

2019 Columbia River Spring Walleye Classic

NIXON'S MARINE



Early Bird Entry

Deadline Mar.15th

Tournament Registration cutoff date

Mar. 20th

March 23rd & 24th

Tournament headquarters & launch site is Umatilla Marina

80% Payback on entry fees. 100% Payback on Big Fish & Big Bags

Ranger Cup tournament. Must register for Ranger Cup 2 weeks prior to the tournament to be eligible for Ranger Cup prizes. Tournament cutoff registration date is March 20th. Tournament Banners and weigh bags are required by contestants. Lock through will not be permitted on an Oregon permit.

Drivers Meeting 5:00pm Friday, March 22nd at Umatilla Marina Park. One angler from each team is required to attend (both anglers are encouraged). For more info call: 509-366-6685 (Greg Jablonski)

1st Team Member

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2nd Team Member

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

We have completed this application and have submitted the total fee needed for participation. In consideration for the privilege of participating in this tournament, we hereby release all tournament officials and sponsoring organizations from all claims of injury and or damages incurred in connection with this event. We understand that we may be subject to a polygraph exam. We agree that tournament hosts shall have the exclusive rights to take photographs or video or ourselves and to use or dispose of such material in any lawful manner. This tournament, banners and weigh bags will be required. Teams with a team member under 16 years of age (7-15) accompanied by an adult half the entry will be paid by a local Sponsor Weet's Family or CRWAA.

Signature of 1st team member

Date

Signature of 2nd team member

Date

Boat Brand, Length & Color. Motor Brand & HP

Basic Entry Per Team: \$400

Big Fish and Big Bags are Included in Entry

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Sponsor

Mail this entry form and appropriate fees to:

Columbia River Walleye Anglers Association

6855 W. Clearwater Ave. Ste: A-101/128

Kennewick, WA 99336

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Saturday, March 23rd & Sunday, March 24th 2019

Fees: \$400 per team basic entry fee with Big Fish & Big Bag Options included.

Venue: Tournament headquarters and weigh-in will be held at Umatilla Marina Park. Locking up through McNary Dam will NOT be permitted. This tournament is being held under a Oregon permit, Tournament Banners and Weigh bags are required for the contestants/team.

Off-limits periods: Tournament waters will be off-limits beginning Friday March 22nd at 4:00pm until the tournament begins on Saturday morning.

Registration: Send entry form with Release of Liability and appropriate fees prior to March 15th for Early Bird and 4:30 pm the 20th for Tournament entry:

Columbia River Walleye Anglers Association
6855 W. Clearwater Ave. Ste: A-101/128
Kennewick, WA 99336

or Grigg's Department Store
801 W. Columbia St.
Pasco, Wa 99301

***Registration cut off date for Early Bird is Mar 15th and Tournament entry is Mar 20th.**

Early Bird Drawing: A Random drawing will occur at the drivers meeting for a 30 minute early bird blast off that will be awarded to two (2) boats that submitted entry prior to March 15th. Seperate team each day, Entry forms/fees must be received no later that Friday, March 15th.

Mandatory Drivers Meeting: To be held at Umatilla Marina Park at 5:00pm on Friday, March 22nd. Each team must have at least one member present at drivers meeting, but both members are encouraged to attend.

Payout: 80% payout, Overall prize money will be awarded to 1 in 7 boats based on a 50+ boat field, 1 in 5 under 49 boat field. Big fish money awarded 1 place each day. Big bag money awarded 3 places each day. This will be a Ranger Cup tournament. Must register for Ranger Cup 2 weeks prior to the tournament to be eligible for Ranger Cup prizes verified by card or registration.

Release of Liability: Each entrant must sign a release of liability/media rights statement in order to participate in the tournament.

Regulations: All contestants must observe U.S. Coast Guard and state rules and regulations. Any contestants cited for Federal or State rule violations will be subjected to disqualification.

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Eligibility: Entries accepted as two person teams only. Any applicant under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult partner. Youth is considered at age 7-15, Tournament officials will make any and all determinations of eligibility. If an emergency arises and one team member is unable to continue fishing, the other team member may finish that day's fishing individually, adhering to bag limit consisting of six (6) walleye in possession, 2 of which may be 24" or over.

Registration: Entries close on Wednesday March 20th to enter the tournament. The drivers meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Friday evening prior to the tournament. At least one member of each team is required to attend the drivers meeting. Attendance of both team members is encouraged.

