



Volet Opémiska : time limit 7h00 pm
Volet Opémiska : no registration station at Oujé-Bougoumou
Volet Baie-James : 20 inches maximum (9.10)
Volet Baie-james : Improvement of the James Bay

Contest with cash prizes (9.12)

Official Rules Edition 2009

« AMATEURS » Category

1 INSCRIPTIONS

- 1.1 1400 tickets available with 1200 tickets in the Opémiska Contest (maximum of 200 anglers per day), and 200 tickets in the James Bay Contest only.
- 1.2 The ticket at 65.00\$ taxes included, gives you access to all of the following Amateur Contests when applicable:
 - One day of fishing in the Opémiska Contest (June 19-20-21-24-25 or 26, 2009)
 - Participation in the James Bay Contest with registration of three (3) catches during the whole month of June (June 1st to June 25th at 21:00pm)
 - For the youth (Youth Contest) and/or women (Women Contest), an additional chance to win prizes with the catches registered through their Opémiska Contest
- 1.3 Tickets sale starts on April 1st 2009 until the day of the event (upon availability of places).
- 1.4 Inscriptions by phone at 418 745-2020 or on the toll free line 1 877 846-2020. Credit cards Visa and Master Card accepted.
- 1.5 For the Opémiska Contest, a person may buy up to 6 tickets (limit of one ticket per day, per person).
- 1.6 Participants of the winning team in last year's PRO-VIP first position will only have access to the four «Participation» days of the « AMATEURS » Category.
- 1.7 No reimbursements after May 31st 2009. If a cancellation is needed for undisputable reasons and with proof to justify it, the management reserve its right to apply a credit (valid only for one year) accordingly with the amount that was paid out, and applicable on the next edition only.
- 1.8 Disqualification of the tournament for any reason will lead to the loss of the amount paid for the ticket.

2 RULES AND OBLIGATIONS – OPEMISKA, FEMININE AND YOUTH CONTESTS

- 2.1 Take place exclusively on Opémiska Lake, near Chapais.
- 2.2 These contests will take place on June 19-20-21-24-25 and 26, 2009 (No fishing tournament on Monday and Tuesday, June 22 and 23)
- 2.3 Maximum of 200 tickets per day. **The fishing date is reserved upon purchase of the ticket.** In order to face any situations out of our control, the management reserve its right to exceed this maximum with no more than 10 additional tickets per day.
- 2.4 A participant can change the fishing date for the Opémiska Contest until June 18th. 2009 (upon availability of places). After this date, he gets a penalty of 2 points per catch.
- 2.5 It is mandatory to conform to all of the prescribed main rules of Sport fishing in Québec by the Ministère des Ressources Naturelles et de la Faune for summer 2009, unless the JBWFT Decisional Committee specifies more restrictive measures. In case of doubt, the Committee may refuse the walleye. The Opémiska Lake is located in the fishing zone 17 where it is prohibited to use dead or live bait-fish. Worms and leeches are authorised.
- 2.6 **We also invite you to respect and take measures in order to protect our lake from aquatic invasive species (www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/biodiversite/ae/intru-en.pdf), see the pamphlet inside the information's kit.**
- 2.7 All regulations pertaining to waterway navigation must be respected.
- 2.8 Comments, pictures or images of the participants may be used for promotional activities without any further requests or permissions from the participants.
- 2.9 Registration starts at 7:00 a.m. at the Reception Office of the official site. The participant must present his ticket to register and upon his signature on the participant's listing, he will receive his numbered tag, a boat identification flag and an information's kit.
- 2.10 It is mandatory for each participant to sign the participant's listing each morning of his tournament fishing day. By that signature, the participant confirms that he has read, understood and that he accepts to conform himself to the established regulations of this tournament and that he renounces to institute any claim or legal procedure against the JBWFT officials and organization for any loss, injury or material damage incurred in connection with this tournament. Youngsters under the age of eighteen (18) will have to provide an agreement signed by a parent or a guardian.
- 2.11 **It is mandatory for each participant to wear its numbered tag at all time in order to facilitate the security and the work of our surveillance patrol.**
- 2.12 For safety reasons, the numbered tags must **ABSOLUTELY** be returned at the end of the day (on the event site, at the official registration station or the Reception office). Non respect of this rule will bring on a 30.00\$ fees charged to the participant at fault.
- 2.13 The boat identification flag must be installed by an official and be kept visible at all time. At the end of the fishing day, this flag must be remitted to the official that will proceed to the verification of your boat.
- 2.14 Boats will be verified before, during and after the fishing day. A participant that refuses a searching will lead members of the boat to disqualification.
- 2.15 Only the people taking place on board the boat with a valid ticket for that day will be authorized to fish.
- 2.16 Participants must fish from a boat and this boat must always be at least 5 meters away from another boat or from the shore. Pedal boats and motomarines are excluded from the contest. Jet drive boats are however admitted as long as they have a livewell on board.
- 2.17 Throughout the fishing day, it is forbidden for the participants to leave their boat (whether on a deck, at a cottage or by the lake side) except for the registration station. In case of severe weather conditions, it is however authorized to reach a safer place until the weather returns to normal. For any emergency, you must inform an identified official.
- 2.18 No other species of fish can be kept in the boat during your participation in the tournament.
- 2.19 A clearing zone identified as "Pêche interdite et vitesse limitée / No Fishing and Limited Speed Zone" will be delimited for the release of the catches.
- 2.20 Limit of one LIVE walleye per participant in the boat at all times.
- 2.21 **None of the walleyes caught during their fishing day in the tournament can be kept by the participants.** Each participant agrees to keep his catches alive and release them all on the day of their participation in the tournament (Opémiska, Feminine and Youth Contests).
- 2.22 It is mandatory to remit all dead walleyes to the officials of the tournament. Possession of two dead walleyes or more might cause disqualification of all participants taking place in the boat. The officials will give those walleyes to charitable organizations.
- 2.23 **A participant must absolutely remit his numbered tag to the official registration station or the Reception office to signify his intention to no longer be active in this tournament.** Under no circumstances, participants can end their fishing day if they haven't remitted their numbered tag, none disqualify themselves; this decision can only be taken by the Decisional Committee.

