

**\*\*Tournament Anglers:\*\***

All contestants from the 2024 Barnes County Wildlife Fishing Derby will receive a one-week advance notice to enter the derby before it opens to the public. Please submit your application promptly, as the tournament is likely to fill up quickly due to higher prize money. Flight priority will be given to teams based on their sign-up date. Flights will be determined in the order of applications received unless a request for a 2nd or 3rd flight is made. A registration link for your team will be sent in another email at 7 PM on February 3rd.

The entry fee this year is \$250.

The tournament headquarters will be at the Sodbusters Club in Sibley, ND. Your \$250 entry fee covers the derby only. Food will be available both nights, and we need to have accurate numbers for meal preparations. On your entry form, please indicate whether you will participate in the meals for Friday and Saturday nights. Saturday's meal will require prepayment at the time of registration. Mike Heinze will have limited primitive camping available; to make reservations, call 701-490-1344.

We are moving towards email communication and electronic registration. Online registration and payment options will be available; however, you may still pay by check and request a paper application. To request a paper application, text Josh at 701-840-5269 or email [bcwsummerderby@gmail.com](mailto:bcwsummerderby@gmail.com).

We are no longer requiring fish to be tagged. Teams will have the option to pay an additional \$20 for the weekend to have two "bonus" fish in their livewell, allowing a total of seven fish. You are still only permitted to weigh in five fish per day, and the anglers must choose which five to weigh in. After weighing in five walleyes, the team must conclude their fishing for the day. The boundary for Baldhill Creek has been extended to the Hwy 19 Bridge. More random boat inspections will be conducted this year, so please remember to review the rules on the signup form when registering.

We continue to strive for improvements in the tournament. This year's total payout is set at \$22,500, with a guaranteed \$5,000 for first place. We've added a sponsor-funded side pot for teams not using Livescope/forward-facing sonar, as well as for mixed couples teams. Additionally, we will offer a side pot for day money again, which you will need to sign up for when registering your team. A Calcutta will be held on Friday night before the tournament. We ask all teams to purchase a fish/weigh-in bag to keep in their boat to expedite the weighing process and improve results for catch and release.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please give me a call at 701-490-1797 or email me at [pskapaun@msn.com](mailto:pskapaun@msn.com).

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Event Timing: June 7-8

Event Address: Sibley, ND

Contact us at (701)490-1797 or bcwsummerderby@gmail.com

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any person 16 and older can compete in the tournament. Persons under 16 can participate only as a teammate of a parent, guardian, or relative 18 years or older. The \$250.00 entry fee must accompany a completed and signed entry form.

**RULES MEETING & BANQUET:** One team member must attend the rules meeting on June 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Sodbusters in Sibley.

**PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE: Any time up to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6.**

**FISHING HOURS:** Saturday, June 7, eight (8) hours of competition, and Sunday, June 8, seven (7) hours of competition. Explanation of flights, check-out, and check-in at tournament rules meeting.

**HEADQUARTERS, CHECK-OUT AND CHECK-IN:** The designation marked area at Sodbusters will be Tournament Headquarters. Each team must check out and check in daily with tournament officials at this location. Team number tag must be turned in and out each day. If not adhered to, disqualifications will result. The scale for the fish weigh-in will be open throughout the fish day. Under NO circumstances shall anyone other than contestants or officials handle or touch the catch until it has been presented to the officials at the weigh scale. One team member will verify weights and sign a scale ticket.

**CATCH & RELEASE:** Catch and Release is recommended. All fish caught by participants will be surrendered to BCWF for release or returned to participants if requested at the end of tournament hours. All contestants are urged to bring fish in immediately to be weighed and released by tournament personnel.

**INSPECTION:** Boats will be randomly inspected before and during the tournament. Cheating will result in immediate disqualification. .

**FISHING AREA:** From Dam to the boat landing north of the Karnak Bridge and Hwy 19 Bridge in Baldhill Creek. At the Crossing and Sibley bridges, there is NO fishing 200 feet south and 200 feet north of bridges.

**TACKLE:** Artificial and live baits may be used, according to North Dakota Game and Fish Department rules.

**SPORTSMANSHIP—SPIRIT OF THE RULE:** Contestants must be courteous, safety conscious, and practice fundamental sporting principles. All rules have loopholes. The sponsor intends to provide an honest, sportsmanlike tournament. In the interest of good sportsmanship, contestants are reminded that the “Spirit of the Rule” will prevail in all judgment cases.

**REGULATIONS:** All contestants must observe US Coast Guard and North Dakota Game and Fish Department rules, regulations, laws, and license requirements. All boats must carry state-

required safety items. Each contestant must have a US Coast Guard-approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD). PFDs must be worn when on plane. Any contestant violating a North Dakota Game and Fish Department law or regulation will be grounds for immediate disqualification.

**FISHING:** It shall be ILLEGAL for two (2) contestants' boats to pull up to each other during tournament hours. Fishing contestants must maintain a prescribed distance from other contestants' boats, recommended at least 50 feet. Contestants may not leave the boat to land fish, untangle lines, or lures. All boats can land at the tournament headquarters and Bayshore Resort during tournament hours.

