

Bemidji/Cass Lake Chapter of Muskies, Inc.
Brian Truax Memorial Muskie Tournament – June 27, 2026

Tournament Waters:

Lake Bemidji Chain, Big Lake, Lake Plantagenet, Cass Lake Chain, Little Wolf, Mantrap

Registration by June 1, 2026: \$60 Adults / \$25 Youth (17 and under)

Registration AFTER June 1, 2026: \$75 Adults / \$30 Youth (17 and under)

Registration will be available online only at <https://www.bemidjicassmuskies.org/tournament/>

A minimum of \$1,000 of the proceeds will be applied to a BSU SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

5:00 am Fishing Starts
4:00 pm Fishing Ends
**5:00 pm Fish Registration,
 Meal & Award Ceremony**

Tourney Headquarters:
Calvary Lutheran Church
2508 Washington Ave SE
Bemidji, MN 56601

**Located on Hwy 71 (Washington Ave) on
the south side of Bemidji.*

Contact Info: Chris Thury - (612) 590-9785 or cthury@midco.net

Website: <https://www.BemidjiCassMuskies.org>

Tournament waiver below will be signed when you register through our website:

<https://www.bemidjicassmuskies.org/tournament/>

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate among and on boats under the auspices of Muskies, Inc. International and the Bemidji/Cass Lake Chapter of Muskies, Inc., I acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

I am aware of the inherent risk of fishing and boating, including but not limited to the risks of collisions with other boats and stationary objects in and around the lake, including rocks, reefs or piers or other vehicles and trailers at landing areas. This release applies to any and all risk of contracting, or exposure to, the Covid-19 Coronavirus or any disease, by contact with, or proximity to, other persons, locations, equipment, or facilities encountered during the course of travel to, participation in, and returning home from this event, whether such persons are also participants or otherwise.

1. I am familiar with other risks up to and including death by drowning associated with rough water, changing weather patterns, heavy winds and lightning storms. I expressly assume all risks associated with this tournament and I hereby release Muskies, Inc. International and the Bemidji/Cass Lake Chapter of Muskies, Inc., the host, sponsors, and event officials from all claims of negligence resulting from injury and/or property damages incurred in connection with the tournament.
2. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of those persons released from liability below, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and
3. I will comply with all rules and regulations. If I have any questions, or observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my participation, I will immediately bring such to the attention of the nearest official; and
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assign, person representatives and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Muskies, Inc. International and the Bemidji/Cass Lake Chapter of Muskies, Inc., the owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, their officers, officials, ("Releasees") with respect to any and all injury, disability, death or loss of damage to person or property, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
5. As of this date, I do have a minimum of \$100,000 worth of liability insurance on my watercraft/boat.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, and understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement.

For Participants of Minority Age (Under Age 18 at Time of Registration)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian of this participant, do consent and agree to his/her indemnification, release and hold harmless as provided above of all Releasees, and I, for myself and behalf of my heirs, assigns and next of kin, hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all claims incident to my child's involvement in these programs even if arising out of the negligence of the Releasees, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

[Online registration required through our website: <https://www.bemidjicassmuskies.org/tournament/>]

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Chapter Fundraiser
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TOURNAMENT RULES:

