



Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center/  
Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin  
**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
MUSKY OPEN  
TOURNAMENT**  
P.O. Box 1917-MT ■ Eagle River, WI 54521  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

www.muskyclubsalliance.org

**MUSKY CLUB ALLIANCE  
OF WISCONSIN, INC.**

Between The Lakes Musky Club	God's Country Chapter
Bill's Musky Club	Hayward Lakes Musky Club
Blackhawk Musky Club	Headwaters Chapter
Boundary Waters Musky Club	Millwaukee Chapter
Capitol City Chapter	Muskellunge Club of Wisconsin
Central Wisconsin Chapter	Muskie Busters
Consolidated Musky Club	Packerland Musky Club
C&R Musky Club	Portage Area Musky Club
Dave's Musky Club, Inc.	Team Retreat
Esox Hawk Hunters Musky Club	12 Apostles Musky Club
Figure 8 Musky Club	WinnebagoLand Musky Club
First Wisconsin Chapter	World Musky Hunt

Trophies awarded for released muskies only.  
Largest fish released will receive a  
free graphite replica by  
Titanite Replicas of Antigo.

**GRAND DOOR PRIZE**  
2008 Ranger Boat with  
115 H.P. Mercury Outboard Motor  
Minn Kota Trolling Motor  
Ranger Trail Trailer  
All Entrants Eligible

**23rd Anniversary!**  
Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin, Inc.  
& Visitors Center  
Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce  
2008

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
MUSKY OPEN**  
August 15-16-17  
Vilas County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 70 W  
Eagle River, Wisconsin  
A TOTAL CATCH & RELEASE  
TOURNAMENT

PRSR STD  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Eagle River, WI  
Permit No. 7

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Thursday, August 14**  
Registration 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Musky Seminar 7 p.m.  
Briefing Times 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9 p.m.

**Friday, August 15**  
Registration 6 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.  
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Briefing Times 6:30 a.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m.  
Fishing Hours (Optional) 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Saturday, August 16**  
Registration 6 a.m. - 6:30 a.m.  
Briefing Times 6:30 a.m.  
Fishing Hours 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Fish Verification Slips of fish caught and released on Friday and/or Saturday MUST be registered.**  
*(If registered at a later date/time, these fish will be disqualified from scoring.)*  
Door Prizes 6:30 p.m.  
**(MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)**

**Sunday, August 17**  
Fishing Hours 6 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
**Fish Verification Slips of fish caught and released on Sunday MUST be registered.**  
*(If registered at a later date/time, these fish will be disqualified from scoring.)*  
Program, Door Prizes and Grand Prize Drawing 1 p.m.  
**(MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)**

**SATURDAY EVENING DOOR PRIZES** 6:30 p.m.  
• **(MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)**  
Many valuable door prizes to be given away!

**SUNDAY TOURNAMENT PROGRAM** 1:00 p.m.  
**(MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)**  
• Tournament prizes awarded.  
• Drawings for other valuable prizes.  
• Grand Prize Drawing: Mercury Powered Ranger Boat, RangerTrail Trailer and Minn Kota Trolling Motor.

**FISH VERIFICATION SLIPS MUST BE REGISTERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** at Tournament Headquarters - Vilas County Fairgrounds. (Fish caught and released on Friday and/or Saturday MUST be registered by 8 p.m. on Saturday night and fish caught and released on Sunday must be registered by Noon on Sunday.)  
**TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN DOOR PRIZES, YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

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**23rd Anniversary  
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MUSKY OPEN TOURNAMENT**

Eagle River, Wisconsin

Dear Musky Hunter:  
The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center and Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin, Inc. are pleased to announce the 23rd Annual NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MUSKY OPEN TOURNAMENT on August 15, 16 and 17, 2008.

Our door prizes and raffle prizes will be better than ever! The Grand Door Prize is a Mercury Powered Ranger Boat with a RangerTrail Trailer and a Minn Kota Trolling Motor. Other prizes have been supplied by St. Croix Rod, MotorGuide, Titanite Replicas, H30, Enticer Tackle, Super Slayer, Wild Eagle Lodge, Frasier's Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electrical, Ducktail Lures, Minn Kota, WYOW Northwoods TV 34, Frabill, Heckel's Eagle River Marina, Up Musky Products - Sea King Ultra, Miller Beer of the Northwoods, Musky Hunter and Shimano.

Our tournament headquarters will be at the Vilas County Fairgrounds on Highway 70 West, just blocks from downtown Eagle River. Registration and orientation will be held at the headquarters where you will receive your registration packet.

Please note the registration hours, briefing times and fishing hours. **All contestants MUST attend a briefing BEFORE fishing and MUST register in person.** PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR SCHEDULE ACCORDING TO THESE TIMES.

