

## **RULES OF PARTICIPATION**

### **HEAD2HEAD FISHING, LLC – 2026 PRO WALLEYE Circuit**

Following are to the rules of participation (“Rules”) for the Pro Walleye Series. Participants are bound to strict adherence to these Rules by their signature of the Participation Agreement. To the extent of any conflict between these Rules and the Participation Agreement, the Participation Agreement shall control. The terms of the Participation Agreement are incorporated herein by reference. H2H may alter or change these Rules at any time, in its absolute discretion. Such change shall be effective upon publication of such revised rules on the H2H Website at [www.h2hfishing.com](http://www.h2hfishing.com).

1. **SERIES FORMAT**

All events will follow the catch, measure, and immediate release format. An “event” is defined as the two days of competition or four days of the championship event.

2. **INTERPRETATION & ENFORCEMENT**

Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be exclusive province of H2H. Decisions of the tournament director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal. Each Angler agrees to report any rule violation to the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the violation. Failure to report violations may be cause for disqualification. The violation of a rule may result in but is not limited to overall weight loss, the loss of weight up to a particular time in the competition day, the loss of the heaviest fish for the day, disqualification from the entire event, a fine of not less than \$300 or more than \$5,000, or ineligibility to participate in future H2H Pro Walleye Circuit events. Protests and/or alleged rule violations are to be documented in writing by the witness within 30 minutes of the end time of each day of competition. H2H reserves the right to consider rule violations reported or discovered after an event has ended and assess penalties for future events, including denying entry to compete.

3. **PARTICIPATION**

Participation is open to all participants that pay the \$3,000 entry fee into one or all of the Qualifier Events. Participation, in any event, is at the sole discretion of H2H. Any Angler who, in the judgment of the tournament director, is unable, for any reason, including but not limited to issues of safety to the Angler or others, may be deemed ineligible to participate. All Anglers must have a valid fishing license for the waters they fish. Failure to provide proof of a valid fishing license upon reasonable request may result in disqualification for that day and any preceding days in which the license was required.

4. **CHAMPIONSHIP**

Anglers MUST FISH ALL four qualifying events to be eligible to fish in the Championship.

4.1 QUALIFICATION: Championship field will consist of 16 anglers... the four event winners with the remaining spots filled by final AOY standings.

4.2 SEEDING: Bracket Seeding will be determined by final AOY standings placed in ascending order.

5. **AWARDS**

Every Event Winner along with the Championship Bracket Winner will receive an event trophy as well as the corresponding payment below. (Payouts are based off a 125 boat average in the Qualifier events) Championship Round wins will be worth \$2,000.

Qualifier Payout		Championship Payout	
1st	\$100,000	1st	\$70,000 Plus \$6,000 in Round Wins
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$20,000	2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$40,000 Plus \$6,000 in Round Wins
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$15,000	3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$30,000 Plus \$4,000 in Round Wins
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$10,000	4 <sup>th</sup>	\$20,000 Plus \$4,000 in Round Wins
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$7,500		
6 <sup>th</sup>	\$7,250		
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$7,000		
8 <sup>th</sup>	\$7,000		
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$6,500		
10 <sup>th</sup>	\$5,500		
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,500		
16 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	\$4,000		
20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	\$3,750		
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	\$3,500		

\*Contingency Awards to be announced at a later date

6. **ENTRY FEES & DEPOSIT.**

Entry fee for each qualifying event is \$3,000. Checks shall be payable to H2H Fishing and mailed to:

Head2Head Fishing  
Attn: Entry Fees  
1919 East Calumet St  
Appleton, WI 54915

7. **EVENT FORMAT & SCHEDULE**

The 2026 season will consist of four qualifying events, considered "OPENS". These are open to anyone to fish and are a singles format... no partner, no co-angler, just you vs the fish. All fish over 15 inches will be measured and photographed. The photos will be uploaded into eTournament and the fish will be converted to weight based off of eTournament conversion table. Tournament officials will be verifying all fish catches throughout the day. Qualifying event days will be eight hours long. The Championship Bracket will be four-hour matches. Qualifying events and the Championship Bracket will be an 'all fish over 15 inches count' format.

