



# SAINT JOHN RIVER CHAPTER

## MUSKIES CANADA



### Rules and Requirements

1. In order to compete in a Saint John River Chapter outing, there must be at least one person in each boat that is a member in good standing of Muskies Canada and all placement prizes are awarded to the Boat/Team. (Everyone in a Boat equates to a Team) Memberships are available the morning of registration. Guests can only fish one event per year. Immediate family members are considered members under a membership. All children under the age of 16 may fish our events at no cost.

Guests:

- I. Pay the same entry fee;
- II. Abide by all MCI rules and regulations;
- III. Sign in and out with a "G" after their name; and
- IV. Are eligible for door or raffle prizes and outing placing prizes, but not the Swan Moving Trophy, or other year-end and major awards.

2. A fish must be live released immediately after measurements and picture to be eligible for entry in the outing. Assistance may be given by another team if necessary. All efforts must be made to minimize handling and time out of the water. Measurements and photographs should be taken in the water if there are high water temperatures. Survival of the Muskie is priority. Pictures must be taken for your catch to be considered for prizes, and pictures should be taken using the following guidelines. Failure to take a photo with a Muskie horizontal and fully supported may result in disqualification. Never lift a Muskie vertically by its jaw!



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3. Fish must be hooked and played by one person and only that person may enter the fish. Handling assistance is permitted.

4. Fish must be caught legally on sport fishing tackle and in compliance with all local and provincial laws. Artificial lures and scents only - no bait dead or alive.

5. Muskies are girthed and measured to obtain your score. A weight is devised from the formula Length X Girth X Girth / 800. The girth is the largest measurement using a soft measuring tape and the length is taken by laying the fish on top of the measuring device on a flat even surface from the tip of the nose to the end of the pinched tail.

6. In the case of landing a Muskie, there may be a member with a tagging gun nearby who will offer to tag your fish for research purposes.

7. Each boat shall be equipped with a net large enough to allow a fully revived Muskie to be caged in the water and meant for Muskie fishing. Bolt cutters and long nose pliers must be on board as well to remove hooks that are difficult to remove from the Muskie or a body part.

8. Most outings consist of a mandatory lunch time barbeque, so be sure to know all of the details before launching.

9. Registrations are taken and must be paid the morning of the outing before launching, so it is recommended to be at the launch at least a half hour before.

10. If you are late arriving at an outing, be sure to report to another team (witness) before angling and you can pay at lunch or the end of the day before the awards are issued.

11. Any fish caught outside of outing times are ineligible for entry in the outing.

12. Outing prizes are as follows:

I. First Place angler prize package.

II. Second Place angler prize package.

III. Third Place angler prize package.

In no case shall a Boat/Team win more than one of the above prizes. (Everyone in a Boat equates to a Team) Planned prizes shall always be distributed immediately to the participants. In no case shall a prize be kept and reserved for another purpose. In the case no participant qualifies for a planned prize package as noted above, then all participating members who have not already won an outing prize shall receive a ticket to raffle off the remaining prize packages.

13. Participants are to observe all safety rules and boating regulations.

14. Saint John River Chapter MCI reserves the right to disqualify any participant for behavior deemed contrary to the organization's best interests.

15. Saint John River Chapter MCI outings are meant to be fun and educational.