**THE ENTRY FEE THIS YEAR WILL BE \$50.00. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL WALK-IN ENTRY FEES AT THE TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS WILL BE \$55.00 CASH.** We would like as many entrants as possible to pre-register before August 1. This makes it easier for the tournament committee to have the proper number of hats, T-shirts, and goody bags available for all

entrants. To be eligible for the **Early Bird Drawing**, you must enter before **May 15, 2008**. Our Early Bird Prize is two nights lodging donated by the Wild Eagle Lodge of Eagle River (subject to availability).

You will receive a confirmation card in the mail. Please keep your confirmation card to present at tournament registration.

Please note on your registration form the Insurance Waiver. This **MUST** be signed and returned with your registration form and payment. **EACH ENTRANT MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THEIR OWN REGISTRATION FORM.** We're looking forward to seeing you in August.

It's going to be a GREAT tournament! Remember a portion of proceeds always goes for fish stocking and habitat improvement! If you have any questions regarding the tournament, please call the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center at 1-800-359-6315.

Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center  
Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin  
Tournament Committee

**HELP FIGHT HUNGER:** Get a chance to win a Shimano Reel by donating a non-perishable food item. For each food item you donate, you will receive one chance in the Fight Hunger drawing. All food donations will be donated to the Vilas Food Pantry.

**GUARDIAN AND YOUTH TROPHY:** A registered adult and child (6-15 years of age) can enter to win this category by catching the most fish in inches. The winners of this category will receive a trophy for their efforts. This category is just like the Husband/Wife category.

**“Bring a New Angler” Drawing!**

Any prior angler of the National Championship Musky Open, who gets a new angler to enter the 2008 Open, can enter their name into a special drawing for a musky rod and reel.

The more people you have entered, the more chances you have to win this great musky rod and reel. You do not have to fish with this person(s), just recommend our great event!!

Prior Angler: \_\_\_\_\_  
New Anglers: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

We will be checking all names to make sure they have not fished in our tournament before. **You and the new angler must be pre-registered to qualify.** Return this entry blank with your completed registration form.

# 2008 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MUSKY OPEN

## RULES & REGULATIONS

### ELIGIBILITY

- A. All persons are eligible to enter the National Championship Musky Open on August 15, 16 & 17, 2008. All persons under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. **Due to safety issues, children under the age of 6 are not eligible for this tournament.**
- B. Entries will be accepted by mail until August 1, 2008. Contestants whose entries and \$50 entry fee are accepted prior to May 15, 2008, will be eligible for an Early Bird Drawing which is a two night stay at the Wild Eagle Lodge in Eagle River, Wis.
- C. No refund of entry fee for cancellation will be issued after August 1, 2008. Credit can be transferred to the 2009 tournament.
- D. All on-site registration will be \$55 cash.

### REQUIREMENTS

- A. Each boat and contestant will be required to abide by all of the State of Wisconsin's boating and fishing laws.
- B. Each entrant must personally sign their own attached insurance waiver form along with the registration form. A parent/guardian must sign for a minor. No exceptions.
- C. All partners must be listed on the registration form.
- D. **All contestants must register in person at the tournament headquarters and must attend one mandatory tournament rules briefing before fishing. Report your attendance of a briefing to your lake family.**

### BOATS & EQUIPMENT

- A. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and State of Wisconsin boating rules and safety standards and must be registered in accordance with regulations of the home state of the contestant owning the boat.
- B. All boats must be clean and free of Aquatic Invasive Species prior to leaving and entering another lake.
- C. Cameras are recommended.

### FISHING

- A. Registered participants who immediately release muskies which are 34" and over will be counted and scored on ALL tournament lakes. Measure to the nearest 1/4".
- B. No fishing from bridges, piers, docks or the shore.
- C. Only muskies caught legally on a hook and line will qualify for scoring.
- D. Each person fishing is allowed only one (1) line in the water at any time. No live bait allowed.

- E. Row trolling is permitted. No motor trolling allowed.
- F. There shall be no less than two (2) registered contestants per boat at all times while fishing and all contestants must be entered in the tournament.
- G. Tournament hats **MUST** be worn while fishing.
- H. Only muskies caught and released on Friday, Saturday or Sunday during tournament hours will be accepted for scoring. Verification catch slips will be issued to each contestant.
- I. All muskies caught must be verified and released immediately. Verification catch slips may be done by fellow contestants from a different boat or the nearest person not in your boat. All slips must be turned in to Tournament Headquarters as soon as possible. Fish caught and released on Friday and/or Saturday **MUST** be registered by 8 p.m. on Saturday night and fish caught and released on Sunday must be registered by noon on Sunday. Failure to do so will result in fish being disqualified from scoring.
- J. This is a total catch & release tournament. Contestants may resume fishing upon successfully verifying and releasing their musky. If a musky is killed, the contestant must cease fishing for that day, as the legal bag limit is one (1) fish per day.
- K. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by earliest fish registration time on verification slip. Any disputes will be settled by the Official Tournament Committee and their decision is final and binding.

