

Northern Oahe Series Fishing Tournament

Championship Event

Saturday, Aug. 19th, 2017 (rules meeting Friday, Aug. 18th at Scherr-Howe Event Center)

Rules, Participation Agreement and Release of Liability

- Championship registration:** All teams that have qualified by placing top 20 in one of the five qualifying tournaments, must register for the championship and pay their entry fee by August 1st to reserve their spot. There will be 100 teams in the championship tournament. Any unclaimed spots up to 100 teams will be available to top team by accumulated points that did not qualify by placing in the top 20.
- Eligibility:** Entries must be complete, signed and returns along with **entry fee of \$250** per two (or three) person team. Must have a valid SD fishing license and be 18 years of age unless accompanied by parent or guardian.
- Fish Limits:** State regulations for amount: Can weigh in six (6) fish (two [2] 20" and over and four [4] under 20"). Fish must be 14" minimum.
- Boundaries:** Lake Oahe—North to the State Line; South to the 212 bridge.
- Fishing Hours:** Saturday, August 19th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (Teams will leave bay by the number of points accumulated throughout the series.
- Team defined:** **A team is defined as three anglers under one team name. In order to qualify for points and entry, two of the three team members must fish together as a team in any Northern Oahe participating tournament. You can register your team name at www.northernoaheseries.com.**
- Team Eligibility: -IMPORTANT NOTICE-** In order to be eligible for the Championship event, teams **MUST** complete and submit the team registration form **Prior** to participating in fishing events (Wolves on the Water, Denny Palmer Memorial, Pollock Men's Club, Whitlock Bay, and SD Walleye Classic). This can be done at www.northernoaheseries.com, is free of charge, and needs to be finalized only once. Teams that **do not** submit their forms in advance will **NOT** accumulate points nor be eligible to claim an earned spot (top 20 finish) for the Championship.
- Team of the Year Points:** Points will be accumulated by place in each tournament by team name. Teams must register prior to participating tournaments in order to be eligible for points. You only have to register once. 200 points will be awarded to the winner of each qualifying tournament, 199 to second, 198 for third, etc. All teams who receive weight credit will receive points. The point standings will be tabulated at the end of each tournament and will be posted on northernoaheseries.com. You **MUST** fish a minimum of three tournaments with at least two of the original team members of the same team to qualify for team of the year. You may fish more than three tournaments with that team. All scores, if registered properly, will be used to go into the championship. Launch number will be determined by point standings.
- Checkpoints:** There will be only one checkpoint in the morning and one check in point in the afternoon. (Indian Creek west boat ramp) Failure to go through boat check and checkout in the morning or failure to check in, will result in disqualification. All fishing must cease upon entering the bay.
- Safety:** All boats must follow U.S. Coast Guard and South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Regulations. Boats will leave "Indian Creek" bay in single file by team number. A tournament boat will start each flight.

No boat shall leave until signaled by the tournament boat. Teams will go out in order of highest team points first and then in ascending order. Those without points will go out in order of date of paid entry received. An official Northern Oahe Series boat will start each flight. No boat shall leave until signaled by this official boat.

11. **Sportsmanship:** Contestants are expected to practice good sportsmanship, be courteous and be safety conscious at all times. Please respect other fisherman whether they are in the tournament or not.
12. **Tournament Headquarters:** Will be at the “**Scherr-Howe Event Center**”, Mobridge, SD. Tournament activities begin August 18th with a social from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm, followed by a short rules **meeting at 8:00 pm. Anglers have to be off the water by 4:00 pm the day of the rules meeting.**
13. **River Headquarters:** Will be at “**Indian Creek**”. Boat Inspection, launch and weigh-in will take place at River Headquarters.
14. **Scoring:** Prizes will be awarded to teams based on total weight caught during the day of the tournament. **Teams will weigh a total of six (6) walleye or sauger, of which two may be 20” or over. Remember, no culling, or sorting will be allowed.** This is a state law. Teams will be able to keep their fish, and will be responsible for cleaning, packaging, storing, and transportation per state regulations.
15. **Weigh-In:** You can start weighing in as early as 2:30 pm.
16. **Late: If you are late, you are disqualified.** Any team not returning on or before their assigned return time will be disqualified.
17. **Bad Weather:** If inclement weather, there will be no refunds on entry fees. Fishing tournament will be held on a Sunday, August 21st. If weather is still inclement on Sunday, prizes for places will be drawn.
18. **Rules Meeting: All team members must be present at rules meeting.** Must be present to win prizes. Need to have ID present to collect prizes.
19. **Non-Tournament Fishermen:** Tournament fishermen can’t fish with non-tournament fishermen.
20. **Regulations:** All South Dakota regulations will be followed or disqualification will result.
21. **“Golden Rule”:** **The “Golden Rule” will be used as the official tournament ruler.** Fish will be measured on both sides and tails will be pinched with benefit going to the tournament angler if one side measurement should differ. Any mangled, mashed or mauled fish will be weighed at the discretion of the weigh-in official and tournament coordinator. All decisions of the measure master, weigh master and tournament coordinator are final at the time of measurement.

Participation Agreement: I understand that this is a professional sporting event governed by the rules that have been established by tournament organizers. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of these rules and read them and understand them. In addition to terms of entry and competition, these rules relate to the safety of all participants as well as the fair sporting conduct of this event. The Tournament Chairperson(s) shall act as the referee in all disputes and his/her decision based on his/her interpretation of the rules will be final and without legal appeal. I understand there are never refunds for tournament entry fees.

First Entrant

Date

Second Entrant

Date

Third Entrant (if applicable)

Date