

Walleye Weekend 2018: Biggest Walleye Contest Rules & Regulations

READ CAREFULLY: SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF ANY RULES & REGULATIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED.

1. Register for the general Walleye Weekend tournament

- When:** Beginning mid-March. Deadline is 11:59 PM on Friday, May 4th, 2018.
Where: Fisherman's Factory Outlet, Kabele's Trading Post, Oh Shuck's, and Stan's Bait & Tackle, or online at www.okobojichamber.com.
Cost: \$15 for participants ages 15 and younger, and it is \$25 for participants ages 16 and older.
Details: Anglers must be registered for the general tournament to participate in the optional contest (additional fees listed below).

2. Register for the Biggest Walleye Contest: bait shops

- When:** Beginning mid-March. Deadline is 11:59 PM on Friday, May 4th, 2018.
Where: Fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and give it to a representative in one of the previously listed bait shops.
Cost: \$10 registration fee that goes to support the Iowa Great Lakes Area Fishing Club.

3. Register for the Biggest Walleye Contest: the app

- When:** Beginning mid-April. Deadline is 11:59 PM on Friday, May 4th, 2018.
Where: Using a smartphone, go to Apple Store or Google Play and search for the "TourneyX" app.
Cost: The app is free to download, but the cost to register for the contest will be \$5.
Details: Download and open the app. Register yourself by clicking *Need an Account? Register*. Search for and select "BIGGEST WALLYEYE" as the Tournament. Note: if you do not have a smartphone, you may share with someone you will be with. However, you do still need each participant to register separately on that phone in the app. Just make sure you are logged into your account (look at bottom left corner) when you go to submit a catch.

4. Purchase a Hawg Trough board

- When:** Beginning mid-April.
Where: Any of the previously listed local bait shops.
Cost: \$11
Details: This is the required measuring board for this contest—no other measuring device will be accepted. This is a one-time payment as participants can share a Hawg Trough board and use in future years as well.

5. Pick up your identification card

- When:** Beginning on Friday, May 4th, 2018.
Where: Any of the previously listed local bait shops.
Cost: Free
Details: These look similar to business cards. Once the tournament and contest officially begin, the TourneyX app generates a 4-digit code/ identifier for each angler participating. This code can be found under the *Identifiers* tab in the app. Once you select the *Identifiers* tab, select the Walleye Weekend tournament. A window will appear with a blue, 4-digit code. Before you start fishing, write your code on the identifier card so it will be ready to put in the photo with your measuring board and fish.

6. Learn to navigate the app

There are 6 icons. *Registration*: search and register for tournaments. *Identifiers*: view identifiers that will be in each photo for the tournament. *Livewell*: holding area of submitted fish during low/no cell service. *Manage Catch*: view and manage submitted fish. *Standings*: check standings of current and past tournaments. *Submit Catch*: submit catch to a tournament.

7. Note the hours of the contest

The contest will begin at the same time as the Walleye Weekend tournament, but it will end two hours earlier for judging purposes. The contest begins at 12:01 AM on Saturday, May 5th and ends at 10 AM on Sunday, May 6th.

8. Catch the biggest walleye you can!

Once you catch a Walleye you would like to submit, place the fish on the board. The mouth must be touching the front of the board. The mouth must be closed, have a non-pinched tail (tail must reach both sides of board), and be held with only one hand. Make sure the piece of paper with your 4-digit code is right next to the board, visible in the photograph. Take the photo. Remember that submissions will not be accepted if all rules are not followed.

9. Submit the photo

Open the TourneyX app. If you are sharing a smartphone with someone else, look in the bottom left corner to make sure you are logged in to your specific account. Click *Submit Catch*. Choose the tournament name from the pop-up list. Browse your camera roll to select the best photo, and select given photo. Then enter the length of the fish. Be sure to enter it as a 4-digit number. For example, a 32-inch Walleye should be inputted as 32.00. Submit your catch to the leaderboard. The app's AutoCull system will keep your longest fish. If you catch a longer fish after submitting a previous one, just login again and submit following the same directions. Keep copies of your photos in case they are needed later.

10. Watch leaderboard, continue to fish, and wait for results

Once a fish has been submitted, view the uploads in the *Manage Catch* tab. The contest closes 2 hours before the tournament ends—10 AM on Sunday, May 6th. Results will be announced and \$2,000+ in prizes donated from Stan's Bait Shop will be given at the Luncheon on Sunday. The Luncheon is free to Walleye Weekend participants. It begins at noon on Sunday at the Dickinson County Expo Building. In the case of a tie, the photo submitted first will win.

REMINDER: This contest is optional. Registration and any associated purchases are separate from the general Walleye Weekend tournament, but registration for the tournament is a requirement to participate in this contest.

COST SUMMARY: The annual cost for participation in this contest is \$15 (\$5 for the app, \$10 for the contest). There is also a one-time cost of \$11 for purchasing the Hawg Trough board, but this can be shared between countless individuals and used for years to come. Proceeds from the Biggest Walleye Contest go to support the Iowa Great Lakes Area Fishing Club. They strive to provide recreational and educational activities to support the improvement of their fisheries, recruitment of youth and adults to the sport, and to promote positive contributions to the environment and our community. Through participation in this contest, you will be in the running to win some of the \$2,000+ in prizes from Stan's Bait & Tackle.

Questions? Contact Stan's Bait & Tackle at 712-338-2586 or stop and see them at 2306 Okoboji Ave. in Milford, IA.

Walleye Weekend 2018: Biggest Walleye Contest

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Quick Reference Guide for Biggest Walleye Contest

Once you have followed the steps to register for the contest, please note the following guideline reminders.

1. All fish must come from the same chain of lakes as the Walleye Weekend Tournament
2. It is the angler's responsibility to submit a clear photo. If the photo is not clear, we can't judge it and you will be subject to disqualification.
3. Each submitted photo must contain the following:
 - a. A closed mouth must be touching the front of the Hawg Trough: head facing left, non-pinched tail (reaches both sides of board) facing right, side of fish laying flat on the board.
 - b. ID Card (picked up Friday, May 4th at local bait shops) must be present with our 4-digit pin number written large and clear. This 4-digit pin number will be given to you at 12:01 AM on Saturday, May 5th—the start of the tournament and contest. It will be used to confirm that it matches the account that is used to turn in the photo.
 - c. Only 1 hand may be present on the fish and cannot be obscuring any part of the tail or head.
 - d. Hawg Trough must be placed horizontally, not vertically.
4. Possible reasons for disqualification include but are not limited to:
 - a. Eye covered
 - b. Wrong direction
 - c. Multiple hands on fish or hand(s) touching the Caudal (tail) fin or head, or a portion of hand or fingers under the Operculum (hard Gill flap)
 - d. ID card not completely in photo, ID card laying on top of the fish instead of next to it, illegible ID card, or ID card that does not match the identifier associated with the account
 - e. Tail is pinched (a pinched tail is defined as one that does not reach both sides of the Hawg Trough board)
 - f. Cannot see if the lip or jaw is touching the measuring board fence
5. Judging: During the event, a judge will make a preliminary judgment on all fish throughout the tournament. The ruling of the preliminary judge is not final. A committee will meet on the morning of Sunday, May 6th to evaluate the top 20 entries. Any fish that had previously been disqualified in the preliminary judgement that would have otherwise made the top 20 cut will be discussed. The committee can overturn any decision made by the preliminary judge with a simple majority vote. In the event of a tie, the fish that was turned in fish will win. All decisions made by the committee are final.