

Northern Oahe Series Fishing Tournament

Championship Event

Friday, August 3rd and Saturday, August 4th – Rules meeting at Scherr-Howe Event Center on Thursday, August 2nd

Rules, Participation Agreement and Release of Liability

- 1. Championship Registration:** All teams that have qualified by placing top 25 in one of the six qualifying tournaments must register for the championship and pay their entry fee by July 27th, 2018 to reserve their spot. Championship event will be capped at 150 teams. Any unclaimed spots up to 150 teams will be available to teams in order of accumulated points that did not qualify via a top 25 finish. Notification emails will go out to team captains.
- 2. Eligibility:** Entries must be complete, signed and returned along with **entry fee of \$300** 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. On, July 28th, entry will be open to public for **\$400** for remaining spots. Those teams will be not be eligible for Team of the Year points.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Boundaries:** Lake Oahe—North to the State Line; South to the 212 Bridge.
- 5. Fishing Hours:** Friday, August 3rd and Saturday, August 4th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- 6. 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.
- 7. Weighted Team of the Year Points:** For the championship, the top three scores, if registered properly, will be used to go into the championship. Points will be awarded for places by a two-point spread increment: 200 for 1st place, 198 for 2nd, 196 for 3rd, etc.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Sportsmanship:** Contestants are expected to practice good sportsmanship and safety practices. Proper respect shall be paramount and applied towards competitors as well as recreational anglers at all times. To achieve this: No boat shall alter course or impede progress of another boat or lines (such as planer boards or bobbers kept within 150 feet of fishing vessel). A minimum distance of 50 feet is to be kept from boats or lines at all times. This will be strictly enforced and violation will result in disqualification.
- 10. Tournament Headquarters:** Will be at the “**Scherr-Howe Event Center**”, Mobridge, SD. Tournament activities begin August 2nd 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.**
- 11. River Headquarters:** Will be at “**Indian Creek**”. Boat Inspection, launch and weigh-in

