



**FACT SHEET – Minnesota Open Challenge Event**

Bemidji, MN. – Lake Bemidji +

Sunday, August 25, 2019

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<p align="center"><b><u>Registration/Rules Meeting</u></b></p> <p><u>Location:</u>          Paul Bunyan Park          US-2 Old          Bemidji, MN 56601</p> <p><u>Date:</u>          Saturday, August 24, 2019</p> <p><u>Registration Times:</u>          6:00 p.m. – Registration Opens          7:00 p.m. – Registration Closes.  <b>7:15 p.m. – Mandatory rules briefing begins.</b></p> <p>No teams are allowed to be on the water after the start of registration, until the tournament begins.</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Launch/Weigh-In</u></b></p> <p>Paul Bunyan Park          US-2 Old          Bemidji, MN 56601</p> <p>Take-off will begin at 7:00 a.m. or first safe light.</p> <p>Weigh-in: 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Required Items and Safety Equipment</u></b></p> <p>It is the responsibility of each participant to have ALL required state and federal safety equipment on board as well as, ALL permits licenses, passes or stamps, Etc. required.</p> <p>At time of inspection each morning, be prepared to properly display 1 life jacket for each angler; 1 throwable PFD; and, demonstrate functioning kill switch.</p> <p>Inspection will be held during lineup for takeoff. Live wells must be empty.</p> <p>All anglers are required to have a valid Minnesota fishing permit, if applicable per state law.</p>
<p align="center"><b><u>Fish Limits</u></b></p> <p>Large, smallmouth, and spotted Bass 14" inches and over.</p> <p>Anglers are allowed to weigh a limit of five (5) fish per team unless otherwise required by law or tournament officials.</p> <p>Any fish presented for weigh-in which fails to measure the official length limits shall accrue penalties at the rate of one (1) pound for each non-legal fish plus loss of the fish. An 8-ounce deduction will be made for each fish presented to the bump master for weighing that is determined to be non-releasable.</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Tournament Director</u></b></p> <p align="center">Jeff Kelm          (920)627-3312          jeff@federationangler.com</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Boundaries</u></b></p> <p>Any waters within these boundaries posted "off limits" or "no fishing" by state or federal agencies will be off limit. Any live release areas established by the Tournament Director will be off limits. That as well as any additional off limits will be announced at the pre-tournament briefing. Only that water open to all public fishing will be considered tournament waters. Any waters closed to public fishing will be closed to this tournament's contestants. All local, state and federal regulations apply.</p>
<p align="center"><b>CLEAN DRAIN &amp; DRY          YOUR BOATS          BEFORE LEAVING HOME          &amp;          AFTER EACH EVENT!          HELP STOP AQUATIC INVASIVE          SPECIES.</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Each team must bring a completed &amp; signed liability waiver to the pre-tournament registration meeting.</b></p> <p align="center"><b><u><a href="#">Liability Release Form</a></u></b></p> <p align="center"><b><u><a href="#">Rules</a></u></b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Please read the Official 2018-2019 school year HSF State, Open &amp; Challenges Rules carefully!</b></p> <p>Stay up-to-date on the latest news!</p> <p>Sign up for the FREE e-newsletter at: <b><u><a href="http://highschoolfishing.org">highschoolfishing.org</a></u></b></p>