



# 2007 DWF Tournament Rules

The number of rules for 2007 have been reduced and simplified. Please be aware that although there are few rules, they WILL be enforced 100% with no exceptions!! The final decision on all rules will be the responsibility of the Tournament Chairman.

## 2007 Schedule

**#1 Sunday April 1, 2007 (Wyandotte Yacht Club) River only**

**#2 Sunday April 29, 2007 (Wyandotte Yacht Club) River only**

**#3 Sunday May 13, 2007 (Bottom line Bait & Tackle) River only**

**#4 Sunday, June 3, 2007 (Bottom line Bait & Tackle) River and lake Erie**

**#5 Sunday June, 17, 2007 (Bottom line Bait & Tackle) River and Lake Erie  
Kid's Tournament**

**#6 Sunday July, 1, 2007 (Wyandotte Yacht Club) River and Lake Erie**

**Combined walleye-perch-smallmouth-pike-rockbass-sheephead big fish payouts for each species during the kid's tournament only.**

## New Tournament Points System

1. There will be up to 150 points possible for each tournament other than the Kids tournament. The system will work in a way in which points will be distributed to each ANGLER. First place will receive 150 points, second will receive 149 points and so on for all ANGLERS fishing that event. The ANGLERS that accumulate the most points possible out of the maximum 750 points for the tournament season will receive prizes for being the season point's leader.
2. Each boat entered in the tournament must have a BOAT NAME. The points accumulated will be applied to each ANGLER on the boat and will stay with them once earned (even if they fish in a different boat in another tournament)
3. The prizes will then be awarded to the Angler's with the highest accumulated points at the first club meeting after the 5<sup>th</sup> tournament.
4. Each Angler's Name will be recorded prior to each tournament and points will be applied to the Angler's that fish that tournament only.

What are the benefits of a points system? The DWF would love to see more club members fish each tournament and be more active in the club events. This is one way to get a higher turn out for all of the tournaments. It makes it more beneficial for those who fish the first tournaments to fish those after.

1. Entrants must be a current, paid up member of the Downriver Walleye Federation. Fees are \$15 per Angler & \$5 Big Fish (Optional, but all people in boat have to enter Big Fish if one enters).
  - a. A non-member guest will be permitted to fish one (1) tournament with a DWF member. Only one (1) non-member per boat will be allowed. Non- members will pay an additional \$5 fee.
  - b. Participants can launch at any site but must weigh in at the designated weigh-in site by the deadline or will be disqualified.
2. Tournament entries will close at 8 p.m. on the **FRIDAY** before the scheduled tournament.
3. Contestants are required to abide by all U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard, DNR/MNR rules/regulations.
4. Teams will be allowed to weigh a total of 5 walleyes/sauger/saugeye per team and winners will be determined by total weight. Prizes will be awarded as follows - 100% of Big Fish money will go to the big fish winner. 15% of the entry

fees will be retained by DWF for expenses - 1<sup>st</sup> place will pay 50% of balance - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 25% - 3<sup>rd</sup> place 15% - 4<sup>th</sup> place 10%

Example - \$100 total purse

DWF -	\$15
1 <sup>st</sup> pl.	\$42.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> pl.	\$21.25
3 <sup>rd</sup> pl.	\$12.75
4 <sup>th</sup> pl.	\$8.50

5. In the event of a tie in weight, the teams will split the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place prize equally. The same rule applies to all ties except the Big Fish contest, in which ties will be determined by length.
6. Winners must pick up their prize money at a DWF General Meeting within 6 months of the tournament or forfeit winnings to the DWF Kid's Fund.

**NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**

7. Fishing times can be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
8. **Entry forms may be picked up/turned in at DWF meetings, Andy's Tackle or Bottomline Bait & Tackle or mailed to Paul George, along with a check or M.O. at 4202 Lexington Dr., Trenton Mi, 48183 and be received by the FRIDAY before the tournament**
9. No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances may be consumed or in the possession of any contestant or guest during any D.W.F. tournament, or at any D.W.F. weigh-in site during tournament hours. Once the weigh-in is over, the tournament is considered over. After this time the D.W.F. is NOT responsible for the actions of any persons that participated in the tournament.
10. All protests must be filed with the Tournament Director by close of scales. A protest fee of \$50.00 will be required for a protest to be considered. If the protest is upheld, then the money will be given back to the protester. If the protest is not upheld, the money will be awarded to the contestant or team being implicated.
11. Contestant(s) may be disqualified and required to forfeit all tournament entry fees, Big Fish fees, or any winnings for that tournament. Contestant(s) may be refused entry to future D.W.F. tournaments.
12. ***All questions, judgments or problems during a tournament will be referred to the Tournament Directors. Tournament Directors have sole authority and jurisdiction in determining the application of the Downriver Walleye Federation Tournament rules & Regulation and subsequent penalties.***
13. Fishing times may be changed at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Please print legibly on Entry Forms.