



## 2018 NorthStar Tournament Trail schedule

**June 2 (Saturday): Whitefish Chain - Moonlight Bay Bar & Grill**

**June 3 (Sunday): Woman - TBD**

**Saturday Aug 11th – Gull Lake – Ernie’s on Gull**

**Sunday Aug 12th – Whitefish Chain – MoonLite Bay Bar & Grill**

**Saturday Sept 8th – Pokegama – Tioga Beach Landing**

**Sunday Sept 9th – Pokegama – Tioga Beach Landing**

**NorthStar Tournament Trail Entry Form (Please Print)**

All NorthStar Tournament Trail Tournaments are limited to 40 **paid** Teams.

Select tournaments you would like to fish (Big Bass included in entry fee): \$ 300 per Team per tournament entered.

Boat Check-In Begins at 6:00am Mandatory Pre-Tournament Meeting – 6:30am Tournament Hours 7:00am to 3:00pm

Date	Lake	Location	Cost	Amount Paid
Sat, Jun 2, 2018	Whitefish Chain	Moonlight Bay	\$300.00	
Sun, Jun 3, 2018	Woman Lake Chain	Woman Lake Lodge	\$300.00	
Sat, Aug 11, 2018	Gull Lake Chain	Ernies	\$300.00	
Sun, Aug 12, 2018	Whitefish Chain	Moonlight Bay	\$300.00	
Sat, Sep 8, 2018	Pokegama	Toga Park	\$300.00	
Sun, Sep 9, 2018	Pokegama	Toga Park	\$300.00	
Membership	\$10.00 per team member			
	Make checks out to <b>Hotfoot Enterprises</b>		Total	

If one check is sent, please indicate which tournaments the payment will cover. Any checks returned from bank for any reason will have to be paid in cash before fishing on any tournament day, along with a \$25.00 NSF fee. No refunds will be returned after checks are deposited. Multiply the number of Tournaments selected by \$300 plus \$ 10 per person membership fee and mail check **made out to Hotfoot Enterprises** along with completed entry form to:

NorthStar Tournament Trail  
11820 Irish Ave N  
Stillwater, Mn 55082  
Tournament Director: Lee Erickson (651.253.8947) email to: [hotfoot17@yahoo.com](mailto:hotfoot17@yahoo.com)

Tournament Director: Steve Soukup (612-850-7144) email to: [ssoukup1967@gmail.com](mailto:ssoukup1967@gmail.com)

### NorthStar Tournament Trail Entry Form (Please Print)

Entry Deadlines: All NorthStar Tournament Trail permitted events are limited to **40 paid Teams**. Teams will be added according to postmark on the envelope along with a signed entry form and payment.

#### Team member #1

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Team member #2

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Entry forms must be signed by both partners before fishing the first tournament.

Boat Liability Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Model \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Liability Insurance Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Engine Make/Hp \_\_\_\_\_

Having acquainted ourselves with all the rules we are enclosing our entry fee. We understand and acknowledge competitive fishing is a dangerous sport and includes risks of death, injury and damage. In signing this form we hereby waive and release all other contestants, the hosts, sponsors and tournament officials from all claims of death, injury, and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. We further understand and agree to abide by the rules of this tournament and recognize the rights of the tournament officials to reject any entry.

## OFFICIAL RULES 2018 NORTHSTAR TOURNAMENT TRAIL

1. **RULE CHANGES:** The following rules will remain unchanged throughout the events unless State or local laws are in conflict. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. In the event of a rule violation the Tournament Director may impose such sanctions, as he deems appropriate including, without limitation, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the Tournament Director and Tournament Officials will be final in all matters. It is at the Director's discretion to make a change where safety is a concern. All Federal, State and local laws must be obeyed and it is the contestant's responsibility to know these laws.