The winner from each qualifying event will get a berth into the FREE 16 angler Championship Bracket. Angler of the Year points will determine who qualifies for the Championship Bracket. Points will be awarded based on results from each qualifying event. (see points below) Each of the four qualifying events will have a payout based on the number of boats at each. 25% of the payout from each qualifying event will fund the Championship Bracket. See rule 5 for the payout schedule based on a 125 boat average. Anglers that zero in a qualifying event will receive 10 points less the last angler with weight.

***Angler of the year Points***

1	300	15	245	29	217	43	189	57	161	71	133	85	105	99	77	113	49
2	295	16	243	30	215	44	187	58	159	72	131	86	103	100	75	114	47
3	290	17	241	31	213	45	185	59	157	73	129	87	101	101	73	115	45
4	285	18	239	32	211	46	183	60	155	74	127	88	99	102	71	116	43
5	280	19	237	33	209	47	181	61	153	75	125	89	97	103	69	117	41
6	276	20	235	34	207	48	179	62	151	76	123	90	95	104	67	118	39
7	272	21	233	35	205	49	177	63	149	77	121	91	93	105	65	119	37
8	268	22	231	36	203	50	175	64	147	78	119	92	91	106	63	120	35
9	264	23	229	37	201	51	173	65	145	79	117	93	89	107	61	121	33
10	260	24	227	38	199	52	171	66	143	80	115	94	87	108	59	122	31
11	257	25	225	39	197	53	169	67	141	81	113	95	85	109	57	123	29
12	254	26	223	40	195	54	167	68	139	82	111	96	83	110	55	124	27
13	251	27	221	41	193	55	165	69	137	83	109	97	81	111	53	125	25

14	248	28	219	42	191	56	163	70	135	84	107	98	79	112	51		
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## LOCATIONS

Qualifying Events	Dates	Off Limits	Practice Dates
Detroit River	April 27,28	April 11 (13 days)	April 24,25,26
Mille Lacs	May 28,29	May 11	May 25,26,27
Devils Lake	June 8th,9th	May 22	June 5,6,7
Mississippi 7,8,9	July 13,14	June 26	July 10,11,12
<b>Championship Bracket</b>			
Sturgeon Bay	August 17,18,19	August 1 (13 days)	August 14,15,16

8. **LIVE STREAMING & CAMERA OPERATORS.** Brief restroom breaks from filming are permitted. Promoting sponsors is permitted. Smoking, vaping, any use of chewing or any other forms of tobacco is NOT permitted while LIVE during tournament hours. Inappropriate language or behavior may result in disqualification. Anglers, official/marshals, and family members of those participating in any H2H event shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a professional manner that demonstrates integrity, honor, and respect toward fellow competitors, event staff and the general public and does not reflect unfavorably on H2H, its members, officers or representatives, events or sponsors. Anglers are frequently in the public eye and are considered role models by young people; event competitors shall demonstrate good sportsmanship in fishing. Sportsmanship is defined as fair play, respect for opponents, and polite behavior while competing in the sport, as outlined further herein. Anglers and official/marshals are prohibited from viewing any/all live streams during an event week.
  
9. **OFF-LIMITS, PRACTICE & COMPETITION.** All tournament waters will go off-limits 14 days prior to Day One of competition (13 days for the Detroit River and Sturgeon Bay events). Anglers will be under a 'No Information' period for 14 days prior to the event (13 days for the Detroit River and Sturgeon Bay events). Anglers cannot acquire information of any kind during this period. In the case that an angler overhears something about the event waters, they will be required to contact the Tournament Director immediately to disclose the information. The Tournament Director will determine if that info should be shared with all other competitors. During off-limits periods of tournament waters, Anglers cannot be on any tournament waters for any reason. Official practice will start on Friday and continue Saturday and Sunday prior to Day One of competition. All Anglers must be off tournament waters Sunday by 5:00 pm. Registration will begin at 5:30 pm. Flying over event waters, other than a ticketed commercial airline, is prohibited during competition unless approved by the tournament director. The use of drones for the purposes of locating or catching fish or to gain a competitive advantage is prohibited.

