



Fountain Lake Sportsmens Club Family Fishing League

Format, Scoring and Rules

General Rules

1. All fish posted must be caught during the legal season for that species. For example Walleyes caught before season opener CAN NOT be posted.
2. All laws concerning limits and size shall be followed when fishing. You are welcome to post fish caught that are below legal “keeper” size however they SHALL NOT be kept.
3. We promote CPR (catch, photo, release) but by no means require it. If you want to keep your catch you are welcome to do so. Be a Sportsman and practice good stewardship.
4. We Do Not require photographs of your fish while being measured. But DO require a witness if you don't have a picture. We also will need the witness' name and phone number for verification. Photos must clearly show the entire fish and tape measure. You will send these photos by email when posting your catch.

Format

Format is a two person team with combined scores. The intention is the teams will be a parent/child, grandparent/child but this is not a requirement. For example brother/sister, mentor/child, husband/wife or a pair of friends are acceptable teams. Children (15 yrs and younger) fish on the Jr's board. Adults (16 yrs and over) fish on the adult board. Teams consisting of two adults are required to fish two adult boards and teams consisting of two Jr's fish two Jr. boards. Teams consisting of two Jr's are required to fish with the consent of their legal guardians (preferably with them).

Lake Scheduling

Teams can fish Saturday through the following Sunday on any one day of their choosing. Fishing is to be consecutive up to five (5) hours. For example if you choose to fish Tuesday and fish only three (3) hours you CAN NOT fish the other two (2) hours on another day. This schedule is designed for the maximum flexibility and gives the participants a total of Eight (8) days to fish their league for the week.

The *FLSC FFL* will take place on a rotating schedule between five (5) sections of Fountain and Albert Lea Lakes divided as follows.

North-From the bridge on Lakeview Blvd. To Edgewater bay. Including Dane Bay.

South-From the bridge on Lakeview Blvd. To the dam. with the channel to the Brookside public water access included but NOT crossing Richway Dr.

Channel-From the dam on Fountain Lake at Bridge St. to the Public Water Access at Frank Hall Park.

West-From the Interstate 35 bridge west to the Public water access at Frank hall Park. Including the pier at Frank Hall Park.

East-From the Interstate 35 bridge to the eastern edge of Albert Lea lake. Including the waters within Myre/Big Island State Park. When fishing in Myre/Big Island State Park if you enter from land you ARE required to purchase a park permit. Also Including the Shellrock river inlet at Juglands Dam to the bridge crossing at county road 74.
ATTN:DO NOT TRESPASS. You must enter either from the lake, road easement or river to the south and float upstream.

Wildcard-You can fish any section of any scheduled water during a wildcard week.

Scoring

Fish are scored one (1) point per fish of any species posted. These points are strictly used in the event of a tie breaker.

Primary scoring is done by Fish Inches in .25 In increments rounded down. For example a fish that measures 13 and 3/8” would be posted as 13.25” a fish that measures 13 and 7/8” would be posted as 13.75”.

The boards are used to calculate total Fish Inches for the season and are cumulative among species.

Tie Breakers

In the event of a tie the outcome will be determined by the team with the most complete boards. In the event that all teams tied have complete or the same number of points on their boards the winner will be determined by the team that completed their boards first. In the event that all teams tied completed their boards during the same week the winner will be determined by a “Tie Off” a competition of fishing knot tying where three (3) predetermined knots are tied by each team member with combined time determining the outcome. Shortest or fastest time wins. If after the “Tie Off” no winner is apparent the victor will be determined by a coin toss.

Species Challenge

The Species Challenge shall be conducted as follows. A team may choose to take part in the species challenge by *either* using their largest fish from their Overall Challenge Board *or* Fishing Specifically for the *Species Challenge*. Under no circumstances can a fish caught for the Species Challenge be used on an *Overall Challenge* board or vice versa. Species Challenge participation is not required and is included in the cost of membership.

Overall Challenge Boards

There will be two (2) boards used for the FLSC FFL. Both boards will consist of 30 fish.

The Adult board (16 and over) will consist of the following fish.

1 Northern Pike

2 Walleye

2 Catfish

8 Perch

4 Bass

5 Crappie

7 Panfish (sunfish, bluegill, pumpkin seed etc..)

1 Carp

The Jr's board (15 and under) will consist of the following fish.

1 Walleye

1 Catfish

12 Panfish (sunfish, bluegill, pumpkin seed etc..)

5 Crappie

5 Perch

2 Bass

1 Carp

3 Wildcard (any species of fish can be posted)

Fishing Plan

All teams MUST file a fishing plan BEFORE embarking on the weeks league fishing. Teams are given 25 hours to post their catch after submitting their fishing plan so it is important not to file too early. Once filed the fishing plan can only be canceled BEFORE the selected time slot in the case of weather. You will be given a fishing plan number via email or (telephone if filing that way) after filing your plan. DO NOT lose that number it is required for posting your catch. It is recommended that your fishing plan be filed just before leaving for the outing or at the earliest the night before in the event of an early morning outing. If you cannot file a fishing plan due to internet/website/computer issues contact a league official and they can help you get one filed and your catch posted. The fishing plan MUST include the following information.

1. Team ID
2. Date/Time Planned Early AM, AM, Afternoon, Evening, or Late PM
3. Section Name of fishing (required for ALL weeks not just wildcard weeks)

Posting your catch

Filing your fishing plan and posting your catch will both be done(preferably) on a page of the FLSC website. As stated earlier you only have 25 hours to post your catch from the time that you file your plan. Late posts WILL NOT be scored. Photographs are preferred when posting your catch but we understand you may not have a digital camera. For this reason we will be utilizing the “*Honor System*” while it is traditional for anglers to tell “*fish stories*” we ask that you keep those to your non league outings. We do require a witness to verify your catch if you do not have photographs and will need their name and telephone number for verification.