2. **PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:** Participation in this tournament is open to all members in good standing of the 2018 NORTHSTAR TOURNAMENT TRAIL. Membership is automatically stipulated upon signing the PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, and ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK form. A \$10 per person payment is required to become a member of the 2018 NORTHSTAR TOURNAMENT TRAIL. The 2018 NORTHSTAR TOURNAMENT TRAIL team tournaments reserves the right to refuse entry to any individual who has been barred from any other tournament for rules violation(s). Contestants must enter as individuals and be 18 years of age or older, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, and are expected to be in good physical and mental condition, capable of understanding and performing safety functions. Each contestant must have a valid Minnesota fishing license.

3. **ENTRY FEES AND FEE DEPOSITS:** The entry fee is \$ 300 per TEAM. Any contestants not fully paid may forfeit their deposit in full should contestants become available from an alternates list of entrants after the MAXIMUM of 40 teams is attained. NOTE: The tournament director may appoint another person to 'fish' in place of the contestant that may have withdrawn due to unforeseen circumstances. A \$ 25 late entry fee will be assessed to any team entering after Monday @ 6 pm the week prior to the tournament. The tournament director may extend the field to 50 teams. Teams fishing both days of a 2 day weekend tournament may enter the optional 100% payback for 2 day total weight for an additional \$ 100 per team...ie if teams enter to participate the 2 day overall, 1<sup>st</sup> place receives 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of the pot .and 2<sup>nd</sup> place receives 1/3<sup>rd</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be only places paid. Teams wishing to participate in the optional overall total weight must be paid prior to the start of Day 1.

4. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS:** At no time during tournament hours are any alcoholic beverages or drugs other than prescription medication allowed in the boat or to be consumed while on the water during official tournament hours.

5. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or any state or local laws or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will be disqualified. Encroachment is considered a sportsmanship rule.

6. **BOATS AND MOTORS:** There is no horsepower limit, however, no engine may exceed the BIA horsepower rating for the boat on which it is used. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and state regulations. All boats must have an emergency kill switch. All boats must have an aerated livewell large enough to sustain the tournament limits of five (5) fish in releasable condition. Extra gas tanks must be secured and must meet U.S. Coast Guard specifications.

7. **SAFETY:** Boating safety must be observed at all times during practice and competition. A U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver must be fastened any time the combustible engine is operative and above an idle/no wake speed and the kill switch must be attached to the driver. It is both partners responsibility to see these rules are adhered to.

8. **TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner. Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. No trolling is permitted with the main outboard engine. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one time. Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use, however, every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made. The official measuring board will be the standard ruler. A courtesy board will be provided at the weigh-in site.

9. **PROTESTS & POLYGRAPH:** All protests must be submitted to the tournament director before the close of the scale. All contestants, winners and non-winners, are subject to a polygraph test. Failure to submit to a polygraph test will result in immediate disqualification. Any contestant who has failed a polygraph test in connection with any bass tournament for cheating will not be eligible to compete in any 2018 NORTHSTAR TOURNAMENT TRAIL events.

10. **OFFICIAL BOATS:** Officials will be on the lake for boat inspection and observation during tournament hours. Each contestant is required to cooperate with all requests. 12. **CONSERVATION:** This is a primary concern of the 2018 NORTHSTAR TOURNAMENT TRAIL. Adequate livewells are mandatory on each boat and must provide aeration to maintain fish in good condition as every effort will be made to release as many live, releasable fish as possible, following each days weigh-in.

11. **TIES & TIE BREAKERS:** In the event of a tie during a qualifying tournament, ties will be broken by: (1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker) - number of fish, (2<sup>nd</sup> tie breaker - biggest fish, 3<sup>rd</sup> tie breaker) – coin flip. During the 2 day Year End Tournament, ties will be broken by: (1<sup>st</sup> tie breaker) - number of fish, (2<sup>nd</sup> tie breaker) - biggest fish on Day 2 of the tourney, (3<sup>rd</sup> tie breaker) - biggest fish of Day 1 of the tourney, (4<sup>th</sup> tie breaker) - coin flip.

