



## SAINT JOHN RIVER CHAPTER MUSKIES CANADA INC.



# Saint John River NATIONAL MUSKIE CHALLENGE

### **Registration**

In order to compete in a Saint John River National Muskie Challenge all participants must be registered, there must be at least one person in each boat that is a member in good standing of Muskies Canada. Immediate family members are considered members under a membership.

### **Fishing Boundaries**

Below Hartland Covered bridge down river (Reversing Falls)

### **Closed Zones**

Grafton Bridge to old Train Bridge at Sharpe's Island

Hartts Island Camp ground to Mactaquac Dam

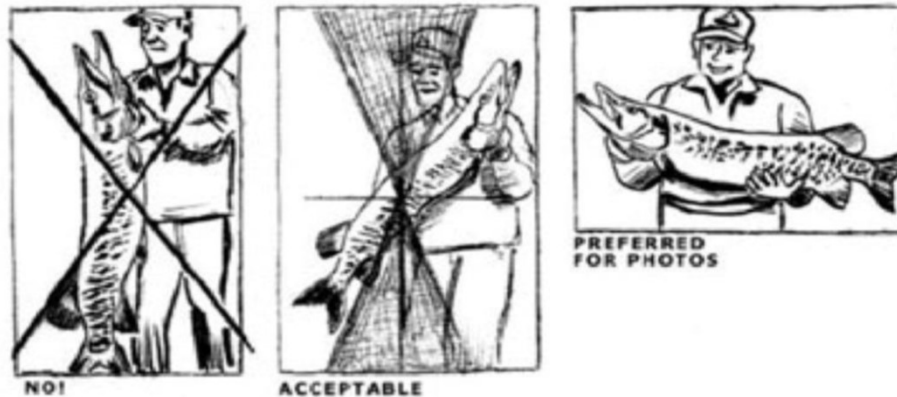
### **Times**

Fishing starts at 7:00 am to 5pm Saturday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, (approx. 30 minutes before sunrise). All fish must be registered by no later than 6:30pm at the Riverside resort. Registration runs from 5:30 to 6:30pm at Riverside Resort, please be on time for registration

A completed SJR scorecard must be received by the fish registrar.

### **Fish**

1. A fish must be live released immediately after measurements and pictures are taken 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. Survival of the Muskie is priority.
2. Fish must be hooked and played by one person and only that person may enter the fish.
3. Fish must be caught legally on sport fishing tackle and in compliance with all local and provincial laws.



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4. 1 rod per angler with the exception of down stream from Hartts Island (tidal waters) where Maritime Provinces regulations apply (5 rods with no more than 3 hooks per rod).
5. Muskies are length and girthed to obtain your score. A weight is devised from the formula  $\text{Length} \times \text{Girth} \times \text{Girth} / 800$ . 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. 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 for hooks that are difficult to remove
7. Any fish caught outside of outing times are ineligible for entry in the outing.
8. Outing prizes are as follows:  
First Place angler Award (guests are eligible)
9. Participants are to observe all safety rules and boating regulations.
10. Saint John River Chapter MCI reserves the right to disqualify any participant for behavior deemed contrary to the organization's best interests.
11. Saint John River Chapter MCI outings are meant to be fun and educational.