

# ***Mobridge Chamber's "Denny Palmer Memorial" Fishing Tournament***

***Friday and Saturday June 8th-9th, 2018 (rules meeting Thursday, June 7th at Scherr-Howe Event Center)***

## ***Rules, Participation Agreement and Release of Liability***

1. **Eligibility:** Entries must be complete, signed and returned along with **entry fee of \$250** per two (or three) person team. **Fee goes up to \$275 after May 31.** Must have a valid SD fishing license and be 18 years of age unless accompanied by parent or guardian. All entries will be assigned team numbers in the order registrations forms are received.
2. **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.
3. **Boundaries:** Lake Oahe—North to the State Line; South to the Highway 212 Bridge.
4. **Fishing Hours:** Friday and Saturday, June 8th-9th from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (fishing may be possible).
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **Tournament Headquarters:** Will be at the "Scherr-Howe Event Center", Mobridge, SD. Tournament activities begin **Thursday, June 7th** with a social from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm, Calcutta at 7, followed by a short rules **meeting at 8:30 pm. Anglers have to be off the water by 4:00 pm the day of the rules meeting.**
8. **River Headquarters:** Will be at "Indian Creek". Boat Inspection and launch will take place at River Headquarters.
9. **Bump Station & Weigh-Ins:** There will be an inspection check-point at Indian Creek fish cleaning station with a bump station and Weigh-ins at Scherr Howe Arena.
10. **Tagging:** All fish must be tagged as they are brought in the boat. Fish to weigh must be zip-tied together by their tags at the end of each day.
11. **All fish must be on ice for transportation. All anglers are responsible for their own ice.**
12. **If your boat board is not returned at weigh-ins, you will be charged \$50 for replacement of the board. If fine is not paid, your team will not be allowed to participate in future tournaments.**
13. **Scoring:** Prizes will be awarded to teams based on total weight caught during the day of the tournament. We will be paying out **both** days, 50% of the total 80% payout each day. **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.
14. **Weigh-In:** You can start weighing in as early as 2:30 pm.
15. **Late: If you are late, you will be given a zero for the day.** Any team not returning on or before their assigned return time will be given a zero weight.

16. **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.
17. **Non-Tournament Fishermen:** Tournament fishermen can't fish with non-tournament fishermen.
18. **Hook, Line, & Bait:** You may only use a standardized hook and line system with artificial bait or live bait. All bait must conform to South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks Regulations.
19. **"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. 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.

**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 Chamber Executive Director 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.

**Warning: Under South Dakota Law, no fishing tournament sponsor or fishing professional is liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant resulting from the inherent risks of fishing, pursuant to §§ 20-9-47 to 20-9-51 of the South Dakota Codified Laws.**

**Waiver:** I, the undersigned, hereby release the Mobridge Area Chamber of Commerce, their agencies and agent, from death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire or any loss occurring during this event. I signify by my signature below that I have read and understand the rules, participation agreement, and release of liability. **All anglers must sign!**

**Angler #1 Signature:**  
**Angler #2 Signature:**  
**Angler #3 Signature:**

**Date:**  
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