1. Tournament open to public (M.I. members and non-members) and limited to 200 contestants.
2. Tournament waters limited to Lake Bemidji and all connecting waters, Big Lake in Beltrami County, MN, Lake Plantagenet and Mantrap in Hubbard County, MN, the Cass Lake Chain and Little Wolf Lake in Cass County, MN.
3. ****No trailering of your boat from one lake to another will be allowed during tournament hours. The lake or chain you start fishing on, is where your boat must remain during your participation in the tournament.**
4. **All Forward-Facing Sonar technology is not allowed during tournament fishing hours.**
5. All fish must be caught during tournament hours of **5:00 am until 4:00 pm, June 27, 2026.**
6. A **digital** photo of the contestant with the fish and contest placard (printed or digital on a phone) visible (**while holding fish and also on a bump board with the head at zero and the tail at the full measurement**) for each legal fish must be taken in addition to filling out the Fish Registration form. Cell phone images will be accepted and can be texted to Chris Thury at (612) 590-9785.
7. **All Fish Registration forms & photos must be turned in by 5:00 pm at the Drop-off location:**
Calvary Lutheran Church
2508 Washington Ave SE
Bemidji, MN 56601
8. ****Please turn in all Fish Registration forms to tournament director regardless of size of fish caught or at a minimum notify our tournament director of fish caught if you're not attending award ceremony.**
9. All anglers in the boat, including guides, must be registered contestants.
10. All fish must be caught, handled and released by legal methods according to state fishing laws and regulations.
11. Fish must be witnessed swimming away healthy & unaided upon release.
12. No Live Bait can be used.
13. Entrants must play the fish by himself/herself. Only assistance will be in netting fish.
14. Muskie must have a **30-inch minimum length** to qualify. 4 points, plus one (1) point per inch and one half (.5) point per half-inch for each inch/half-inch thereafter.
15. One Tournament Contestant must witness and measure fish. Witnessing contestant must fill out & sign Fish Registration form.
16. Ties will be broken by time recorded on the Fish Registration form when turned in at Tournament Headquarters.
17. No fish may be taken to a scale or transported.
18. Tournament is strictly Catch & Release. No kept fish will be allowed for points.
19. Boats must be in compliance with all Coast Guard and state laws & regulations.
20. Tournament contestants must display appropriate conduct at all times. Inappropriate conduct at boat accesses or on the water will result in disqualification.
21. All entrants may be subject to a specialized lie detector test at the discretion of the tournament committee.
22. Any protest of violation of tournament rules must be presented to the Tournament Committee in writing prior to awarding the winning prizes (5:00pm, June 27, 2026) at Tournament Headquarters.
23. All decisions of the Tournament Committee are final.
24. The Tournament Committee and Bemidji/Cass Lake Chapter of M.I. are not responsible for any lost or stolen items before, during or after day of tournament.
25. The largest musky registered and accepted during the tournament will win 1 free Lax Reproductions musky replica. In the event of a tie for largest fish the fish caught first will win. In the event of a tie where both fish are caught at the same time and only one of the anglers is a Junior, the junior angler defaults as the winner. In the event where there is a tie and both fish are caught at the same time and both anglers are in the Adult division the oldest angler defaults as the winner. In the event where there is a tie, both fish are caught at the same time and both anglers are in the junior division the youngest angler defaults as the winner. Any ties in age in the above scenarios will be decided by a coin toss. The replica does not have to be of the fish caught in the tournament but must be of a musky. **Replica must be ordered by Dec 1st the year of the tournament in which it was won or prize will be forfeited and cannot be redeemed at a later date.** The Bemidji/Cass Lake Chapter of Muskies Inc will pay for the replica alone and shipping to the lower 48 States; the angler that wins the replica will be responsible for any additional plaques, driftwood, international shipping costs, etc.

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This form and photos must be turned in by 5:00pm at the drop-off location to be valid. No exceptions.

Fish #1 Chapter Number: _____ (if participating in Chapter Challenge)

Fish Length _____ inches (Nearest 1/2 inch) Lake Caught: _____

Time Caught _____ am / pm Species of fish: True Muskellunge
(circle one) Hybrid

Witness: (One required)

Angler._____ Signature: _____

Witness: _____ Signature: _____

Fish #2 Chapter Number: _____ (if participating in Chapter Challenge)

Fish Length _____ inches (Nearest 1/2 inch) Lake Caught: _____

Time Caught _____ am / pm Species of fish: True Muskellunge
(circle one) Hybrid

Witness: (One required)

Angler._____ Signature: _____

Witness: _____ Signature: _____

Fish #3 Chapter Number: _____ (if participating in Chapter Challenge)

Fish Length _____ inches (Nearest 1/2 inch) Lake Caught: _____

Time Caught _____ am / pm Species of fish: True Muskellunge
(circle one) Hybrid

Witness: (One required)

Angler._____ Signature: _____

Witness: _____ Signature: _____

Fish #4 Chapter Number: _____ (if participating in Chapter Challenge)

Fish Length _____ inches (Nearest 1/2 inch) Lake Caught: _____

Time Caught _____ am / pm Species of fish: True Muskellunge
(circle one) Hybrid

Witness: (One required)

Angler._____ Signature: _____

Witness: _____ Signature: _____

2026 CHAPTER CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM

(\$50 Entrance Fee per Chapter)

M.I. Chapter Name & Number: _____

Contact Name: (please print) _____

Contact Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

My payment of \$_____ is enclosed. (100% donated to Bemidji State University Fisheries/Biology Scholarship Fund)

Make checks or money order payable to: **Bemidji/Cass Lake Chapter of Muskies Inc.**

Mail your entries to:

Bemidji/Cass Lake Chapter of Muskies Inc
c/o Chris Thury
1312 Carr Lake Rd SW
Bemidji, MN 56601

CHAPTER CHALLENGE RULES

1. \$50 Chapter Challenge entrance fee must be paid by each participating M.I. Chapter by June 27, 2026. *All Chapter Challenge proceeds will be donated to Bemidji State University Fisheries/Biology Scholarship Fund in the name of the winning Chapter.*
2. All Chapter Challenge participants must be registered Tournament anglers.