rules, regulations, laws and license requirements. All boats must carry state required safety items. If any contestant violates a North Dakota Game and Fish Department law or regulation, it will be grounds for immediate disqualification.

**FISHING:** It shall be ILLEGAL for two (2) contestants' boats to pull up to each other during tournament hours. Fishing contestants must maintain a prescribed distance from other contestants' boats when fishing, recommended minimum 50 feet. Contestants may not leave the boat at any time to land fish or untangle line or lures. All boats will be allowed to land at the tournament headquarters and Bayshore Resort during tournament hours.

**FISH:** Contestants are to use live wells or coolers to keep fish as fresh as possible during the tournament. If any fish are questionable (white gills, soft flesh, sunken eyes, etc.) due to poor handling by a team, these fish may not be counted, and team disqualifications may result based on the judgment of the officials. NO STRINGERS OR BASKETS PERMITTED.

**COMMUNICATION DEVICES:** CB, marine radios and cell phones will be permitted for emergency transmission only. Transmitting information over a radio concerning any aspect of the taking of fish during the tournament is prohibited.

**EARLY PENALTY:** Contestants who leave earlier than their assigned flight time will be disqualified for that day.

**LATE PENALTY:** Contestants who return later than the prescribed time, will be penalized twenty (20%) percent. Over 15 minutes late will be disqualified for the day. If a team fails to report in after either day of fishing, they will be disqualified from the tournament.

**TAGGING:** Each team will be provided 5 walleye tags each day. It is the responsibility of each team to safeguard their tags during the tournament and all unused tags must be turned in at weigh-in each day. Proper tagging is through the lower jaw near the lip and then locking it securely. If an untagged walleye is found in any competitor's boat during a tag-tournament, for any reason, that team will immediately be disqualified from the tournament and all walleyes must be tagged with locked tags.

**SCORING:** For the Barnes County Wildlife Tournament, prizes will be based on weight (pounds and ounces) during the two days of competition. Each team will be permitted to weigh-in five (5) properly tagged walleyes per team per day. Only walleyes will be counted that are 14 inches long or longer.

**TIES:** Ties will be resolved by awarding the place to the team with the largest Sunday catch. Placing's will be adjusted accordingly.

**PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded on a team basis, except for the largest fish prize. Prizes will be announced at the completion of the tournament after final checks are made by tournament officials. All payoffs for cash prizes are based on full field. Contingency prizes may be offered by sponsors, supporters or other invested prizes. These will be posted and/or announced at the banquet.

**APPLICABLE TAXES:** Contestants alone will be responsible for any applicable taxes due on any prize won in compliance with Federal and State tax laws. Contestants agree to provide their Social Security number if eligible for any prizes.

**POLYGRAPH:** All teams are subject to, and awards will be based on polygraph tests or voice stress tests (if administered).

**REFUSAL:** Tournament officials reserve the right to refuse entry to any individuals.

**PROTESTS:** Only contestants and tournament officials have the right to contest the actions of another team or contestants. Protest by contestants must be filed in writing with the tournament director, in person, no later than one (1) hour after the close of that fishing day. A \$100 protest fee must accompany any protest offered by a contestant. A three (3) person committee consisting of the tournament officials will convene to investigate and make a decision regarding the protest. The Protest Committee and their agents are authorized to utilize polygraph examinations and any other investigative technique, including testimony under oath, in order to determine the validity of the protest or the charge against any contestant. The decision of the Protest Committee shall be by majority vote and shall be final in all cases. Contestants waive any right or opportunity to appeal the decision of the Protest Committee to a higher authority including any court or jurisdiction in this or any other state. If a protest by a contestant is found to be valid, the protest fee will be returned. If the protest is found invalid, the fee will not be returned. Any person found violating the rules may be immediately disqualified and the reasons for said disqualification announced at the weigh-in

**MISCELLANEOUS:** All questions or problems concerning rules of this tournament are to be referred to the tournament chairmen. If one member of a team drops out before the tournament, he may be replaced by the choice of the remaining team member, but tournament chairmen must be notified. If an entire team drops out, the spot will be filled by the tournament chairmen and not by the team that withdrew. Entry fees from a withdrawal will not be refunded after May 1, 2023, unless tournament chairmen are successful in filling the vacant position. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any abuse of tournament officials may constitute disqualification from the tournament.