3 REGISTRATION OF THE CATCHES – OPEMISKA, FEMININE AND YOUTH CONTESTS

- 3.1 Official registration station: Opémiska Lake pier: From **7:00am to 19:00pm** on each day of the tournament. Closed on June 22nd and 23th.
- 3.2 **TIME LIMIT: 19:00pm** The boat must reach the pier before the time limit in order to have the catches registered.
- 3.3 There will be a punch clock at the pier. The participant will have to get his registration sheet punched by the official each time he registers a fish.
- 3.4 Maximum of 3 registrations per ticket. Three live catches will be kept for classification.
- 3.5 Mandatory release of each catch; the registration of a catch will be valid only if the walleye swims away in his natural swimming position within one minute of its mandatory release, otherwise this catch will be annulled. Dead fishes will be picked up by the officials and be given to charitable organizations.
- 3.6 Any fish under twelve inches will be refused for registration.
- 3.7 The walleye is measured from the tip of the nose to the shortest length of the "V" in the tail and the weighing must be made with bare hands.
- 3.8 Each participant has the responsibility of handling and keeping his fish alive until its registration and release. **You are responsible of the datas appearing on your fish registration sheet. Your signature on this sheet implies that you approve those datas. Here are the three important points to check on your sheet: 1) Punch clock registration time; 2) weight inscription; 3) length inscription.**
- 3.9 Points are given for each walleye according to its weight (0.1 pounds margin error) + length (1/8 inch margin error) if the walleye swims away in his natural swimming position within one minute of its mandatory release.
Ex: walleye of 25 and 1/8 inches (25.125 points) weighting 5.6 pounds (5.6 points) that swims away in his natural swimming position within one minute of its mandatory release gives a total of 30.725 points.

4 DISQUALIFICATION OPEMISKA-FEMININE-YOUTH CONTESTS

- 4.1 The Decisional Committee has the right to disqualify a participant when a sufficient amount of complaints from the public are made, or if any reasonable doubts concerning the non respect of the rules are raised against a participant and/or people taking in the same boat of a participant.
- 4.2 Any action or behavior of a participant that could have negative repercussions on the image of the tournament or the safety of other participants could lead to a disqualification by the JBWFT Decisional Committee.
- 4.3 In a case where a violation to the rules of the tournament is reported to the JBWFT Decisional Committee, and that an irrevocable decision specifies that a violation to the rules has indeed occurred, a disqualification will be established by the JBWFT Decisional Committee and prizes/bursaries attached to the winning position will be revoked.
- 4.4 All the participants in a boat can be disqualified if:
 - 4.4.1 Refusal of the boat searching upon request of an official.
 - 4.4.2 Voluntary cut of the fishing line or breaking of the rod at the arrival of an official.

