

Competitive Fishing Events (CFEs) are defined as any fishing event with 25 or more participants who angle for fish for the purpose of winning prizes or money on the basis of fish caught. **No person shall conduct a Competitive Fishing Event (CFE) unless:** a) the CFE meets the standard requirements listed below; or b) the person holds a CFE Licence.

CFEs that meet the standard requirements are required to submit a completed notification form and a copy of the event rules to the ministry 30 days prior to the date of the event as well as a completed summary form within 30 days upon completion of the event.

**CFEs not meeting the standard requirements must be licensed by the ministry,** with organizers required to submit a completed CFE application form and a copy of the event rules to the ministry for review 30 days prior to the date of the event.

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## STANDARD REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITIVE FISHING EVENT ORGANIZERS

### Tournament (a catch and release only event):

- limited to: walleye/sauger/saugeye (excluding July and August); largemouth bass (excluding July and August); northern pike, perch, burbot, whitefish/cisco (excluding May 1 to November 30, inclusive) and does not include CR2 or CR3 waters or other waters or portions of waters that may be specified by the minister.
- may be conducted for walleye/sauger/saugeye or largemouth bass in July and August only if the tournament rules include:
  - ~ the immediate measurement of fish length or weight at the point of capture without transporting or any retention of fish; and
  - ~ the fish are immediately released unharmed at the point of capture after being measured.
- walleye/sauger/saugeye or largemouth bass tournaments must ensure that at least 90 per cent of the fish 'weighed in or measured' are alive and immediately released unharmed into the waters from which they were taken.

'Unharmed' means any fish that:

- i. is not showing stress that includes any of the following: hemorrhaging on the sides or fins; being unable to swim to the bottom and maintain its level in the water; experiencing a loss of equilibrium; swimming at the surface and gulping for air; or
- ii. has not had its swim bladder deflated with a needle or sharp object to release excess air.

**Derby** (a catch and kill event): where fish caught may be kept and counted as part of the angler's legal possession limit.

- limited to: lake trout (excluding September 1 to November 15, inclusive); northern pike, perch, burbot, whitefish / cisco or goldeye and do not include CR1, CR2 or CR3 waters or any other waters or portions of waters that may be specified by the minister.

Only fish species identified on the CFE notification or licence as 'eligible' species for the event may be retained for 'weigh-in or measurement' during the event. All 'non-eligible' fish species caught during the event must be immediately released.

**CFEs remain subject to all other sport fishing regulations.**