

## TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **Tournament Headquarters** (check-in & awards) Community Center, 4 Weimer St, Ventura, IA.

### 2. **Tournament Hours:**

Check-In: Friday, April 25, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tournament: Saturday, April 26, 6:00 am - 4:00 pm

Awards: Saturday, April 26, 4:30 pm-10:00 pm

3. Limited to the **first 100, two angler teams**. For safety, **NO single person teams will be accepted**.

4. Tournament is limited to **entrants only**. Pre- registration must be done via **heartlandmuskie.org** using the **Entry Forms** page, selecting **Spring Tune-Up, no later than 11:59 pm, Sunday, April 20, 2025**.

5. Tournament entrants will be provided an **official tournament sticker** which must be applied to an **official measuring device** and/or **must be visible in the measurement picture**.

6. All fish must be caught during tournament hours using legal Iowa sport fishing methods for Clear Lake. **Fishing outside of tournament hours is an automatic disqualification!**

7. All fish must be released unharmed. Two pictures must be taken with one showing entire fish on the measuring device with tournament sticker visible & another of angler holding fish. Pictures must be shown to the tournament staff by 5:30 pm, April 26th prior to awards ceremony & will become the property of Heartland Chapter 10, Muskies Inc. **If both pictures are not presented, entry is disqualified!**

### 8. **Point System**

**A 30" fish will be awarded 4 points.** In addition, you will receive **1 point for each inch over 30" measured to the nearest inch. Under ½" round down, 1/2" or over round up. ½" measurements will not be accepted!** Tie breakers determined by **time of catch.** Judgment will be at the discretion of the tournament staff.

9. **No alcohol** allowed in tournament boats.

10. **No live bait.** Artificial baits only.

11. **Life vests must be worn.**

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12. All entrants must adhere to all Coast Guard & Iowa DNR safety & fishing regulations, normal angling etiquette & each angler may **only fish two lines at a time.**

13. Any fish killed by an entrant becomes the property of the tournament Staff until after the awards ceremony. Report incident to Tournament Director & a committee member will come pick up the fish.

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14. **No unsportsmanlike conduct** at the discretion of the tournament staff.

15. Entrant boat must **not be tied to shore or dock** except in case of emergency or safety concerns. **If tie-up is necessary, entrants must not fish!**