

WELCOME TO THE 33rd ANNUAL CLEAR LAKE
WALLEYE CLASSIC SPONSORED BY IOWA FALLS
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CLEAR LAKE, IOWA MAY 14-15, 2022
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Walleye Classic Participants: Basic info.

Plans are underway for the **33rd Annual Spring Walleye Classic**, which will be held May 14-15, 2022. The rules meeting will be held May 13th at the Ventura Community Center in Ventura, IA (Same location as last year). All teams must check in by 6:30 p.m. Please include an admission fee of \$5.00 for extra meal tickets with your entry fee. Limited tickets will be available at the door, **if you wish to be part of the NTC Tournament you need to pay \$40 for your Walleye Federation membership with your classic entry form.**

Entry fee and payback – All entry fees will be sent to or taken to **Brad Bull 15363 Winnebago Avenue Mason City, IA 50401**. No exceptions. There will be an 80% payback. Total entry fee of \$240.00 per team (including meal, big fish and membership). **If your team member is a spouse or dependent under the age of 21, the entry fee is \$225.00.** First place is guaranteed \$3000.00. Teams placing 21-25 will receive \$150.00. **All prize money is dependent on the number of entries.**

Big fish pot – Each team will be putting \$10.00 in the pot for the largest walleye caught each day. Winner takes all. The number of teams entered will determine size of the pot. The option pot is to be paid with entry form.

Other prizes – There are still a number of unclaimed \$100 tagged walleyes sponsored by various merchants. The \$1000 fish are sponsored by Harrison Truck Centers and Clear Lake Bait and Tackle. Please do not remove the tag if you catch one of these fish.

Weigh-in limit - Teams are allowed to weigh their 5 best walleye each day. Iowa law for Clear Lake allows for 6 walleyes in a boat with two legal anglers. All walleye must be a minimum of 14". All fish from 17" to 22" must be returned immediately per new Iowa Slot Regulation for Clear Lake. Each angler is allowed to have one walleye over 22". **Teams will only be able to use 2 poles per team member while fishing the tournament, any violation will result in a disqualification.**

Fishable waters – Clear Lake proper. No fishing is allowed in the Harborage or Venetian Village.

Other Events –The annual Take-A-Kid fishing Tournament will be held at McIntosh Park on 6-4-22. Be sure and bring the kids. Volunteers are always welcomed. For other tournament information visit our website at www.clearlakefishingclub.com or on Facebook at Clear Lake Fishing Club, for updates and notices.

SPRING CLEAR LAKE WALLEYE CLASSIC RULES – 2022

1. Contestants must enter as two-person teams and must be members of the Clear Lake Fishing Club (membership is included in your entry fee). Any person 17 years of age or younger must be teamed with a parent or legal guardian. No person under age 10 may compete.
2. **A mandatory rules meeting will be held May 13th 2022 at the Ventura Community Center, Ventura, IA.** At least one team member must attend. Please include an admission fee of \$5.00 for extra meal tickets with your entry fee. **Doors open by 5:30. All teams must check in by 6:30 p.m. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.**
3. Entrants will conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner. There is a 50 ft. restricted area around other tournament boats. Crowding or contact with other boats, moving in on other contestants or anchoring where another boat is obviously fishing will be treated severely by the Tournament Director. This could cause a team to be disqualified for the day. Planer boards must be kept within 50 feet of the boat. No holding on to dock hoists, docks, or tying off to docks.
4. No alcohol or illicit drugs may be consumed during the tournament hours. Alcoholic beverages and containers should not be visible prior to weigh-in of the fish or on stage at any time during the tournament.
5. Boats: 14 ft. minimum and 22 ft. maximum. Must have a freshwater recirculating livewell. All outboard or inboard motors used in the tournament must not exceed boat manufacturer's H.P. specifications.
6. The number of teams will determine flighting. Times are subject to change based on conditions.
7. All state of Iowa fishing laws will be observed unless the Tournament Director imposes more stringent rules. Entrants must possess a valid Iowa Fishing License and have it available to show a DNR officer, if asked for. Boat registrations must be up to date. Teams will only be allowed 2 poles per team member. Any violation will result in disqualification.
8. All fish must be kept in an aerated freshwater livewell and there is a 2/10 lb. penalty for each dead fish. The use of fish stringers, baskets and boat bags is strictly prohibited. If any fish are questionable due to poor handling by a team, they will not be counted. Any fish showing signs of being on a stringer or injected with water or other substances to add weight, will result in a disqualification. No fish stretchers allowed!
9. All contestants must wear a lifejacket at all times when boat is above trolling speed. The boat must be equipped with a throwable flotation device, a fire extinguisher and comply with all state of Iowa Boating Regulations.
10. All boats will be inspected prior to tournament start. Contestants will start from the seawall at City Park. All contestants must turn their tournament numbers in each day, so that each boat may be accounted for. **Teams not checking in after a days fishing will be disqualified from the tournament and also next year's event.**
11. Entrants who leave earlier than their assigned time or return later than their assigned time will be disqualified.
12. In the event of bad weather, entrants shall use their own judgment to get off the lake and into a safer environment.
13. Pre-fishing will be allowed through May 13th, 2022, until 4:30 p.m.
14. Minimum length of walleyes is 14 inches and only one fish can be over 22 inches per person. All fish from 17" to 22" must be immediately returned per new Iowa Slot Regulation for Clear Lake, IA. **Daily limit is 6 fish per team of which 5 can be weighed toward your team total.** Any violation of this rule will disqualify a team for the day's weight.
15. No binoculars will be allowed. Cell phones are for EMERGENCIES only. They are not for talking to your spouse or any other fisherman. EMERGENCIES are EMERGENCIES ONLY!!!
16. A contestant may not leave their boat during tournament hours except to use restrooms at the official weigh-in dock next to City Beach or to weigh in large fish or stressed fish. This rule may be waived in the event of severe weather.
17. Fishable waters- Clear Lake proper. No fishing is allowed in the Harborage or Venetian Village. Your boat cannot go under the bridges.

Prizes - All prizes will be awarded by total team weight. The Big Fish Award will be awarded individually. In the case of a tie for any place, the prize will be split 50/50 on the two places that tie. Total weight on the 2nd day will determine the tiebreaker for trophy.

Mail entry fee, extra meal ticket fees and registration to:

Brad Bull 15363 Winnebago Avenue Mason City, IA 50401

All applications are on a first come basis.

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