



Official Rules Edition 2009

« PROFESSIONNELS » Category

1 INSCRIPTIONS

- 1.1 Maximum of 75 tickets sold.
- 1.2 Inscription fees at 600\$ (taxes included) per team. Half (50%) of the inscription fees (300\$) are payable upon registration and are non-refundable unless the JBWFT Organization Committee cancels the event. The second half (300\$) is payable by certified check, money order or cash on the morning of the PRO-VIP tournament.
- 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 If by June 1st, 2009 less than 45 teams have registered, the JBWFT reserves its right to cancel the event and if so, the registration fees will be refunded.
- 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 for only 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 lost of the inscription fees already paid.

2 RULES AND OBLIGATIONS

- 2.1 Six consecutive hours of fishing on the whole surface of the Opémisca lake. On Saturday, June 27th, 2009 from 8:00 am to 15:00 pm maximum.
- 2.2 The first 75 entries as of April 1st, 2009 until the morning of the event will be accepted.
- 2.3 Participants must be registered as a team. A team is composed of one to three persons in the same boat and must be identified by a name (if the team name has not been indicated upon registration, the person in charge of the team's name will be entered on the Official Board of the PRO-VIP Tournament. No child under twelve (12) years old will be accepted as a participant.
- 2.4 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 Opémisca Lake is located in the fishing zone 17 where it is prohibited to use dead or live bait-fish. Worms and leeches are authorised.
- 2.5 **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/eae/intru-en.pdf, see the pamphlet inside the information's kit.**
- 2.6 All regulations pertaining to waterway navigation must be respected.
- 2.7 Comments, pictures or images of the participants may be used for promotional activities without any further requests or permissions from the participants.
- 2.8 On the day of the PRO-VIP Tournament, each member of the team must be present at the Reception Office of the Official Site nearby the Opémisca Lake pier. Registration starts at 7:00 am. The person in charge of the team must present its ticket and make the last payment of the inscription fees. Then, upon his signature on the participant's listing, he will receive his team numbered tag, the fish registration card, a boat identification flag and an information's kit.
- 2.9 It is **mandatory** for the person in charge of the team to sign the participant's listing. By that signature, he confirms that he has read, understood and that he accepts for himself and all members of his team to conform to the established regulations of this tournament, and renounce 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. Participants under the age of eighteen (18) cannot sign this list. Each member of the team must have take notice of the tournament's rules.
- 2.10 **It is mandatory for the person in charge of the team to wear its numbered tag at all time in order to facilitate the security and the work of our surveillance patrol.**
- 2.11 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.
- 2.12 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 an official of the Lake Opémisca pier registration station who will proceed to the verification of your boat.
- 2.13 Boats will be verified before, during and after the fishing day. A participant that refuses a searching by an official will lead members of his team to disqualification.
- 2.14 Only the team participants of this tournament will be authorized on board the boat (maximum of 3 persons per team).
- 2.15 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.
- 2.16 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.
- 2.17 No other species of fish can be kept in the boat during your participation in the tournament.
- 2.18 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.
- 2.19 Limit of three (3) LIVE walleyes in the boat at all times. If another fish is caught, one catch will have to return in the lake. Refusal of this rule can lead the team to disqualification.
- 2.20 **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 his participation in the tournament.
- 2.21 It is mandatory to remit all dead walleyes to the officials of the tournament. Possession of two dead walleyes or more in the boat might cause disqualification of the team. The officials will give those walleyes to charitable organizations.
- 2.22 **The person in charge of the team 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, nore disqualify themselves; this decision can only be taken by the Decisional Committee.

3 REGISTRATION OF THE CATCHES

- 3.1 Official registration station: Opémisca Lake pier: Open from 7:00 am to 15:00 pm.
FIRST DEPARTURE OF THE PRO-VIP TOURNAMENT AT 8:00 am The leaving time of each team will be made by a random drawing.
- 3.2 **TIME LIMIT: 15:00 pm** 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. A participant of the team will have to get the fish registration card punched by an official upon departure and when he finishes the tournament. Presentation of the card will also be mandatory for registration of each fish.
- 3.4 Maximum of 3 registrations per ticket. Three live catches will be kept for classification.
- 3.5 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.
- 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.