**PARENT, GRANDPARENT/ CHILD TEAM:** The child must be under 30 years of age by the start of the tournament.

**Interpretation of these rules is left exclusively to the tournament committee. The decision of directors and officials shall be final in all matters.**



**ENTRY FEE \$200.00**  
Per 2-Member Team

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**LIMITED TEAMS**

## JUNE 10 & 11, 2023 AT LAKE ASHTABULA

VALLEY CITY, ND

### \$15,550 IN PRIZE MONEY

1ST PLACE.....\$ 1,800.00	11TH PLACE.....\$ 400.00
2ND PLACE.....\$ 1,300.00	12TH PLACE.....\$ 400.00
3RD PLACE.....\$ 1,200.00	13TH PLACE.....\$ 400.00
4TH PLACE.....\$ 1,000.00	14TH PLACE.....\$ 400.00
5TH PLACE.....\$ 900.00	15TH PLACE.....\$ 400.00
6TH PLACE.....\$ 800.00	16TH PLACE.....\$ 400.00
7TH PLACE.....\$ 700.00	17TH PLACE.....\$ 400.00
8TH PLACE.....\$ 650.00	18TH PLACE.....\$ 400.00
9TH PLACE.....\$ 600.00	19TH PLACE.....\$ 400.00
10TH PLACE.....\$ 550.00	20TH PLACE.....\$ 400.00

<u>1ST DAY</u>		<u>2ND DAY</u>	
PLACE.....	PRIZE	PLACE.....	PRIZE
<b>NORTHERN</b>		<b>NORTHERN</b>	
1ST.....	\$100.00	1ST.....	\$100.00
2ND.....	\$50.00	2ND.....	\$50.00
<b>WALLEYE</b>		<b>WALLEYE</b>	
1ST.....	\$200.00	1ST.....	\$200.00
2ND.....	\$100.00	2ND.....	\$100.00

5--\$50.00 Prizes to Non-Placers

**2--\$100 Prize**

Parent, Grandparent/Child Team  
John & Tammy Sadek  
In Memory of sons Nick & Andrew

**\$200 Prize**

Most Improved  
2--\$100.00 Prizes  
Bob Kelley Spirit Award

**2--\$50.00 Prizes**

Kim Foell Memorial

**TRACKER BOATING CENTER**  
Main Ave. and I-29  
Fargo, ND  
(701) 282-9000

**2023 First Place Team  
Free Entry  
for 2024  
Donated by  
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Center**

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: PERRY KAPAUN, SHELLY DIFFERDING

**JUNE 9: RULES MEETING | JUNE 10 & 11: TOURNAMENT**

**CATCH & RELEASE IS REQUIRED – ALL FISH WILL BE RELEASED BACK TO WATER**

**SIBLEY SODBUSTERS, LAKE ASHTABULA IS TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS**

DETACH HERE AND MAIL ENTRANCE FEE TO:  
BARNES COUNTY WILDLIFE  
BOX 148, VALLEY CITY, ND 58072  
PHONE: 701-490-1797

### BARNES COUNTY WILDLIFE WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

#### Official Entry Form

(Please Print Clearly—Enter As Team)

First Partner: NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Second Partner: NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Burgers -  Yes  No Saturday Prime Rib -  Yes  No

Waiver: We the undersigned hereby release the Barnes County Wildlife Walleye Tournament and their agents, from death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire, or any loss occurring during this event. Having read the rules, we agree to comply with them. By signing this application I hereby agree to submit a polygraph test if and when directed by the tournament committee.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_