

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

*Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (rules meeting Friday, June 12<sup>h</sup> @ Scherr-Howe Event Center)*

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

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1. **Eligibility:** Entries must be completed, signed and returned along with **entry fee of \$200** per two (or three) person team, Entry Fee will go up to \$250 after May 17th. 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 6 fish (2 fish 20 inches & over and 4 under) Fish must be 14" minimum.
3. **Boundaries:** Lake Oahe - North to the State Line; South Point of the Moreau; and South Point of Swan Creek
4. **Fishing Hours:** Saturday, June 13th from 8 am to 3 pm (flichting 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 **Friday, June 12th** with a social from 6 pm-8 pm, followed by a short **rules meeting at 8 pm. Anglers have to be off the water by 4 pm the day of the rules meeting.**
8. **River Headquarters:** Will be at "**Indian Creek**". Boat Inspection, launch and weigh-in will take place at River Headquarters.
9. **Scoring:** Prizes will be awarded to teams based on total weight caught during the day of the tournament. **Teams will weigh a total of 6 walleye or sauger, of which two may be 20 inches or over. Remember, no culling, or sorting will be allowed.** This is a state law. Teams will be able to keep their fish, and responsible for cleaning, packaging, storing, and transportation per state regulations.
10. **Weigh-In:** You can start weighing in as early as 2:30 pm.
11. **If you are late, you are disqualified.** Any team not returning on or before their assigned return time will be disqualified.
12. **Bad Weather** – if inclement weather, there will be no refunds on entry fees. Fishing tournament will be held on Sunday. If weather is still inclement on Sunday, prizes for places will be drawn.
13. **All team members must be present @ rules meeting.** Must be present to win prizes. Need to have ID present to collect prizes.
14. **Tournament fishermen can't fish with non-tournament fishermen.**
15. **You may only use a standardized hook and line system with artificial bait or live bait** to include: (less than 12 dozen) fathead minnows, creek chubs, white suckers and golden shiners. If using more than 12 dozen or any other bait, you'll have to have an importation permit from the SD GF&P. No Spearing or Snagging Fish. Each contestant may fish with two rods each. Spare rods, reels and tackle may be carried in your boat.
16. **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, 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.