- 4.4.3 Non respect of the fishing rules and regulations of the Ministère des Ressources Naturelles et de la Faune.
- 4.4.4 Registered walleye does not come from Opemisca Lake.
- 4.4.5 A participant does not respect the 5 meters distance between boats.
- 4.4.6 Getting off the boat anywhere else of the registration station without authorization, unless the weather threatens your safety.
- 4.4.7 An individual aboard the boat is fishing without a numbered tag (only the participants are allowed to fish in a boat).
- 4.4.8 A boat contains more than 2 dead fishes aboard; all dead fishes must be remitted to an official of the tournament.
- 4.4.9 A boat contains more than one live walleye per participant.

- 4.5 Only the participant himself will be disqualified if:
 - 4.5.1 Participant went fishing without going to register and sign the participant's listing first.
 - 4.5.2 Participant does not return his numbered tag (30\$ fees).

5 PROTESTS

- 5.1 The Director of the Tournament or the participants can raise a protest. The protest must be raised the same day of the reprovod act and addressed in writing to the Decisional Committee before 20:30pm. The protest must be accompanied by a deposit of \$150 cash which will be reimbursed if the protest is found valid. Following a meeting with the concerned parties, an irrevocable decision will be made by the Decisional Committee.
- 5.2 The list of the members of the JBWFT Decisional Committee will be posted at the Reception Office board near by the Opemisca Lake pier.
- 5.3 Members of the JBWFT Decisional Committee cannot participate in the tournament.
- 5.4 Decisions taken by the Decisional Committee are irrevocable.

6 PRIZES AND BURSARIES OPEMISKA-FEMININE-YOUTH CONTESTS

- 6.1 Prizes and bursaries will be given at the official site of the event nearby the Opemisca Lake pier, under the big tent, during the closing ceremony on June 27th, 2009.
- 6.2 Daily participation prizes will be awarded at the Reception Office, nearby the Opemisca Lake pier on the same evening and the name of the winners will be posted on a board. In order to recuperate their prize, the winner will have to present an ID card with his picture and his ticket if possible.
- 6.3 Winners of the Princecraft boats and Kawasaki ATV will have to claim their prizes at the Sports Plein Air Gagnon dealer in Chibougamau within 30 days of the official presentation of the prizes on June 27th 2009. Only the GST and QST taxes are paid by the JBWFT on Princecraft boats and Arctic Cat ATV. Any other fees related to obtain and use these vehicles are under the winner's responsibility.
- 6.4 Transportation fees to reach the establishments where packages are offered are under the winner's responsibility.
- 6.5 Only one prize per ticket can be remitted to its winner. If a participant wins more than one prize with the same ticket, the most valuable prize only will be remitted. The less valuable prize will then be remitted to the participant occupying the next immediate position following the original winning place.
- 6.6 Each of the three catches will count for the decreasing classification of each respective Contest. The final score classification will be made in a decreasing rank as per 1) the total score, then 2) the weight of the fish, then 3) the length of the fish, then 4) the time of the first catch registered on the day of the Opémiska Contest, and finally, 5) the purchase date of the ticket (from the oldest to the most recent).
- 6.7 Based upon THE HIGHEST SCORE OF THE WEEK, following the decreasing rank as explained in the above 6.6 point, **the best catch registered in the Opémiska Contest will declare the winner of the Grand Prize:** Princecraft Holiday DLX SC boat with a Mercury 40 ELP EFI 4S motor, a sonar and a trailer (Approximate value of 21 500\$)
- 6.8 Based upon a position that will be determined in public at around 20:00pm on each fishing day of the Opémiska Contest, a **Super Prize** will be remitted as follows:
 - Friday, June 19 / 1st position: Princecraft Fisherman 14 feet boat with Mercury 9.9 motor and trailer (Approximate value of 7 500\$)
 - Saturday, June 20 / To come: Arctic Cat 366 4X4 (Approximate value of 8 500\$)
 - Sunday, June 21 / To come: Princecraft Fisherman 14 feet boat with Mercury 9.9 motor and trailer (Approximate value of 7 500\$)
 - Wednesday, June 24 / To come: Arctic Cat 366 4X4 (Approximate value of 8 500\$)
 - Thursday, June 25 / To come: Princecraft Fisherman 14 feet boat with Mercury 9.9 motor and trailer (Approximate value of 7 500\$)
 - Friday, June 26 / 1st position: Arctic Cat 366 4X4 (Approximate value of 8 500\$)
- 6.9 On each of the 6 fishing days in the Opémiska Contest, many participation prizes will be remitted amongst all participants that went fishing.

