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FISHING TOURNAMENT RULES

- **Check-In:** Begins at 6:15 AM at the west landing of Lake Ripley.
- **Pre-Registration:** Recommended to secure your spot. **No registration after 7:45 AM.**
- **Fishing Hours:** 8:00 AM-12:00 PM.
- **Boat Limit:** Maximum of 5 contestants per boat.
- **New DNR Rule:** All boats must be equipped with functioning live wells (flow-through systems or aerators).
- **Boat Check:** All boats will be inspected prior to the contest.
- **Start Format:** Staggered start by boat number (assigned the morning of the contest). **No mass starts this year.**
- **Weigh-In Location:** Announced the morning of the contest. **Ends at 12:00 PM.**
- **Weigh-In Procedure:** Fish must be transported via a fish handling bag provided by Watercade. **Do not trailer boats to weigh-in.**
- **Catch and Release:** Encouraged.
- **Minnesota Regulations:** Must follow all fishing regulations, including life jackets, boat handling, and cleaning. **Northern Pike Slot:** 22-26 inches must be released, and up to 2 fish over 26 inches can be kept.
- **Penalty:** 1/4 lb. penalty for dead bass.
- **Tie Rule:** In case of a tie, prize money will be split equally.
- **Liability:** Watercade is not responsible for accidents or stolen items. Contestants are responsible for their actions and must understand the rules.
- **Boat and Shore Rules:** Keep a **20-foot distance** from other boats, shore, or docks. No shore fishing. **Restroom Use:** East Ripley Park beach only.
- **Officials:** Will be patrolling, and their decisions are final.
- **Weather Contingency:** Officials will decide whether to cancel, extend, or delay the contest in the event of bad weather. Updates can be found on the Watercade Facebook page.
- **Non-Refundable:** Contest fee is non-refundable.