Pre-fishing: Water is closed to all registered persons and potential contestants beginning at 4:00 pm on Friday prior to the tournament and lasting until the tournament begins. Persons who are on the water for any reason after this time will not be eligible to enter this tournament.

Inspections: Boats will receive an inspection each day starting at 5:00 am prior to launching and at the docks for teams using other launches. All contestants will depart from tournament headquarters. It is the teams responsibility to check in at dock if using alternate launch and receive an inspection or be DQ for the day. No boats may have walleye on board prior to the start of the tournament. All boats must carry and display markings provided by the tournament officials. Boats, tackle and equipment may be inspected at any time before, during or after the tournament. All boats must meet or exceed all State and Federal safety requirements.

Tackle and Bait: State rules and regulations apply. Contestant banner must be displayed during tournament. Spare equipment may be carried in the boat.

Boat Operation: Each entrant is required to wear a Coast Guard approved PFD upon take-off and when the boat is being operated at planing speed. Teams may depart from the tournament headquarters only under the direction of the tournament officials. It is considered good sportmanship to maintain a minimum of 20' from another boat. No boat contact will be allowed except by a tournament official boat. It is the intention of this tournament to promote good sportsmanship and fair play. Unsportsmanlike conduct and cheating will result in disqualification. Interpretation of rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament officials and all decisions will be final.

Catch and Release (Culling) Policy: The use of an aerated live well is mandatory. No exceptions! All fish must be kept in good condition. Any fish that has been injured by hook or handling may not be released. Whenever a fish in the live well is replaced with a new catch, the fish to be released must be in good condition. No species other than walleye may be kept in the boat. All incidental catches must be released immediately unharmed.

Alcohol: No alcohol will be allowed in boats or consumed during the tournament hours. Any contestant visibly intoxicated will not be allowed to fish. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification for this tournament and possible any future tournaments

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Checking-in and Late Penalty: All boats must be checked in each day regardless if the team has fish or not. The team number and arrival time will be recorded upon arrival. Boats arriving after official check in time will be penalized 10% of that days catch weight and will be eliminated from any big fish option prizes. Boats over fifteen (15) minutes late will be disqualified for that day.

Scoring: Each team may weigh up to six (6) walleye per day, only two (2) of which may be **24" or over**. If any fish shows signs of poor handling these fish WILL NOT be weighed. The weigh master will make all determinations as to the condition of each fish, as well as length and weight. Final measurement is determined on a flat board with mouth closed and the tail in a relaxed position. **Any team's bag limit consisting of more than two (2) walleye 24" or over will be disqualified for that day.** Each dead fish will incur an 8 oz. penalty with the 3rd dead fish will DQ team for the day. Big Fish must be alive to qualify for Option Pot Big Fish of the day. Final weight is determined after any penalties have been assessed. The weigh master's decision is final. Awards of prizes will be based on the two day weight total. Winners must pass a polygraph test, at their expense, if required to do so by tournament officials.

Fish Release: Each team is responsible for releasing their own fish after they are weighed in. There will not be any release barge. Fish must be taken back out of the marina and released in the main river channel. Please DO NOT release fish inside the marina.

Landing: While contestants are engaged in competition, team boats may only land at Tournament Headquarters. Landing at any other location will result in disqualification (subject to the review of Tournament Officials). Tournament Headquarters will be located at the marina from which the tournament is held.

Withdrawal: Refunds of entry fees will be made only if the team gives written notification of withdrawal by the end of registration date on Mar 22nd. A service charge of \$25 will be assessed against refunds made due to withdrawal from the Tournament.

Tournament Hours: Early Bird blast off time will be at 30 min prior for 1 team each day. Regular blast off will be at **safe light** each day. Weigh in will be in flights. Saturday first flight weigh at 3:00 pm, second flight weigh at 3:30 pm. Sunday first flight weigh at 1:30 pm, second flight weigh at 2:00 pm. 1 Fish per day can be weighed in early any time after 9:00 am each day.

Protest Policy: Only contestants and Tournament Officials have the right to protest the actions of another team or contestant. Protest must be presented in writing to the tournament director no later than ½ hour after the close of fishing that day. The designated protest committee will convene and investigate to make a decision regarding the protest. The protest committee and their agents are authorized to use polygraph and other investigative techniques in order to determine the validity of the protest. The decision of the protest committee shall be majority vote and shall be final in all cases. Contestants waive the right to appeal the decision of the protest committee to a higher authority, including any court of jurisdiction in this or any other state. The protest committee will be made up of the CRWAA Board.