Beginning with practice and extending through competition, Anglers may not place brush or other physical fish attractors, including chum of any kind, in event waters. Beginning with practice and extending through competition, Anglers may not participate in the placing of markers, brush, or other fish attractors by non-contestants or the practice of “hole sitting” by anyone. Practice is permitted at any time on any of the competition waters between the hours of official sunrise and official sunset each day, except on competition waters the day of competition. Anglers may practice alone or with another competitor. Under no circumstances may an angler be accompanied by a guide, or exchange money for information about event waters fished or assist with locating fish during practice. PWC Anglers, including those who have been “eliminated” from the competition, can share baits and tackle with one another at any time, keeping in mind all information from live streams is off limits to anglers still in competition. In the case of being eliminated, you have now become a non-competitor. You cannot discuss fishing locations or strategy with any anglers still in the competition.

10. **INFORMATION ABOUT EVENT LOCATIONS AND WATERS.** The purchasing of or bartering for information about locating or catching fish on event waters, including but not limited to GPS waypoints (other than through commercially available sources) and the hiring of fishing guide services is not permitted within the 14-day cut-off period. (13 days for the Detroit River and Sturgeon Bay events) Unsolicited information Anglers might receive during the 14-day off-limits period or the 3 days of practice about any tournament waters must be communicated to the tournament director. The tournament director will review the information and decide if the information will give the angler an unfair advantage. If it is determined the information given would give an unfair advantage, it will be shared with all competitors. A group message will be created to allow all anglers to receive the exact same information.
11. **REGISTRATION, PRE-EVENT MEETING.** All anglers must attend registration and the pre-event meeting. Accommodation may be available to those who cannot physically attend due to location, but the tournament director must be notified two weeks in advance. Anglers not present at the pre-event meeting will be fined \$500. All anglers will receive a Boat Number at the angler rules meeting. This number will be random. Used to determine take off order 1 to leave first, 2 to leave second and so on. On day 2 the numbers will be reversed. You must be registered and paid in full for each event by the registration deadline. (see below)

Qualifying Events	Registration Deadline
Detroit River	April 10
Mille Lacs	May 10
Devils Lake	May 21
Mississippi 7,8,9	June 25

