



2021 Official Entry Form

Team Member #1: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Team Member #2: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

By entering the South Dakota Elite Walleye Series event(s), I hereby agree to follow the rules and I also agree that in consideration of being allowed to participate in SDEWS 2021 events, I hereby release and discharge SDEWS and its sponsors and any and all parties and entries from any and all claims, demands, grievances, and causes of action of any kind whatsoever, and including, but not limited to the foregoing, of any liability of any kind, nature of description, including theft or damage to my equipment of the equipment I use which may arise as a result of my participation in SDEWS events

I have signed this release the _____ Day of _____, 20_____.

Signature:

Team Member #1 _____

Team Member #2 _____

Make personal check, cashier's check, or money order payable to South Dakota Elite Walleye Series in the amount of \$400 per event. **Deadline for entries for each event is by 5:00pm the Monday prior to each event. All Entries are Final – No Exceptions**

Events for 2021: Chamberlain 04/17 – Others TBD

Tournament Director: Brock DuFrain Phone 605-680-1386 Email: sdelitewalleye@gmail.com

Mail entry forms to: SDEWS PO Box 168 Pukwana, SD 57370

Waiver of Liability, Indemnification, and Medical Release

I am aware of the dangers involved in participating in SDEWS events. On behalf of myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns, I hereby

1. Waive, release and discharge from all liability for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind which may hereafter accrue to me and my estate, the State of South Dakota and its officers, agencies, and employees; the South Dakota Elite Walleye Series and its officers, shareholders, and employees; and
2. Indemnify and hold harmless the State of South Dakota, and its officers, agents and employees, the South Dakota Elite Walleye Series and its officers, shareholders, and employees from and against all liabilities and claims made by other individuals and entities because of any of my actions during the events.

I hereby consent to receive medical treatment that may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident or illness during the activity or event. This release and waiver shall be constructed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

I the undersigned participant, acknowledge that I have read and understood the above release

Team Member #1 Print name _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Team Member #2 Print name _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Official Rules 2021

Eligibility

Anglers 18 years and older or a minor with a legal guardian, with a valid SD fishing license are eligible to fish in the tournaments. All contestants must check in at the rules meetings on the night prior to each event at 7:00pm. Site for the rules meeting will be posted on the web-site at www.sdews.net, our Facebook page and will be listed on the Fact Sheet for each event. For insurance reasons, at least one member from the team must attend the rules meeting or your team will not be able to participate and will forfeit your entry fees. **Boats must be off the water by 4:00 pm the day of the rules meeting.** One substitute is allowed throughout the year.

Tackle & Equipment

Artificial and Live lures may be used. Each contestant may use as many rods as State Law will provide. Only two fishermen are allowed per boat. (Camera person or spotter are the exception). 350 max motor horsepower. Life jacket must be worn any time the boat is on plane. Marine band radios must be on channel 72 during tournament hours. If you don't have a marine band radio you must inform tournament officials.

Boat Checks

All contestants will be checked before their boat is backed into the water. Boats may be checked on the water during tournament hours. Any one refusing to allow patrol boats to check your boat will be disqualified. If the patrol asks to board your boat to check tags you must allow them to board your boat. If conditions are so rough that it cannot take place they may ask you to go to calmer water to complete the check. All patrol boats will be dressed in the SDEWS colors and will have identification they will show you. **You may be asked to have a spotter and/or a cameraman in your boat during tournament hours. You will be responsible for providing that person with the necessary equipment (i.e. Lifejacket, etc.) required by law.**

Boundaries

The boundaries will be the same for all events. The boundaries will be as far as you can make it there and back on one tank of gas. There will be no filling of gas on the water or carrying any gas along. **Gas will be confined to the tank that was provided by the manufacturer of your boat.**

Fishing Hours

The tournaments will be held from 7am to 4pm at each event site. Any team arriving to the flag boat past 4:00 pm will be disqualified. Tournament director has the right to change the fishing hours if necessary.

