

***Rules for the
2008 World Championship Musky Classic***

- 1). Fishing during “The Classic” will be conducted according to Wisconsin DNR rules with these following exceptions:
 - A) Musky will be accepted for registration only if they are a minimum of 35 inches or more. The DNR has “special” size limits on some lakes, which allow only larger musky to be kept. Check at the landing.
 - B) Tournament fishing schedule for “The Classic” is:
 1. **Friday, September 5, 2008, 12:00 noon to 7:00 P.M.**
 2. **Saturday, September 6, 2008, 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.**
 3. **Sunday, September 7, 2008, 7:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.**
 - C) No “jug” or “bottle” fishing will be allowed.
 - D) No motor trolling will be allowed (this includes back trolling).
 - E) No spearing will be allowed.
 - F) **Contestants must use artificial baits only.**
- 2). Contestants registered in “The Classic” may fish only on the lakes designated for “The Classic.”
- 3). Contestants must register with the landing personnel each time they enter or leave a lake.
- 4). Contestants may fish alone or with other contestants but fishing partners must be registered in the same division. All people in the boat must be registered in “The Classic.”
- 5). Individual divisions are:
 - A) Sportsman (amateur, non-compensated fishermen)
 - B) Open (Licensed guides, people hiring guides, guests of “The Classic,” “pro” or compensated fishermen or fishermen wishing to fish all four townships.
- 6). Contestants are responsible for obtaining all their own equipment.
- 7). Musky will be accepted for registration only during the specified hours. Only musky registered at official “Classic” stations will be recognized as being in the contest.
- 8). All musky entered in the contest will be judged on length only. If there is a tie at a particular length, time caught will be used to determine the winner, with the earliest time declared the winner. If both length and time caught are the same, duplicate recognition and awards will be presented.
- 9). There will be three (3) trophies awarded (1st, 2nd & 3rd place) in the “Club Division” A Club consists of eleven or more (11+) members. The longest musky (maximum of three) caught by members of the same club will count as that club’s total toward the “Club Division” championship. The club registering the longest combined length (up to 3 per club) will receive the championship trophy. There can only be one (1) club affiliation per contestant as per the entry form, and that club affiliation must be listed prior to the start of the contest. Second and third place will be the next longest length totals.
- 10). There will be three (3) trophies awarded (1st, 2nd, & 3rd place) in the “Team Division.” A team consists of one to ten (1-10) members who do not belong to a Club. The longest length total of musky (up to three per team) will receive the first place trophy. Second and third place will be the next longest length totals.
- 11). There will be five (5) places in the “Sportsman’s Division.” The longest five musky entered in that division will receive, respective to their length, first through fifth place trophies.
- 12). The longest single musky released will win the “Largest Musky Released” trophy.

- 13). The longest single musky released by a female contestant will win the “Ann Deakin Memorial” trophy.
- 14). Contestants **MUST** register their catches at official Musky Classic registration stations if they wish to have their fish entered in the competition. Length will be determined by using the registration station measuring boards at the landings, to the nearest 1/8 inch.
- 15). There will be three (3) places in the “Open Division.” The longest three fish, respectively, will win first, second and third place trophies.
- 16). A registered fish may be examined by “Musky Classic” personnel, if and when the Board of Directors deems that action necessary.
- 17). If a contestant has a question about the rules or any part of the “Musky Classic,” he/she should first ask the personnel at the landings. If further clarification is necessary, “Musky Base” should be contacted. If “Musky Base” cannot answer the question or deems the question a matter for Board action, The Board of Directors will be contacted for a final ruling.
- 18). Any contestant not following the rules may be disqualified from participating in the World Championship Musky Classic for whatever period of time the Board of Directors determines is appropriate.
- 19). Contestants releasing legal 35 to 39 inch musky “on the water” will receive silver “release pins” if they notify the landing personnel of such a release.
- 20). Contestants releasing 40 inch or larger musky “on the water” without registering them at the appropriate Musky Classic registration station will receive gold “release pins” if they notify the landing personnel of the release.
- 21). Fishermen wishing to register a musky at a registration station should transport the musky from their boat to the measuring board themselves. If a contestant needs help, he/she may request help from the landing personnel and they will help to the extent that they can. The fisherman is still in charge of the disposition of the musky after each musky is measured. “The Musky Classic” recommends the release of all musky, but it is not mandatory during the tournament.
- 22). Any registrant under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or be in possession of a boater’s safety certificate.**

NOTE: The DNR has stated that they consider a musky transported to a registration station as a fish “in possession” of the person who caught the fish. A musky, according to the DNR, that is “in possession” is considered as part of the daily bag limit of species. In the case of musky, the daily bag limit is one (1), which means that a fisherman registering a musky at a weigh station has caught his/her daily bag limit and may not catch another that day. Even if the musky is released unharmed immediately following the registration, it is still interpreted by the DNR as “in possession.”