To post your catch follow this procedure:

- 1.Go to www.fountainlakesportsmensclub.org/family_fishing_league.html
- 2.Select Species from drop down menu
- 3.Enter Length
- 4.Enter Witness' Name/Phone number in notes section (unless emailing photos then enter “*emailing photos*” in notes section)
- 5.Click Submit
- 6.Repeat steps 2 - 5 for subsequent catch.

You can also file your plan/post your catch by telephone 507-383-4431. If you have the ability to please use the website for filing/posting.

It is important that you are certain the fish you post is/are the fish you want scored as once a fish is posted it CAN NOT be removed except with the following exception.

You are given one (1) “Shore Lunch” to use throughout the season. This allows you to remove one (1) fish previously posted from your board. This can only be used with a current catch. The intention of the “Shore Lunch” is to give a person who was “over enthusiastic” early in the season an opportunity to remove a “mistake” from their board. You only get one so use it wisely.

“Live Well”

You are given two (2) “Live Well” slots to use for the season. These slots can only be used once and will only fill empty slots on your board. You CAN NOT remove a fish from your “Live Well” except to move it to an empty slot on your board. If at the end of the season you have empty slots on your board *and* fish in your “Live Well” you must move them into the appropriate slot. *They will not be moved automatically.*

If at the end of the season you have a full board *and* fish in your “Live Well” you will be penalized the total fish inches in the “Live Well” for being over your limit. Think of your board as your freezer and your “Live Well” as the *live well* on your boat if the DNR catches you over your limit you get penalized but in the *FLSC FFL* you get to keep your boat...And Your Truck...And Your Gear...You get the Picture.

Cost

Cost for the *FLSC FFL* is:

\$20 per two person team for FLSC members

\$30 per two person team for Non FLSC members*

If an FLSC member has a family membership and has 2 children in which both parents and both children are going to take part it would cost \$40 as there would be two (2) two person teams.* The cost for this scenario for a non member would be \$50 as the \$30 fee includes a family membership in the FLSC.

For the purposes of the *FLSC FFL* the term “family” shall refer to the parents/guardians of all minor children living(at least part time to allow for visitation in the case of divorced/separated parents) at an address. This allows for step children, foster children, exchange students and possible scenarios not accounted for by the *FLSC FFL*. If the cost of joining would prohibit you from taking part let us know we do not want to exclude anyone who wishes to participate from doing so.

Special Requests

Many members in the *FLSC FFL* do not own a boat nor do they have the means to buy a boat. We request that those members that do own a boat consider taking a team that does not own one out at least one time during the season. For many of the children this may be their first boat ride (remember your first one? What a thrill! Just think you could bring that to a kid) This also gives the Parent of that child (who may be new to the club) an opportunity to see the wonderful people that make up the membership of the *FLSC* and learn more about what we do outside of the *FLSC FFL*.

Many members in the *FLSC FFL* do not own a computer nor do they have the desire to own one or the knowledge to operate it. We request that those members who do own one and possess the knowledge to operate it offer their assistance to those that don't. This will help us bridge a gap in our membership and potentially allow someone without a computer to take part in the *FLSC FFL*.

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PARTICIPANT ARGREEMENT

Please Read Carefully Before Signing

AGREEMENT OF RISK

I ACKNOWLEDGE that I am VOLUNTARILY participating in the **Fountain Lake Sportsmens' Club Family Fishing League** .

I am aware that my participation in this league creates the risk of my serious personal injury or death. My participation could also lead to loss or damage to my personal property. I expressly recognize that the loss of property, injury, or death could arise from:

- 1) the fishing, boating, and related activities contemplated by the league,
- 2) the fact that I may be in boats and ride in vehicles belonging to OTHERS,
- 3) the fact that the risk encountered in open-water fishing from a boat may be enhanced by the exposure to the elements and other risks inherent in outdoor activities.
- 4) the fact that slips/trips and falls while fishing from shore or entering/exiting a boat, fishing pier or dock are not uncommon and may happen at any time

LIABILITY RELEASE

I UNDERSTAND AND EXPREESSLY AGREE to assume all liability for injury, death or loss to personal property which may result from my participation in this fishing league. In exchange for being permitted to participate in the **Fountain Lake Sportsmens' Club Family Fishing League**,

I hereby RELEASE AND DISCHARGE

Fountain Lake Sportsmens' Club Inc., the leagues organizer(s), their officers, directors, agents, employees and legal representatives (the "Released Parties") from any and all liability for any injury, damage or other loss sustained to me and my dependents (children) which may arise from my participation. This release of liability and all conditions stated will apply to all my legal dependents, and I give my permission for them to participate.

PHOTO & VIDEO RELEASE

I UNDERSTAND AND EXPREESSLY AGREE that my photograph or video-tapes or digital photo or video files of me may be taken during the course of my participation in the League. As a voluntary participant, I agree that photographs, or video-tapes or digital photo or video files taken of me during my participation may be used by the League without royalties or prior consent.

I HAVE READ THE PARTICIPANT ARGREEMENT OF RISK, LIABILITY RELEASE, AND PHOTO & VIDEO RELEASE CAREFULLY AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I SIGN UP VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS. I AGREE THAT THIS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT EACH YEAR I PARTICIPATE.

Print Name: _____

Print name(s) of participating legal dependents: (children) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____