7 WOMEN'S CONTEST

- 7.1 The Women's Contest is complementary to the Opemisca Contest and the same rules apply.
- 7.2 Women also have access to the other Contests of the « *AMATEURS* » Category.
- 7.3 With the same ticket, only the highest prize between the contests will be distributed to the winner.
- 7.4 **Prizes and bursaries Feminine Contest – 10th Based upon the predetermined winning positions of the final classification in the Women's Contest at the end of the week**
 - 10th position: 1 500\$ in cash (Sponsored by Bonichoix Clément Breton)
 - 20th position: 500\$ in Gift certificates exchangeable at Centre 2MRC + 500\$
 - 30th position: 500\$ in Gift certificates exchangeable at Centre 2MRC
 - 40th position: Berkley products
 - 50th position: Berkley products

8 YOUTH CONTEST

- 8.1 The Youth's Contest is complementary to the Opemisca Contest and the same rules apply.
- 8.2 Participants must be under eighteen years old on the fishing day they participate at the tournament. They must be accompanied by an adult that possess a valid Quebec fishing permit.
- 8.3 Youngsters also have access to the other contests of the « *AMATEURS* » Category
- 8.4 Prizes and bursaries will be distributed in the name of the parent or guardian of the young minor.
- 8.5 With the same ticket, only the highest prize between the contests will be distributed to the winner.
- 8.6 **Prizes and bursaries Youth Contest - Based upon the predetermined winning positions of the final classification in the Youth's Contest at the end of the week.**
 - *Prizes for that contest are sponsored and exchangeable at Home Hardware and Sports Excellence of Chibougamau (valid for one year)*
 - 5th position: 500\$ in gift certificates 20th position: 200\$ in gift certificates
 - 10th position: 400\$ in gift certificates 25th position: 100\$ in gift certificates
 - 15th position: 300\$ in gift certificates

9 JAMES BAY CONTEST

- 9.1 Tickets are available at 30\$ taxes included for those who wants to participate at the James Bay Contest only.
- 9.2 Open to all waterways of the James Bay territory.
- 9.3 Registrations begin on Friday, June 1st 2009 until Thursday, June 25th at 21h00pm.
- 9.4 None of the catches made during the Opémiska contest can be registered in the James Bay contest.
- 9.5 **Catch registration – these are the Official registration stations for the James Bay contest:**

Shell Garage Rivard 99 boul. Springer Chapais 418 745-3733	Dépanneur du Boulevard 1004 boul. Quévillon Lebel-sur-Quévillon 819 755-4244	Waswanipi Police 9, Highway 113 Waswanipi 819 753-2545
Garage Chamberland 581, 3 ^{ème} Rue Chibougamau 418 748- 4841	Cree Sports and Outdoors 91 Riverside Mistissini 418 923-2733	

- 9.6 Maximum of 3 catches registrations per ticket. None of the three catches already registered can be replaced.
- 9.7 Points of the 3 catches are cumulative and awarded according to the length (1/8 inch margin error) of the walleye.
- 9.8 The walleye is measured from the tip of the nose to the shortest length of the fanned tail. The tail will be cut off by the measurement attendant (therefore, the same fish cannot be registered more than once).
- 9.9 Catches do not have to be alive for registration in the James Bay Contest. However, any walleye frozen or defrost will not be registered.
- 9.10 Because we prefer focusing on participation rather than competition, any walleye measuring less than 12 inches or more than 20 inches long will be refused for registration.
- 9.11 The final score classification will be made in a decreasing rank as per 1) the total cumulative score of the three catches, then 2) the date of the first registered fish, then 3) the hour of the first registered fish, and finally 4) the purchase date of the ticket (from the oldest to the most recent).
- 9.12 **Prizes and bursaries James Bay Contest - Based upon the predetermined winning positions of the final classification in the James Bay Contest.**
 - 10th position: 1 000\$ 40th position: 1 000\$
 - 20th position: 1 000\$ 50th position: 1 000\$
 - 30th position: 1 000\$

10. CIVIL RESPONSABILITY

The JBWFT is not responsible for accidents, injuries, theft or breakage of any kind that may occur on the lake or on the official site of the tournament.

11. OFFICIAL RESULTS

Official results will be made public at the closure ceremony of June 27th, 2009 around 20h00 on the official site of the festival at the Opemisca lake pier.