



NITTI'S HUNTERS POINT RESORT TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All participants in Nitti's Hunters Point Resort Inc, tournaments will be required to fill out an official Nitti's Hunters Point Resort Entry Form which constitutes agreement to abide by the following Rules and local regulations.
2. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament Director, and the decision of the Tournament Director shall be final in all matters.
3. All participants must possess valid fishing licenses for the tournament waters being fished.
5. We specifically reserve the right to refuse participation or entry to anyone for any reason.
9. Competitors must comply with all prevailing federal, state and local statutes and regulations relevant to the tournament location.
10. Anglers must provide and use a camera during competition that utilizes Secure Digital (SD) format memory cards. Additionally, the camera must feature a standard, rectilinear type lens (no "fisheye" type lenses allowed.)
11. Anglers traveling by water to the official launch site must proceed directly to and from their lodging facilities, launch, or slip location.
12. Prior to take-off, each boat MUST be available for inspection by a Nitti's Hunters Point Resort Tournament Official.
13. Each boat must display a numbered "boat board" provided by Nitti's Hunters Point Resort at take-off and check-in.
14. Prior to take-off, all boats must be positioned in order by boat number as specified by the Tournament Director. Take-off will occur on schedule. Any boat that is out of order or delaying the start of the field will be held to the end of the line.
15. Competitors must leave from and return to the official Start/Finish checkpoint by boat. Towing a boat on a trailer during tournament hours is prohibited, except in the event of a mechanical breakdown and at the direction of a tournament official.
 - a. Running out of gas is NOT considered a mechanical breakdown.
16. All competitors must remain in contact with the boat at all times. Allowed exceptions to this rule are: In case of an emergency, competitors may be removed from their boat to a rescue boat including any boat operated by non-competitors; and in case of a mechanical breakdown.
17. A protest must be filed with tournament director before weigh-in is completed. A \$200.00 fee will be required (refunded if protest is found valid). A protest committee will consist of two (2) tournament officials and three (3) randomly picked contestants. The committee findings will be final. If a polygraph test is recommended by the committee, money will be withheld until the results of the polygraph test are known.
18. During tournament fishing hours, Nitti's Hunters Point Resort contestants must not solicit, share, or receive fishing information pertaining to method or type of presentations being used, lure selection or color, and location of fish or type of water being fished, with other Nitti's Hunters Point Resort contestants or non-contestants.
19. No one is allowed to "hold" a fishing location for a Nitti's Hunters Point Resort contestant under any circumstance.
20. All fish must be caught live on a hook and line in a conventional sporting manner. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging fish (that is, not hooked in the head per state regulations) will have their entire daily catch disqualified.
21. During competition hours, a contestant may not use a CB radio, VHF marine-band radio, cellular phone, text messaging, instant messaging, or any other form of communication or boat tracking device for any reason (except in the case of emergency), and in particular for the purpose of locating or catching fish or locating other fishermen. Competitors are permitted to transmit by radio or telephone only in the event of an emergency. Contestants should monitor Channel 78 for weather updates and alerts. In the case of emergency, call 911 first, and then notify Nitti's Hunters Point Resort Officials!
22. Any boat which is not off-plane and in line at the official check-in point at the appointed time, shall forfeit all credit for that day's catch. There shall be no excuse for tardiness, and in no case shall a competitor be allowed to make up "lost time." (If you are 1+ seconds past the appointed check in time you are considered late)
23. All boats are required to check-in with Nitti's Hunters Point Resort officials at the end of each day.
24. During competition, each participant must wear a Coast Guard-approved chest-type personal flotation device (PFD) at all times the main combustion engine is operating above no-wake speed. This PFD must be buckled, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the boat slows to no-wake speed. Violation of this rule shall be reason for daily disqualification.
25. Tournament Officials have the right to delay, shorten or cancel the start of an official tournament day due to dangerous weather conditions. Tournament boundaries may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. A tournament day may be cancelled (even after that day has started) because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors.
 - a. Once a tournament day is started, if any part of it is cancelled, there will be no weigh-in. In the case of a cancellation, tournament days will not be rescheduled.

- b. Competitors are allowed to leave the boat and seek safe shelter in bad weather when danger may be imminent.
26. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, COMPETITORS SHOULD CALL 911 FIRST AND THEN NOTIFY Nitti's Hunters Point Resort OFFICIALS.
 27. Payouts are based on the number of Team entries. Nitti's Hunters Point Resort will provide a payment schedule based on the number of registered Teams.
 28. Results are not official until announced by tournament officials.

PHOTO RELEASE RULES & INSTRUCTION

1. Nitti's Hunters Point Resort's Tournament Events are in PRT format. "Weigh in" will be done through photo and scorecard. No fish will be brought in for weighing. All Fish in photographs must be caught during tournament hours on Mille Lacs Lake by the participating team.
2. All boats will be inspected by official staff at Nitti's Hunters Point Resort before takeoff.
3. Anglers must provide and use a camera that utilizes secure digital (SD) format memory card. The camera must feature a standard rectilinear type lens. (No 'Fisheye' type lenses allowed)
4. This format requires a complete photographic record of each fish scored. Both sides of each fish must be photographed.
5. The partners agree on the length of the fish to 1/4th inch accuracy. If the tail fin touches or crosses a graduation line on the ruler, the official length may be rounded up to the nearest one quarter (1/4th) of an inch.
6. Mouth open or closed - tail pinched or flared - no foreign objects- dowel rods, plastic, etc. in fish's mouth to hold mouth open. Any fish that appears altered or mangled may result in a loss of that fish or disqualification for that day or the event.
7. While the fish is being held on the ruler, a photo must be taken of the fish validating the agreed upon length. This photo must clearly show both the HEAD and TAIL of the fish. The photograph must be taken of the LEFT side of the fish ONLY (belly towards the angler holding the fish, head to the left). A photo that does not clearly show the head and tail of the fish, and the left side of the fish on the ruler WILL NOT BE SCORED. More than one attempt to get a valid photo is allowed.
8. Another photo MUST be taken of the fish being held up by a partner (Media Shot). This photo MUST show the entire RIGHT side of the fish. These photos may be used on stage during the weigh-in process or be posted on media outlets (web, Facebook, etc.)
9. The fish must then be immediately released back into the water
10. Record the length of the fish on Official Scorecard.
11. In the event that two fish are caught at the same time, the PRT format requires that one fish be measured, photographed, recorded and released as quickly as possible before next fish is processed.
12. No Fish are ever to be put in your Live-well and No fish can be held in water with nets, stringers, etc. Delays will result in disqualification.
13. While a fish is in the boat being measured. Anglers are not allowed to reset or put fishing lines in the water until after fish is processed and released. Normal fishing can then resume.
14. Teams are allowed 5 Fish per day.
15. If a Photo is visually blocked, not the right length, you will lose that fish. You will now only receive credit for 4 fish. We will not replace that fish.
16. Each team will be given a length to weight conversion chart. The team will use the chart to convert the lengths of their top 5 fish each day. The sum of those 5 fish will be the unofficial total weight for that day.
17. If you check 6 Fish in your TOP 5 column, you will be zeroed. It is the same as bringing too many fish to the scales.
18. Minimum length 14 inches, so a fish 13 3/4 equals 14.
19. A fish can only be scored One Time.
20. All equipment provide by Nitti's Hunters Point Resort (SD memory card, ruler, clipboard, scorecard, conversion chart, pencils, sharpener) must be turned in to a tournament official, in the provided bag at the end of each day. Loss of any of the provide items will result in a ZERO for the Day. Lost ruler \$75.00 charge.
21. Results are not final until announced by tournament officials.