



2008 Vermilion Hawg Fest
Tournament Rules & Regulations

When: Saturday September, 20th 2008- Blow day, September 21st 2008

Where: Vermilion River (on water boat check location TBA)

Flights: 7:30a-3:30p (boats 1-34), 7:50a-3:50p (boats 35-67), 8:10a-4:10p (boats 68-105)

Entry Fees

Pre registration - 2 man teams (4 rod limit) \$100, 3 or more man teams (6 rod limit) \$150. Paypal registrations subject to \$5 surcharge to cover fees. Pre-registration closes on 9/10/07

Registration after 9/10 - 2 man teams (4 rod limit) \$150, 3 or more man teams (6 rod limit) \$200. Registration on Sept 19th only.

There will be a mandatory Captain's meeting Friday, September 19th at 7pm for ALL team captains. Ramp registration (if necessary) will be Friday, September 19th from 5pm - 7pm ONLY. Location TBA.

Payout Schedule

80% payback to 25% of field. Example - 105 teams pays 21 places, with remaining 84 teams entered in a random drawing. 5 teams will be drawn for payouts.

Big Fish Pot

\$20 per team. (optional) 100% payback. 1 fish entry per team. Big Fish pot will pay 2 places. Big fish fee will be collected in cash only at the Captain's Meeting at 7pm Friday, September 19th. Location TBA.

Awards Ceremony/Pig Roast and Weigh In

The weigh in location TBA.

The awards will be conducted at the Vermilion on the Lake Club, 3780 Edgewater Drive, Vermilion, OH 44089.

Starting positions will be determined by the order of receipt of registration payment. Postmark date(s) do not constitute receipt of payment. Pre- registration is available by clicking the register button at the bottom of the page, or by mailing the registration form and check or money order to Ohio Game Fishing, 2545 Hilliard-Rome Rd. #202, Hilliard, Ohio 43026-9471 (Attention: Vermilion Hawg Fest Tournament). Pre-registration ends on 9/10/08 or when the field is full (whichever comes first).

Additional on-site registration will be open on Friday September 19th ONLY from 5 to 7 PM. Location TBA. CASH ONLY for all on-site registrations

For any additional information or questions please contact a member of the tournament committee:

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Tournament Rules

1. Rules and rule changes

These rules will remain unchanged unless otherwise notified during the mandatory captain's meeting Friday, September 19th. Interpretation of the rules will be to the discretion of the Tournament Director and the Tournament Committee. The rules and the interpretations of them will be final and not open to protest.

2. Sportsmanship

Entrants must conduct themselves in a true sportsman-like manner at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS. Courtesy and ethics of the highest standard are the norm, not the exception. Remember that you not only represent yourselves, but all tournament anglers and competitive fishing. Any rude or insulting type of behavior will be subject to disqualification or penalties enforced. Any team receiving a citation, for a violation in their boat, from any law enforcement agency on the day of the tournament will be disqualified for that tournament.

3. Severe weather

In the event of severe weather the tournament hours maybe suspended or cut short. A tournament may be rescheduled or canceled at the discretion of the tournament director. If the weather is not safe the blow date will be the day after the scheduled date.

4. Safety

Safety must be observed at all times. Each contestant is to follow all Coast Guard regulations. No Alcoholic beverages or illegal substances may be consumed or in possession by teams during fishing hours.

5. Boats and equipment

All boats will be inspected prior to the start of that day of fishing. All boats must conform to the appropriate state, and USCG standards. Your boat must have all USCG safety equipment on board including a VHF radio. All boats will have an USCG or BMA plate attached by the boat manufacturer and the horsepower rating will not be exceeded by any means. Bait and tackle may not be passed between boats after the tournament has started. Only registered contestants are allowed to be on the boat during tournament hours. All boats must have liability insurance.

6. Marine radios and cell phones

You must also have a working VHF marine band radio. The official tournament channel will be channel 80. You may monitor any channel while fishing but cannot transmit by radio, cell phone or any other electronic equipment. Any type of transmission of information via any communicative device concerning any aspect of fishing is prohibited during the tournament.

7. Fishing

Water open to fish will be the Ohio waters of Lake Erie. Competitors must not come in contact with other boats during tournament hours. The only exception to this rule is in an emergency situation. If a competitors boat breaks down another competitor MAY bring their fish to the weigh in and assist with a tow. Any disabled boat must notify the tournament director by radio or phone. Fish must not be combined between teams.

8. Dead fish

There is NO dead fish penalty. Fish do not need to be kept in a livewell.

9. Weigh in

Teams must be past the official check in site before the end of tournament hours to weigh fish. Any team arriving late will not be allowed to weigh. Check in site will be announced at each tournament. Winners will be determined by the weight of their 5 largest fish. Big fish winner will be determined by the weight of single largest walleye. Only 1 fish per team is eligible for big fish. Length of single largest walleye breaks all ties. After checking, in all teams must weigh their fish in a timely manner. Not doing so will be treated the same as being late. Teams not weighing in must turn in their boat board at the weigh-in location or with the tournament official at the check site.

10. Protest

The tournament committee or any other contestant has the right to protest another team or contestant. The protest must be made to the tournament director in a timely manner and accompanied by a \$150.00 fee. If protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. If it is not, no refund will be given. A lie detector will be available at each tournament.

11. Spirit of the rule

All rules have "loop holes". It is the intention of the tournament Director and the committee to provide a sportsman like tournament. All questions or problems are to be referred to the Tournament Director and the rules committee. They have sole jurisdiction in the determining the application of the rules.

12. Waiver and hold harmless

All contestants in signing an entry form agree to hold harmless any and all promoters, tournament directors, agents, agencies, and organizations assisting the OGF tournament operation. Furthermore, all contestants agree to waive all responsibility for death, injuries, damage, liability, theft, fire or loss of any kind to entrants. I have read, and understand the above rules, and by signing the entry form is in fact signing a waiver form. Entries must be signed in order to participate. Anglers under the age of 18 are welcome but must have a waiver signed by 2 parents or legal guardians.

13. Participation and eligibility

The field will be limited to the first 105 boats to register and that will constitute a full field. Team size can be from 2 to 6 people. There will be a limit of 6 rods per team unless it is a 2 man team then the legal limit of 4 rods will be observed. OGF tournament committee has right of entry refusal or expulsion from the tournament for any reason.

14. Payback

Payback will be at the rate of 80% of the entries paid back to 25% of the field. Maximum number of teams paid will be 26. Based on 105 boat field, tournament pays out to top 21 teams, with the remaining 84 teams randomly selected for the final 5 payout spots.

15. Big Fish Pot

An optional Big fish pot will be available for \$20 and will be paid back at 100%. (1) Big Fish entry per team, and will pay out 2 places. Fee collected at the Captain's Meeting on Friday September 19th only.

16. Captain's Meeting

A MANDATORY CAPTAIN'S MEETING WILL BE HELD THE NIGHT PRIOR TO THE EVENT AT THE VERMILION ON THE LAKE CLUB

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