### FISHING AWARDS

- A. Trophies only, to be determined on a point basis by length in inches.
- B. Trophies as follows:
  - 1. Most points accumulated – trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places.
  - 2. Largest musky registered for each lake family.
  - 3. Husband/Wife trophy.
  - 4. Guardian/Youth trophy.
  - 5. Youth trophy.
- C. Largest fish released of the total tournament will receive a graphite replica mount.

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

No alcoholic beverages may be consumed while fishing by contestants or tournament officials.

### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Tournament Results and raffle winners will be available online at [www.muskyclubsalliance.org](http://www.muskyclubsalliance.org).

### BOUNDARIES/LAKE FAMILIES

- A. There are seven (7) "Lake Families" available to fish. These families can be requested and will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis. You must fish your assigned lake family at all times during the tournament. **No changes or exceptions.**
- B. The "Lake Families" are:
  - Lake Family 1: The Eagle River Chain Area**
    - 10 lakes of the Eagle Chain from dam to dam, Lower Ninemile Lake, Sevenmile Lake and Kentuck Lake
  - Lake Family 2: The Three Lakes Chain**
    - All lakes in the Three Lakes Chain from dam up river.
  - Lake Family 3: The "Big Lakes" Family**
    - North Twin Lake, South Twin Lake, Long Lake, Big Sand Lake, Lac Vieux Desert Lake and Pioneer Lake
  - Lake Family 4: The "Western" Family**
    - Big St. Germain Lake, Little St. Germain Lake, Star Lake, Found Lake, Lost Lake, Laura Lake, Big Muskellunge Lake, Irving Lake, Ballard Lake, White Birch Lake, Plum Lake and Razorback Lake
  - Lake Family 5: The Sugar Camp Chain Area**
    - Five Lakes of the Sugar Camp Chain, Gilmore Lake, Pickerel Lake (off Hwy. J), Rainbow Flowage, Little Arbor Vitae Lake and Big Arbor Vitae Lake
  - Lake Family 6: The "Eastern" Family**
    - Pickerel Lake (off Hwy. G), Upper and Lower Buckatabon Lake, Muskellunge Lake (off Hwy. G), Snipe Lake, Boot Lake and Stella Lake
  - Lake Family 7: The "Northern Lakes" Family**
    - Fishtrap Lake, Palmer Lake, White Sand Lake, High Lake, Tenderfoot Lake and Wildcat Lake

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### DOOR PRIZES

To be eligible to win any door prizes, **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

### 2008 OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

Please use separate registration form for each person.  
Make checks payable to: the National Championship Musky Open.

Return to: **Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center**  
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(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check Here if New Address

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Family:

1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband/Wife  
Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian/Youth Division

Adult & Child (6-15 years of age)

Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_  
(List partner)

Youth Division (6-15 years of age)

(Parent/Guardian signature required)

T-Shirt Size:  S  M  L  XL  
 XXL  XXXL

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

List Your Fishing Partner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

#### ENTRY FEE:

**\$50.00 Per Person**

Please make checks payable to:  
National Championship Musky Open.

**ON-SITE ENTRY FEE: \$55.00**

Only Cash will be accepted on site.

**NO MAIL-IN ENTRIES  
ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 1, 2008  
ALL ENTRIES RECEIVED BY MAIL AFTER  
THIS DATE WILL BE MAILED BACK.**

After August 1, 2008, please register at tournament grounds.

OFFICE USE ONLY:
Check # _____
Amt. Paid _____
Date Received _____
Lake _____
Assignment _____

#### INSURANCE WAIVER MUST BE COMPLETED ALONG WITH REGISTRATION

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I am aware that my participation in this tournament creates the risk of personal injury. My participation could also cause loss or damage to personal property.

I expressly agree to assume all risks of personal injury/loss to personal property or other tournament participants.

I hereby release and discharge the tournament sponsors/donors of the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center and the Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin, their officers, agents and employees and all volunteer workers from any injuries, damages or loss sustained, caused by negligence.

**Any and all taxes are winner's responsibility.**

I have read the release of liability participation agreement and understand all terms and conditions including the rules and regulations of the tournament.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check Here if New Address

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband/Wife  
Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian/Youth Division

Adult & Child (6-15 years of age)

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