Scoring – Largest Weight in Five Fish

All events will be tag fish events. There will be 7 tags per boat. Only 2 can be over 20 inches and the rest must be 15 inches' minimum. Each team will bring their best 5 fish to the scale. Heaviest weight will win!!! All 7 tags must be returned to the scale master. If you have seven fish tagged, bring your best five to the scale. Your other two tagged fish will be released into a holding tank unless it is a kill tournament. **Do not remove the tags yourself!** This will be an automatic disqualification with NO EXCEPTIONS. If you do not have all your tags used up, you still need to bring all 7 tags to the weigh-in site with your official SDEWS information and turn them into the STAFF. If you do not return your tags after each event and you are fishing more SDEWS events, you will be the last boat released in the next event. If more than one team has this infraction, the tournament director will determine the order of your boat. Unused tags need to be brought to the staff **UN-CLIPPED**. Basically, bring them back as you received them. Bringing them back clipped without a fish will be an automatic disqualification with NO EXCEPTIONS. **From June 1 to September 15 the State of South Dakota mandates us to do catch and keep tournaments. With that mandate, we will not allow the use of live wells with water in them during this time. Fish that are kept are to be tagged and put on ice. Live wells with ice are allowed.**

Ties

All ties will be decided by heaviest fish of the teams and if there still is a tie then coin flip will decide it. With all winnings and trophies to the winner of heaviest fish or the coin flip.

Boat Departure

All teams will line up behind tournament directors flag boat or boat No. 1 and be led out starting with Boat number one and so on. You will pass by the flag boat one at a time at a no wake speed or your team number will be called out to you via marine band radio by the tournament director. After showing your number card to the flag boat and he confirms your number you can take off. Boat Departure position will be determined on a first come first serve basis on entries. Teams that submit for the first three tournaments at the beginning of the year will have first team number preference. Preference will also be first come first serve.

Entry Fee

\$400.00 per team per event. Maximum field of 80 teams per event. Deadline for entries for each event is by 5:00pm the Monday prior to each event. **All Entries are Final – No Exceptions**

Truth Verification Tests, Grievances, and cheating

The Tournament Director, acting as the moderator, will hear both sides of the issue and make the final decision. All situations will be handled professionally. If any contestant becomes aggressive or verbally abusive they will be removed from the tournament site and disqualified from the event and all other SDEWS events with NO EXCEPTIONS. All violations of SD Law will be turned over to the authorities. Anyone proven to have cheated during the SDEWS events will be turned over to authorities if applicable and permanently banned from participating in any other SDEWS events in the future. If a team disagrees with the final decision of the tournament director, the tournament director may consult a group of anglers (minimum of 5) to help mediate the disagreement. The tournament director still reserves the right to be the final decision and all decisions are final.

Each competitor or participant agrees by their signature on the entry forms and by their participation in the tournament, to submit to a polygraph or voice stress analyzer test, I.E. Truth Verification Test, should they be asked to for any reason and to abide by its conclusion. Tournament officials shall have sole discretion to select scope, when, where and who shall administer such an exam. Participant will make themselves available at their own expense for testing as scheduled. In the official's sole discretion, refusal to submit to exam or failure to pass a truth verification exam will result in disqualification.

Note

Each contestant will sign a waiver form at the bottom of the official rules. By signing this form the participants understand these rules. By signing this form, you will also agree to allow the Tournament Director to access your incoming and outgoing calls and text messages if needed. If you refuse you will be disqualified. In no way are we looking to stop you from having cell a phone on you. We are simply stating if you decide to use them during tournament hours to gain a fishing advantage you will be disqualified. Once you are on the water, there will be no communication during tournament hours. By no means are we discouraging friendly conversation between participants in passing. We will be watching for those of you who feel the need to push the limit! Please understand the reason behind this. All contestants that have family issues, jobs, etc. that require cell phone access; this will need to be communicated to the tournament director at the rules meeting. This will stop confusion throughout the event. I truly understand the importance of family, work and being able to get in touch in case of an emergency. On the other hand, participants need to understand where we are coming from with the amount of money that is on the line. Thank you for your understanding and if you have any question regarding the above notice, feel free to contact the Tournament Director.

Tournament Director

Decisions by the Tournament Director are final. If you have a grievance, please refer to the grievance portion of the rules.

I the undersigned participant, acknowledge that I have read and understood the above Official rules of the South Dakota Elite Walleye Series

Team Member #1 Print name _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Team Member #2 Print name _____

Signature _____ Date: _____