

BYLAWS

THE SASKATCHEWAN WALLEYE TRAIL

Preamble **WHEREAS** the Saskatchewan Walleye Trail was formed on the 26 day of November, 1993; and

WHEREAS the Trail was incorporated under the Non-Profit Corporations Act on the 22 day of May, 1997, The Saskatchewan Walleye Trail Inc.; and

WHEREAS the Trail is empowered under the Act to make bylaws;

THEREFORE, THE Trail makes bylaws as follows:

Title 1. These bylaws may be cited as the Bylaws of the Saskatchewan Walleye Trail Inc.

Definitions (a) In these bylaws:

 a) “Trail” means the Saskatchewan Walleye Trail Inc.;

 b) “member” means any member who has paid their annual registration fee and is in good standing within the Saskatchewan Walleye Trail Inc.

 (b) In these bylaws, any word or expression used but not defined, has, unless the context otherwise required, the same meaning as in the Constitution.

Aims and Purposes The Saskatchewan Walleye Trail is an organization whose purpose is to promote and improve the quality of walleye tournament angling in the province of Saskatchewan.

Values As tournament anglers, we, the members of the Saskatchewan Walleye Trail, are striving to protect and preserve the fisheries resource in order to ensure sustainability and thus value:

- All competitors must use live-wells to hold and transport fish. Live-wells must be equipped to aerate and/or circulate lake water for maintaining a hospitable environment for fish.
- Criteria for determining dead fish at weigh-in will be based on the fish’s ability to hold itself upright in water.
- Competitors will be assessed a penalty for dead fish. Typically, a weight deduction. This will provide an incentive to maintain and operate live-wells properly, and to treat fish with respect.

- Organizers and officials will strive to ensure weigh-in procedures are streamlined and efficient, and meet the one-minute standard.
- Following weigh-in, fish should be released immediately.

Tournament Standards

For tournament organizations to be eligible to have their tournament Sanctioned in the Saskatchewan Walleye Trail they must meet the following standards:

- a) Tournaments must provide a minimum 15 place cash payout based on the weight accumulation for all days fished.
- b) Tournaments must provide a payout to the anglers based on a minimum of 80% of registration fees.
- c) Tournaments must be able to launch a minimum of 2 boats at a time.
- d) Accommodations must be available within a one hour drive of the tournament location.

Application for Tournament Sanction

Tournament Sanction may be obtained by request to the Board.

- a) A tournament may be Sanctioned for inclusion in the Saskatchewan Walleye Trail by the approval of the Board.

Sanction Tournament Withdrawal

Any tournament organization may withdraw their tournament from the Trail by:

- a) Notifying the Executive Committee in writing.
- b) This clause is not withstanding agreements entered into by that tournament organization of a contractual nature.

Application for Membership

Membership may be obtained by contacting the Trail requesting membership.

- a) Membership will commence from the date of receipt of registration forms and payment of fees.

Withdrawal from Membership

- a) Any angler member may withdraw from the “Trail” by notifying the Secretary in writing.
- b) The Board of Directors, on the recommendation of tournament organizers and Board members, may withdraw membership of a member from the Trail for just cause.

Fees

The annual fees for each class of member shall be prescribed annually by the members at the annual meeting.

Services

The “Trail” shall provide to its members:

- a) Annual Membership Acknowledgement
- b) Newsletters and informational updates
- c) Prize packages for the Walleye trail proper, guaranteed at a minimum of 80% of regular member registration fees.

Terms of Office

- a) The term of office shall be for two years following the election to office, except as provided hereinafter in the case of casual vacancies.
- b) The term of office for President, Vice-President and Directors shall be two years, with the Vice-President and four Directors elected on even numbered years and four Directors elected on odd numbered years.

Election

- a) Qualification for office shall be any member in good standing, nominated by one other member in good standing except hereinafter provided.
- b) All nominated board members must receive a majority of votes of those in attendance at the Annual General Meeting to be elected to office.

Casual Vacancy

- a) In the event of casual vacancies on the Board of Directors, the “Board” shall appoint a member in good standing for the remainder of the term of the vacant position or until the next Annual General Meeting, whichever occurs first.
- b) In the event that only one candidate is nominated to fill the

vacant position and that the individual meets all the requirements of that position, the Board of Directors will deem that individual as elected by acclamation.

Meetings of the Board

- a) The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice each year at a time and place as directed by the President. The President may call additional meetings at his/her own discretion or upon the written request of any four members of the Board.
- b) A quorum of the “Board” shall consist of six (6) members.

Committees

Subject to the approval of the “Board”, the Executive may establish such committees, as are considered necessary or advisable with respect to any programs or activities that are being conducted to promote the objectives of the Trail.

Amendment to Bylaws

- a) The directors may, by resolution, amend, repeal or make any bylaws that regulate the activities and affairs of the Trail.
- b) The directors shall submit any bylaws, or any amendment or repeal thereof to the next meeting of members and the members may, by ordinary resolution, confirm, reject, or amend the bylaws, amendment or repeal.
- c) Any bylaws, or an amendment or repeal thereof is effective from the day of the resolution of directors until confirmed, confirmed as amended, or rejected by the members.
- d) If any bylaws, or any amendment or repeal thereof is rejected by the members or is not submitted to the next meeting of the members, the bylaws, amendment or repeal thereof ceases to be effective and no subsequent bylaw, amendment or repeal having substantially the same purpose or effect shall be effective until confirmed or confirmed as amended by the members.