4 POINTS AND BONUS POINTS

- 4.1 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 alive 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) leaving alive in his natural swimming position within one minute of its mandatory release gives a total of 30.725 points plus the bonus points according to the fishing time used.
- 4.2 Bonus points will be attributed after the registration of the last catch. Each team will be given 12 bonus points at the beginning. According to the fishing time used, which appears on the fish registration card that was punched at departure and return of the team, a calculation will be made as follows: one point for each 30 minutes of fishing time used will be deducted from the 12 bonus points at the beginning. The bonus time will be calculated to the minute ($1/60 \times$ number of minutes used $\times 2$).
Ex.: total time to fish and register 3 catches = 5 hours and 35 minutes
 $5\text{h}35\text{min} = 5 + 35/60 = 5,58 \text{ hrs}$
 $5,58 \text{ hrs} = 11,17 \text{ pts}$ (5,58 x 2pts) penalty pts.
 $12 \text{ points} - 11,17 \text{ points} = 0,83 \text{ points}$
Bonus for fishing time is 0,83 points

5 TEAM DISQUALIFICATION

- 5.1 The Decisional Committee has the right to disqualify a team when a sufficient amount of complaints from the public are made, or if any reasonable doubts concerning the non respect of rules are raised against any participant of the team.
- 5.2 Any action or behavior of a participant that could have negative repercussions on the image of the tournament or the safety of the other participants, might lead to disqualification of the team by the JBWFT Decisional Committee.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 A team can be disqualified if any of its members acts as follows:
 - 5.4.1 Refusal of the boat searching upon request of an official.
 - 5.4.2 Voluntary cut of the fishing line or breaking of the rod at the arrival of an official.
 - 5.4.3 Non respect of the fishing rules and regulations of the Ministère des Ressources Naturelles et de la Faune.
 - 5.4.4 Registered walleye does not come from Opemisca Lake.
 - 5.4.5 A team does not respect the 5 meters distance between boats.
 - 5.4.6 Getting off the boat anywhere else of the registration station without authorization, unless the weather threatens your safety.
 - 5.4.7 Only the team participants of this tournament will be authorized on board the boat (maximum of 3 persons per team).
 - 5.4.8 A boat contains more than 2 dead fishes aboard; all dead fishes must be remitted to an official of the tournament.
 - 5.4.9 A boat contains more than three (3) live walleyes.
 - 5.4.10 The person in charge of the team did not return his numbered tag (30\$ fees)

6 PROTESTS

- 6.1 The Director of the Tournament or the participants can raise a protest. The protest must be raised the same day of the reprovved act and addressed in writing to the Decisional Committee before 15:30pm. The protest must be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$150 which will be reimbursed if the protest is found valid. Following a closed-doors meeting with the concerned parties, an irrevocable decision will be made by the Decisional Committee.
- 6.2 The list of the members of the JBWFT Decisional Committee will be posted at the Reception Office board near by the Opemisca Lake pier.
- 6.3 The members of the JBWFT Decisional Committee cannot participate in the tournament.
- 6.4 Decisions taken by the Decisional Committee are irrevocable.

7 PRIZES AND BURSARIES

- 7.1 Prizes and bursaries will be given at the official site of the event, under the big tent, during the closing ceremony on June 27th, 2009.
- 7.2 Transportation fees to reach the establishments where packages are offered are under the winner's responsibility.
- 7.3 The bursaries will be distributed in the name of the person in charge of the team (name of the person on the registration ticket). They will go to the ten (10) highest-scoring teams with their three registered catch.
- 7.4 Points will be calculated as follows: Cumulative total of the three registered catches (length plus weight) added with the Bonus points = Final score.
- 7.5 Winning positions will be based on the highest final score following a decreasing rank.
- 7.6 In case of a tie in this score, the Starting time minus the Finish time registered on the punch card will determine which team has taken the less time for fishing and accordingly declare the winner. If a tie is still maintained, the first team that bought their ticket will be the winner (PURCHASE DATE).

1 st position: 10 000\$	2 nd position: 5 000\$	3 rd position: 4 000\$	4 th position: 3 000\$	5 th position: 2 000\$
6 th position: 1 000\$	7 th position: 900\$	8 th position: 800\$	9 th position: 700\$	10 th position: 600\$

7.7 Sprint

Shortest fishing time used to register a walleye (minimum of 15 inches) will determine the winning team. In other words, the team that register a fish using the less time from the departure time until the registration will win 1 000\$.

7.8 Participation prize

A splendid lodging package of a three nights stay from friday to monday morning for four (4) persons, with american plan, at the Mistissini Lodge including lake access and accommodations. A value of 1 900\$ including GST and QST. Transportation costs to reach the Mistissini Lodge are not included in this prize. Disqualified teams and winning teams of the 10 first positions as well as the SPRINT winner team won't be eligible for this prize.

8 CIVIL RESPONSABILITIES

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.

9 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, under the big tent.

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N.B.: JBWFT reserves the right to modify the regulations without notice until the 1st day of the tournament. *Last update January 29, 2009*