

In December 2012, amendments to The Fisheries Regulations were approved that reduce the licensing requirement for Competitive Fishing Events (CFEs) in Saskatchewan.

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

CFEs that meet the standard requirements are required to submit a completed notification form 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 and any tagged fish events must be licensed by the ministry**, with organizers required to submit a completed CFE application to the ministry for review 30 days prior to the date of the event.

## COMPETITIVE FISHING EVENT STANDARD REQUIREMENTS:

### Tournament (catch and release):

- limited to: walleye / sauger / saugeye (excluding July and August); largemouth bass, northern pike, perch, burbot, whitefish / cisco (excluding May 1 to November 30) and do not include CR2 or CR3 waters or other waters or portions of waters that may be specified by the minister.
- walleye / sauger / saugeye or largemouth bass tournaments must ensure that at least 90 per cent of the fish 'weighed in' are alive and immediately released unharmed into the waters from which they were taken.

'Unharmed' means: i) the fish is able to, without any assistance, hold itself upright in the water and sound to the bottom and ii) the fish does not show signs of stress (eg: red coloration on the fish's fins / side or swimming at the surface gulping for air).

### Derby (catch and kill):

- limited to: lake trout (excluding September 1 to November 15); 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' for the event may be retained for 'weigh-in' 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.**