**FISH:** Contestants are to use live wells to keep fish as fresh as possible during the tournament. Suppose any fish is questionable (white gills, soft flesh, sunken eyes, etc.) due to poor handling by a team. In that case, these fish may not be counted, and team disqualifications may result based on the officials' judgment. NO STRINGERS OR BASKETS PERMITTED.

**COMMUNICATION DEVICES:** CB, marine radios, and cell phones will only be permitted for emergency transmission. Transmitting information over a radio concerning any aspect of the taking of fish during the tournament is prohibited.

**EARLY PENALTY:** Contestants who leave earlier than their assigned flight time will be disqualified for that day.

**LATE PENALTY:** Contestants who return later than the prescribed time will be penalized twenty (20%) percent. Over 15 minutes late will be disqualified for the day. If a team fails to report in after either day of fishing, they will be disqualified from the tournament.

**SCORING:** For the Barnes County Wildlife Tournament, prizes will be based on weight (pounds and ounces) during the two days of competition. Each team will be permitted to weigh five walleyes per team daily. Only walleyes that are 14 inches long or longer will be counted. Fish will be weighed at one time; they will no longer be weighed individually at the end of the day; however, you can weigh them individually throughout the day. If teams want to weigh a fish for the Big Walleye, they must request that it be weighed separately at the time of weigh-in. Participants must select five fish to be weighed if they have bonus fish. After weighing five walleyes, the team concludes their fishing for the day.

**TIES:** Ties will be resolved by awarding the place to the team with the largest Sunday catch. Placings will be adjusted accordingly.

**PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded on a team basis and announced after the tournament after tournament officials make final checks. All payoffs for cash prizes are based on the full field. Sponsors, supporters, or other invested prizes may offer contingency prizes. These will be posted and announced at the banquet. Youth Prizes are for ages 18 and under.

**APPLICABLE TAXES:** Contestants alone will be responsible for any applicable taxes due on any prize won in compliance with Federal and State tax laws. Contestants agree to provide their

Social Security number if eligible for any prizes.

**POLYGRAPH:** All teams are subject to polygraph tests or voice stress tests (if administered), and awards will be based on them.

**REFUSAL:** Tournament officials reserve the right to refuse entry to any individuals.

**PROTESTS:** Only contestants and tournament officials have the right to contest the actions of another team or contestants. Protest by contestants must be filed in writing with the tournament director, in person, no later than one (1) hour after the close of that fishing day. A \$100 protest fee must accompany any protest offered by a contestant. A committee consisting of the tournament officials will convene to investigate and decide on the protest. The Protest Committee and its agents are authorized to utilize polygraph examinations and any other investigative technique, including testimony under oath, to determine the validity of the protest or the charge against any contestant. The decision of the Protest Committee shall be made by majority vote and be final in all cases. Contestants waive any right or opportunity to appeal the decision of the Protest Committee to a higher authority, including any court or jurisdiction in this state or any other state. If a protest by a contestant is found to be valid, the protest fee will be returned. If the protest is found invalid, the fee will not be returned. Any person found violating the rules may be immediately disqualified, and the reasons for said disqualification may be announced at the weigh-in.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** All questions or problems concerning the rules of this tournament are to be referred to the tournament chairmen. Suppose one member of a team drops out before the tournament. In that case, he may be replaced by the choice of the remaining team member, but tournament chairpersons must be notified. If an entire team drops out, the tournament chairpersons will fill the spot, not the team that withdrew. Entry fees from a withdrawal will not be refunded after May 1, unless tournament chairpersons successfully fill the vacant position. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Any abuse of tournament officials may constitute disqualification from the tournament.

**PARENT, GRANDPARENT/ CHILD TEAM:** The child must be under 30 years of age by the start of the tournament.

**WEATHER:** Tournament officials retain the right to delay, cancel, or restrict tournament waters in the case of severe weather.

**Interpretation of these rules is left exclusively to the tournament committee. The decision of directors and officials shall be final in all matters.**

**BARNES COUNTY WILDLIFE WALLEYE TOURNAMENT**  
**Printable Entry Form (Please Print Clearly—Enter As Team)**

**First Partner:**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Partner:**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver: We the undersigned hereby release the Barnes County Wildlife Walleye Tournament and their agents, from death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire, or any loss occurring during this event. Having read the rules, we agree to comply with them. By signing this application I hereby agree to submit a polygraph test if and when directed by the tournament committee.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

Mixed Team (Men and Women)

- Yes
- No

Youth Team (At least one angler 18 or under)

- Yes
- No

Parent, Grandparent & Child Team (One angler under the age of 30)

- Yes
- No

Flight Preference (Flight priority will be given to teams based on their sign-up date)

- 1<sup>st</sup>
- 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup>

**The event entry fee is \$250. The following are all optional, but require prepayment with registration.**

Day Money, \$50 for the weekend:

- Yes
- No

Bonus Fish, \$20 for the weekend

- Yes
- No

Friday Night Meal, prepay not required

- Yes
- No

Saturday Night Meal, \$30 per person

- Yes, If yes how many \_\_\_\_\_
- No

**Total Paid: \$** \_\_\_\_\_