12. **PAIRINGS.** Anglers and camera operators will be paired by random. All anglers or their representatives must contact their assigned camera operator following the official briefing. The event director, at his sole discretion, may reassign camera operators prior to takeoff.
13. **SAFETY.** Safe boating must always be observed. The provisions of this rule apply during practice and from the start of the day to the end of the day of the event. The use of alcohol and any illicit drugs of any kind is prohibited. Each Angler and official/marshal is required to wear a fastened U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. All boats must be equipped with a factory-installed emergency ignition-shutoff device that must be securely attached to the driver's body with a standard-length, factory tether whenever the combustion engine is running above idle. Anglers may fish and charge batteries using an onboard charger by letting the combustion engine idle if everyone in the boat is wearing a fastened U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. All persons must be seated, and a driver must be behind the steering wheel in full control of the boat whenever it is on plane or the combustion engine is running and in gear operating above idle. All anglers are required to adhere to all rules and regulations of tournament waters. At the discretion of the tournament director, event matches may be shortened, postponed, or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. A weather day will be built into all events to ensure the event can be finished. In the case the event cannot be finished, we will postpone and reschedule the event. Anglers and official/marshals may leave their boat and seek shelter in bad weather or when danger is imminent. They must, however, stay within sight of each other. Anglers involved in boating accidents and/or safety incidents may be required to complete a BoatUS Foundation boating safety course before participating in another H2H event. A free course for each state is available at [boatus.org](http://boatus.org). In the event of an emergency, please call 911 first and then notify the tournament director.
14. **SPORTSMANSHIP.** All Anglers are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, to H2H, H2H's sponsors, the sport of fishing, and H2H's efforts to promote the sport. Conduct not complying with these standards includes, but is not limited to, the following: violation of, or failure to comply with, any of the rules for the 2026 H2H Events or violations of the Participation Agreement Terms; Suspension/disqualification, probation or ban from any event or fishing organization; Boat operation in an unsafe or unsportsmanlike manner; Publicly criticizing or questioning the integrity of H2H and/or H2H official/marshals, including but not limited to H2H rules, policies, and procedures; Dissemination of disparaging content or content that one should reasonably know would harm the reputation of H2H and/or H2H official/marshals or and/or H2H sponsors; conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with event rules, or which fail to comply with the standards set forth in these Rules. In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined above, H2H shall have the right to refuse an Angler the right to continue the season. May result in a breach of contract. H2H reserves the right to deny entry into any event due to breach of contract.
15. **BOAT OPERATION.** Anglers will have complete control of boat operation and waters to be fished. For safety concerns in rough water or swift current, in the event of an outboard or trolling motor breakdown or during an emergency, marshals may operate the trolling motor or the

outboard but may not fish at any time. Anglers may not use mobile communication devices, including but not limited to, cell phones, tablets, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc., to communicate with anyone about locating or catching fish on event waters during event hours. Mobile communication devices may be used during event hours to communicate with lockmasters about locking, to communicate with the tournament director or to communicate with H2H editors or producers. Anglers may use smartphones and/or tablets during event hours for GPS, mapping, weather, power generation, barge traffic updates, tidal charts, personal fishing notes, and related data. At no time during event hours may Anglers read social media posts from other Anglers. At the request of their Angler partner, an official/marshal may use a cell phone to assist the Angler with his or her social media updates. Marshals are not, however, obligated to assist an Angler with social media updates, as their primary function is to communicate with H2H editors and producers. Marshals are not permitted to smoke, vape or the use of any type of chewing or smokeless tobacco is prohibited. Anglers are expected to compete every day for which they are qualified; failure to do so may result in ineligibility to compete in future H2H events. If a special circumstance arises that inhibits an Angler's ability to compete, the tournament director may allow the Angler to withdraw from the competition.

16. **BOAT & HORSEPOWER REGULATION.** All boats must be propeller-driven, a minimum of 16 feet in length. All boats must provide official/marshals a clear view of the Angler fishing. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in event competition will not exceed the horsepower capacity set forth on the "Maximum Capacities" placard described below. Each boat must have a clearly legible "Maximum Capacities" (or comparably titled) placard that includes a maximum horsepower rating affixed to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must not exceed the maximum horsepower capacity specified on this placard. By signing the entry form, Anglers agree to submit their boat and/or motor to an inspection by H2H personnel. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating placard will be cause for disqualification from the event and may result in ineligibility to compete in future H2H events. Fishing platforms must be factory-installed equipment. No portable platforms may be used in event competition. Fuel may be carried only in factory-installed (built-in) fuel tanks. Any additional fuel used during the event day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public and pumped through a hose with a nozzle. The use of generators, other than solar or wind-powered generators, is prohibited in Angler boats during event hours on all competition days.
17. **PERMITTED FISHING METHODS, TACKLE & EQUIPMENT.** Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to a line and a rod and reel. All fish must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. Automatic fishing rod/reel devices are prohibited. Official/marshals are not permitted to land fish or assist Anglers with fishing in any way. All lures and gear must adhere to state regulations. Alabama rigs and similar umbrella-type rigs are allowed if permitted by applicable state law. Live bait is allowed in all H2H PWC events. Anglers are allowed to use the maximum number of rods/lines that the state law of the event allows. Trolling as a method of fishing is permitted. Trolling is defined as trailing any lure or bait from a boat propelled by a means other than drifting. Handlining as a method of fishing is permitted. Competitors are limited to a maximum of 2 FFS transducers. They can be used in any combination. If a boat is prior equipped with more than 2, the others will be locked out and will not be available for use. All fish caught must be hooked inside the mouth. Anglers will use their discretion to enter the fish or

