

Michigan Walleye Tour 2023 Frequently Asked Questions

Many new teams are joining the MWT for 2023 and we are looking for an exciting season! This FAQ list was drafted to help with any general process questions. For a complete list of official rules, please review the MWT website at <https://www.michiganwalleyetour.com/rules>.

- **Where do I check in?**
 - Location of Captains Meeting will be shared on the MWT Website and via Social Media outlets the week of the scheduled event.
 - Check in should be done by the captain and they **must know** their boat number. Boat numbers are posted on the MWT website under each event prior to registration day for reference.
 - Registration staff will not have ability to look up your boat # by name.

- **I was given my boat identification numbers, now what?**
 - Boat numbers must be placed on the **upper portion of each side of your outboard** prior to the first day pre-launch inspection process. They must be clearly visible and remain in place for the duration of the tournament.
 - If you don't have an outboard, they must be placed high as possible on sides near transom.

- **Who can help me if I have a question regarding the rules?**
 - At the captains meeting, review your questions with the tournament director and/or tournament committee member. They are the only Michigan Walleye Tour personnel who can provide direction regarding the tournament rules.

- **What is "Big Fish" and how does that work?**
 - Big fish entry is a voluntary opportunity on Day 1 and Day 2 to earn extra winnings. Biggest fish takes home that day's jackpot. Participation is not required, and cash payment for entry is only available at registration during the captains meeting.

- **When and where can I launch my boat?**
 - You must launch your boat the designated boat ramp facility immediately following your pre-launch inspection. A best practice to consider is to be there early, launch and stage on the water for your flight launch time.
 - Only the approved launch can be used, use of an alternate launch due to backups or delay isn't permitted.

- **I rented a marina slip for the tournament, can I just come to the flight release area vs. using the boat launch?**
 - No. You must launch your boat at the approved ramp facility and complete the pre-launch inspection process *each* day of the tournament.

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- **What should I do upon arrival at ramp to prepare for the pre-launch inspection?**
 - During approach to inspection area, have one teammate in the boat and ready to assist with any requests from MWT tournament crew.
 - One person should remain in the tow vehicle **at all times** to keep line moving forward.

- **What happens if I must leave the launch with my boat after inspection was completed?**
 - If you must leave the launch after your inspection, you must go through the inspection process again upon return. That also means being at the end of inspection line, no quick pass!

- **How do I know when I can leave during the launch flights?**
 - Flights begin leaving at 7:00 AM sharp and are called out by the tournament director via a marine radio, Channel 71 at launch and 72 when returning.
 - Day 1, boats leave starting with lowest boat number first and Day 2, boats leave in reverse order (highest boat number first).

- **I don't own a VHF radio, what now?**
 - While not required, it is highly recommended a handheld marine radio be available at minimum. MWT doesn't not have any to loan.

- **When I return, how do you know I am past the designated checkpoint in time?**
 - This will be addressed during the captains meeting, if it is not clear, please speak up before leaving the registration/meeting area!

- **How does the weigh in process work?**
 - MWT officials and volunteers will be present to guide you at each phase of the process. Stay in line as directed and a designated driver should always be in the tow vehicle.

- **I want to stop fishing for the day before my flight is due in, can I come in early for weigh in?**
 - The earliest weigh in time available is at 3:00pm. If there is an emergency and you need to return earlier than that, call the tournament director immediately.

- **When will I know what place I finished or am in for the day?**
 - The daily totals and overall tournament standings will be posted by end of the day after each weigh in. Please understand, lots of validation checks are done prior to finalizing the numbers, so it will take some time. Please be patient and monitor our social media and website outlets.

We understand this list is **not** all encompassing and be sure have any open items addressed at the captains meeting. Thank you for reviewing and good luck to all the great teams this year!

Note: The posted rules and tournament director discretion override any information contained on this FAQ document.