

**Fishin' for the Cure Benefit Tournament, Hauser Reservoir**  
**Boat cleaning/gear cleaning requirements**  
**July 12, 2008**

1. Eligibility for Participation:

- a) Any applicant under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult partner over 18 years of age.
- b) Tournament Committees reserves the right to refuse entry of any individual.

2. Regulations:

- a) As stated by Montana State Law and enforced by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks: all boat exteriors must be washed, and live wells cleaned, prior to entering the water at the beginning of the tournament.
- b) Each participant 15-61 years of age and a resident of Montana must possess a valid Montana Fishing License. Resident anglers 12-14 or age 62+ must under posses a conservation license. Resident anglers under 11 years do not require a license. Consult the 2008 Montana Fishing Regulations for nonresident license requirements.
- c) Each participant must observe and adhere to all the rules and regulations of the Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks and the U.S. Coast Guard.

3. Late Registration Exceptions:

- a) Late entries must be completed no later than 15-minutes prior to the beginning of tournament.
- b) Any contestant registering late is expected to know the tournament rules in their entirety. Absolutely no ignorance of these rules will be tolerated by any late registrant.

4. Inspections:

- a) Boats will receive an inspection prior to the start of the tournament by a pre-selected bystander, approved by tournament committee.
- b) Absolutely no entry boat may have walleye, perch or rainbow trout on board prior to the start of the Tournament.

5. Boat Operations:

- a) As an ongoing effort to prevent the transport and introduction of aquatic nuisance species, that may be harmful to the preservation of all freshwater species, all participants are required to wash their boats and trailers before and after all tournament events.
- b) Each participant is required to wear an approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) when the primary motor is running. We suggest that it be worn at all times when in the boat.
- c) All boat angler teams must depart by boat from the starting area under the direction of the Tournament Officials.
- d) Team Boats may not come within 100-feet of another watercraft, except for patrol boats.
- e) Disqualification may occur when handling a boat in a careless and reckless manner.

#### 6. Inclement Weather:

- a) The Tournament Committees reserves the right to postpone or cancel the morning or afternoon competition if, in the opinion of the Tournament Committees, weather conditions exist that poses a threat to the safety of the teams, their participants, and tournament personnel.
- b) The Tournament Committees may declare a bad weather condition due to deteriorating weather conditions, after the tournament has already begun at any time during the competition.
- c) In the event that inclement weather is declared, check boats and tournament staff will be called in.
- d) Teams must use their own discretion, to seek safety or continuing to fish, as it pertains to weather conditions.
- e) When the Tournament Committees has ruled to stop the tournament, teams are encouraged to seek immediate shelter.
- f) Bad weather will not change tournament hours.
- g) Teams must reach the check-in point by the required time in a safe manner.
- h) Good intentions, sportsmanship and proper judgment are essential as it pertains to your own personal safety under these circumstances.