release it. Once the fish is entered into eTournament it will not be removed. In the case a fish is deemed to be hooked outside the mouth and entered the Angler's big fish and that fish will be removed from the day's catch at the end of that match. Intentional snagging, foul-hooking, or attempting to hook fish other than in the mouth will not be permitted and may result in disqualification. The use of grippers for landing is prohibited during competition. A hung or snagged lure that is not in or on the water is not considered in use and may be set aside while another is in use. If an Angler's line breaks while setting the hook or retrieving a fish, the Angler is allowed to make an attempt with the rod being used or their hands to secure the visible line and land the fish for it to be counted as legal. The Angler may not hook the line with another lure, rod, and reel, or other devices. The use of landing nets is allowed. Nets may be used for landing any fish species. Every attempt must be made to remove any and all hooks prior to releasing the fish.

18. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS.** Anglers may fish anywhere on event waters available to the public and accessible by boat except areas posted or otherwise designated as "off-limits," "no boats," "keep out," "restricted," "no trespassing" or "no fishing" (or similar language or markings intended to restrict public access) by H2H, commercial property owners and/or local, state or federal official/marshals. All fishing must be conducted from the boat. At no time may an official/marshal leave the boat to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. The cutting of trees, bushes and/or logs after the off-limits date and/or the removal of official/marshal commercial, local, state or federal barricades at any time to make an area more accessible by boat or gain access for fishing is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification from the event. The use of cables, ropes, chains or any type of block and tackle system to maneuver a boat into fishing waters is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the event. Abandoning a boat and leaving it adrift without proper tie-off or anchoring after a mechanical failure may result in disqualification of that day's weight. Anglers and official/marshals must always remain together and within sight of each other until the end of the match. The momentary condition of being out of sight of each other for restroom breaks is permitted.

Every Anglers' official/marshal will be equipped with a GPS tracker on competition days. Due to the nature of being live, fishing locations may/will be exposed to the public. This helps us enforce any boundaries as well as helps viewers visualize the lake. All Angler GPS trails must be saved for 1 hour after lines out in the case of a protest. They must be available for the tournament director.

19. **SCORING.** Competition standings, and final winners shall be determined by a length to weight conversion. Total weight per event or day. All walleye, and sauger are accepted species. The minimum length is 15 inches.

Measuring fish:

- All fish must be measured with mouth to the left up against the fence of the board. The fish's belly must face your belly as seen in the picture below
- The tail must fall naturally. Not pinched
- No device or tool may be used to help keep the fish flat on the board
- Tournament officials will review every catch entered into eTournament. Any fish that is deemed to have been manipulated in anyway will be removed from the days catch



- All fish pictures will be examined to determine if the same fish has been entered more than once.
- All fish must be released after the picture has been submitted

Each catch must be entered into the eTournament app before they resume fishing. If trolling with multiple lines out, the process of entering the fish will need to be completed prior to catching another fish.

If you wish to challenge someone's score, please contact tournament director. A \$500 nonrefundable fee along with a written protest must be turned in within 30 minutes of lines out.

All anglers will be supplied with an official H2H Bump Board. The boards are the responsibility of the anglers for the day. If a board is lost or damaged an angler can contact the tournament director to pick up a new one at the cost of \$50.

