

2026 GRAND RIVER CASINO WALLEYE TOURNAMENT

INTERPRETATION OF THESE RULES SHALL BE LEFT EXCLUSIVELY TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH TOURNAMENT RULES SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION AND FORFEITURE OF ENTRY FEE. THE DECISION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS SHALL BE FINAL IN ALL MATTERS. ALL RULES HAVE 'LOOPHOLES.' IN THE INTEREST OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, CONTESTANTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE 'SPIRIT OF THE RULE' WILL PREVAIL IN ALL JUDGEMENT CASES.

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY: Participation in this tournament is open to anyone accompanied by a Teammate 18 years or older. Persons under the age of 18 may fish with his/her parent or guardian. A maximum of three people per boat is permitted. Proof of age is the responsibility of the competitor to the tournament directors.

ENTRY FEE: Entry fee is \$300.00 per team/boat online at Grand River Casino.com. Entries may be received up to July 16 prior to the tournament. Contestants are responsible for any taxes due on any prize.

Boundaries: North - Stateline, South – north land point of Moreau River straight across to east shore line.

SAFETY: Safe boating conduct MUST be observed at all times by all entrants. All South Dakota Boat and Water Safety Guide Requirements will apply. Coast Guard approved life vests must be worn anytime the combustion engine is operating above trolling speed. Safety Kill switch must also be in working order.

DEAD FISH PENALTY: Dead fish will be weighed, provided a proof of life video is sent to tournament directors prior to bringing fish to scale. Any team who brings dead fish to the scale and did not send proof of life video prior, will not be able to weigh that fish.

BOAT INSPECTION: Each entered boat must be brought to tournament headquarters for verification of cleanliness prior to first launch. In the interest of controlling ANS (Aquatic Nuisance Species) transfer from other lakes, all boats shall be cleaned prior to first launch including/hull, trailers, bilge, and live/bait wells, using a diluted Clorox solution in the live/bait wells only. It will be mandatory for the contestants to ensure that the live/bait wells, boats and trailers are cleaned thoroughly before entering the lake during the tournament. All boats will be inspected before launch and are subject to inspection during the tournament. All equipment will be required to be onboard at the time. Boat launch will be at Marina/Bay.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: All legal live bait and legal artificial presentation pursuant to South Dakota fishing guide will be allowed. Each contestant must possess a valid South Dakota State fishing license. Cellular phones, CB or marine radios are allowed for emergency situations only. They may not be used during the tournament to talk with other boats. Fuel tanks may be carried only in Factory-installed (built-in) fuel tanks. Optional remote engine fuel tanks must be factory or factory authorized-dealer installed and be strapped or otherwise secured. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public and pumped through a hose with a nozzle.

FISHING: Each team will be allowed its legal limit and weigh six (6) fish under 20" with a 14" minimum. Only those fish caught on a hook and line in a formal and usual manner during actual tournament fishing hours will be accepted. Each angler will be allowed two (2) lines in the water at a time. Spare Rods/Equipment may be carried in the boat.

OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT: Checkpoint will be the designated launch point.

CHECK IN: You or your partners must check in and sign the check-in weight slips even if you did not catch any fish. Any contestant returning late will be assessed a penalty of one (1) point of weight per minute late up to 10 minutes maximum. Over 10 minutes will result in disqualification. Failure to check in will result in disqualification.

TAKE OFF POSITION: Boat launch will be at The Bay. Tournament launch will be by flights. Flights will be announced at the Rules Meeting. All Boats are guaranteed Eight (8) Hours of fishing time unless modified for safety concerns. All teams will check in and out at Tournament Headquarters. All boats will be required to be trailered and launched at tournament headquarters.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: If conditions change during tournament hours to unsafe conditions, the contestants are required to seek safe shelter until the weather conditions pass. In such an emergency, partners may enter another competitor's or rescue boat.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY/DISABLED BOAT: You must contact a tournament director and at least one partner may return (by boat) with the daily catch by the official check-in time. ABOVE ALL, THE SAFETY OF THE COMPETITORS IS PRIORITY.

MANDATORY RULES MEETING: All teams, either Pre-Registered or not, must be present the evening of the Rules Meeting. At least one (1) team member must be present for the Rules/Safety briefing.

TOURNAMENT PAYOUTS – BASED ON 100 REGISTERED TEAMS 1st: \$5,000; 2nd: \$4,000; 3rd: \$3000; 4th: \$2,000; 5th: \$1,000; 6th: \$900; 7th: \$800; 8th: \$700; 9th: \$600; 10th: \$600; 11th – 30th: \$500, Every 10th place 40th – 100th; \$200

WEIGH IN: Weight scale will open at noon during the Tournament. Teams may weigh their catch at this time. Once a team weighs in for the day, they are done for the day. Awards will be announced in the Grand River Casino Banquet room.

LIABILITY: Host casino, Its Managers, Employees, Promoters, Tournament Directors, Sponsors and Organizations assisting in the tournament operation, and their Agencies, are Not Responsible for deaths, injuries, damages, liability, theft, fire or any loss of any kind to entrants. Each Entrant, upon signing an Entry Form or Registering Online, will be signing a Waiver Form. TIES: All ties will be resolved by a coin toss.

Bad Weather: In the event of inclement weather on tournament day, the tournament will be held the following day, (Sunday). In the event the tournament cannot be held on Sunday, there will be drawings to select prize winners at Grand River Casino Banquet Room. There will be no refunds issued.

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