12. **SCORING:** The format of the 2018 NORTHSTAR TOURNAMENT TRAIL is that of a competitive fishing team tournament. Entered teams will work together to weigh in 5 fish per day with a minimum of 14" (inches) in length, unless state or lake limits are greater, measured on a flat board with mouth closed and fantail-ed. A dead fish penalty of .25 pound per fish will be deducted from the total weight. Any team bringing more than 5 fish to the scales will be disqualified for that tournament day. Tournament standings will be determined by the total weight for the competition days of the tournament. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass will be scored. Any team weighing in a fish shorter than the legal tournament length (14 inches) will be assessed the loss of their big bass plus the loss of the short fish. Each team is required to leave from and return to a

specified checkpoint. Any team returning to the checkpoint late will be disqualified. Points earned will be determined on place of finish – example: 1<sup>st</sup> place = 100 points plus weight of fish, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 99 points plus weight of fish, etc. If a team doesn't weigh in any fish, they will earn 50 show points.

13. CULLING FISH: No culling of any kind is allowed at the tournament weigh in point, marina or beach. It is the responsibility of each team to remain within the legal limits of the state to keep no more than that maximum in the boat at any time. If more than this amount is found in the team's boat during tournament hours, the team will be disqualified for that day's tournament.

14. PERMITTED FISHING WATERS: No fishing is allowed inside the tournament weigh-in site. Contestants cannot leave the boat to land a fish. Navigable waters are the only waters to be fished in the tournament. Contestants must be able to drive their tournament boat into the fishing area without getting out of the boat. Both contestants must remain in sight of each other at all times. All fishing must be done from a previously inspected boat. No tube or wade fishing is allowed. Boats may not be trailered to and from weigh-in during the tournament hours unless under the direction of the tournament director. No fishing is allowed within 25 yard radius of another tournament boat without that boat's permission. No fishing is allowed within 50 yard radius of another anchored or tied tournament boat with trolling motor out of the water and anchored in a stationary position. Only the contestants may be in the boat during the tournament hours. Having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you will be grounds for disqualification.

15. FISHING HOURS: Will be from 7:00 AM to 3:00 pm, unless tournament hours are modified by the Tournament Director. The check in and check out points will also be disclosed. It is the contestant's responsibility to obtain this information from the Tournament Director.

16. GUIDES: No guides may be used on official practice days.

17. REGISTRATION: All entry fees must be paid in full prior to the tournament deadline. There is a limited field of 40 TEAMS. The 2018 NORTHSTAR TOURNAMENT TRAIL reserves the right to extend the field. The entry deadline date may be extended if the field is not full. A non-refundable deposit must be received before the deadline date to assure a spot in the tournament. Deposits are non-transferable after the deadline date.

18. PRACTICE FISHING: Tournament waters will be off limits to contestants from 6:00 PM the day prior to the tournament, unless noted for a specific event. In the event of a 2 date tournament (back to back tournaments), both tournament waters will be off limits to practice fishing at 6:00 PM the day prior to the date of the first tournament.

19. CELL PHONES - 2 WAY RADIOS: During the official competition days a competitor may not use a CB radio, VHF marine band radio, cellular phone (including texting and email) or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating and catching fish. These devices are for emergency purposes only.

20. PARTNER PAIRINGS & EASE-OFF CONDITIONS: All TEAMS will be paired two per boat. EASE-OFF positions will be posted the morning of the tournament date. All tournament boats must be inspected prior to ease-off for both tournament days by a tournament official. Any tournament boats fishing during tournament hours without having been inspected will be automatically disqualified for that days contest. It shall be the responsibility of each partner to appear at a mutually agreed upon location with sufficient time remaining to check in at the official check point and have the contestants boat inspected.

21. OPTIONAL 2 DAY TOURNAMENT: All teams who enter each tournament over a 2 day weekend will have the option to enter a 2-day total weight side tournament at \$ 100 per team – 100% payback. ..ie if 10 teams enter the optional 2 day overall weight, the \$ 1000 side bet money will be split 2/3<sup>rd</sup> (\$ 667) for 1<sup>st</sup>, and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> (\$ 333) for 2<sup>nd</sup>. .. The more teams entered, the more the payback. **Teams wishing to participate in the optional overall 2 day total weight must be paid prior to the start of Day 1.**

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