20. **PENALTIES.** (CHAMPIONSHIP) Penalties will be determined at the discretion of the Angler on Day One and Day Two. On Day Three, Four, and Five, the official will make all calls. Penalties are as follows:

- a. All fish species must be released below the gunwale
- b. Exiting your boat for any reason, unless for safety reasons
- c. Failing to wear PFD while main engine is above idle
- d. If a lure touches the water prior to the first cast of the match

If an Angler receives a penalty, the Angler must remove all lines from the water prior to the start of the penalty and is not permitted to do anything besides keeping their boat safe for 2 minutes.

When boat flipping or hand landing a fish you must control the fish prior to it touching the carpet or any other object in the boat. When control is established the fish can touch carpet.

Each Angler and official/marshal are required to wear a fastened U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. Angler must be connected to the kill switch anytime the combustion engine is running above idle. Failure to do so will result in a 2-minute penalty.

## **21. TIES.**

In the event of a tie during any of the Qualifier events, the following procedure will take place.

1. Big fish of the day
2. Big fish of the event
3. Biggest single day weight
4. First fish registered on day 1 (time stamp)

In the event of a tie after the four qualifying events in AOY. The following tie breakers will apply. There will only be 16 anglers in the Championship Bracket.

1. Biggest single day catch from qualifying events
2. Biggest Fish of the season
3. First registered fish in Qualifier #1, time stamped from eTournament

## **Championship**

1. Tiebreakers in order:
  - a. Biggest fish.
  - b. Average
2. For Bracket Matches: If the match is tied with 2 hours remaining:
  - a. Tied at weight of 0-0
    - i. Minimum length of 15 inches is lifted (now any target species at any weight, is scorable)
  - b. If it is tied at a weight greater than 0-0
    - i. Are 1a, 1b, 1c, all tied?
      1. If No
        - a. Minimum length stays at 15 inches
        - b. Use tiebreakers
      2. If Yes
        - a. The minimum length limit is removed
3. If the match is tied at the end of regulation
  - a. Use tiebreakers
  - b. If the match is still tied, the winner will be decided by who weighed the heaviest fish first, eTournament database timestamp will be used
4. If no fish are recorded by the end of regulation
  - a. Day 3 total number of target species caught including non-scorable
    - i. If zero target species are caught heaviest day 1 and day 2 totals
  - b. Day 4 total number of target species caught including non-scorable
    - i. If zero target species are caught heaviest day 1,2 and 3 totals
5. If after Days 1 and 2 the Great 8 is not full the following tie breakers will be used to fill/set the bracket for Days 3, and 4.
  - a. Total number of target species non-scorable caught
  - b. Current AOY Standings
  - c. Total number of target species non-scorable caught
  - d. Random draw

22. **LOGOS & MEDIA COVERAGE**. Anglers are encouraged to wear their own clothing, which may bear patches, logos, and other signage promoting the Angler's sponsors. H2H reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to prohibit any Angler's apparel that it finds to be offensive. H2H Anglers are expected to participate in media opportunities requested by H2H editors and producers during any day of competition. Anglers will run their own boats every day of competition. Anglers are allowed to live stream or record in all H2H events. In the case an angler has a live camera provided by H2H, that will be the only cameras allowed to be live.

23. **ENTRY FEES**. Anglers can mail checks to H2H (address below) or pay with a credit card through eTournament. There is a 3% fee to use a credit card. If paying by check you have the

ability to make a **non-refundable** deposit for each event. Entry fees for each event can be split into 4 payments of \$750. All entry fees are **non-refundable** and must be paid in full by the entry deadline of each event. See rule 11 for the entry deadlines.

24. **QUESTIONS & CONCERNS**. For general questions you contact H2H through Facebook messenger or email at [kcarpenter@phyxproductions.com](mailto:kcarpenter@phyxproductions.com). Urgent or emergency questions should be directed to any contact listed in the rules above, and the Tournament Director listed below.

Tournament Director: Kyle Carpenter  
(920) 819-5731 Call or Text  
[kcarpenter@phyxproductions.com](mailto:kcarpenter@phyxproductions.com)

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