

2025

36th Annual

**STODDARD BERGEN
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

BIG WALLEYE



Saturday, May 31st, 2025

**The Tournament festivities will
be held at Stoddard Park.**

Raffles, Food, Refreshments, and Fun!

Friday Night 5/30 from 4 PM to 8 PM

Saturday 5/31 from 12 PM to 8 PM

Fishing is from 7 AM TO 3 PM

**Please watch for Friday and
Saturday Event updates via our
Facebook Page “Stoddard Bergen
Fire Department”.**

For more information: (480) 233-2883

Steve Cibulka

Register online at:

<http://stoddardbergenfd.com>



Is There a Fire

in YOU??

Answer the call!

**Find out how YOU
can Volunteer!**

Call: 608.457.2118 or

E-Mail sbfd@mwt.net

Today to join our team!



**To register for the
tournament, go to
Eventbrite.com and search**

“Walleye.”

Or

visit our website at

<http://stoddardbergenfd.com>

for a printable form.

****RELEASE AUTHORIZATION****

In consideration of being permitted into the 2025 Stoddard-Bergen Fire Department Foundation Big Walleye/Northern Tournament, I, for myself, my representatives, heirs, and next of kin, hereby release, waive, and discharge the Stoddard-Bergen Fire Department Foundation and any of its officers, members, committee persons, or representatives for any loss or damages and any claim or damage, therefore, on account of injury to my property or my person, including death, whether caused by the negligent acts or negligent omissions to act or otherwise by any or all of the above, while I am participating in the Stoddard-Bergen Fire Department Foundation Big Walleye/Northern Tournament.

**THE STODDARD-BERGEN FIRE DEPARTMENT
FOUNDATION AND SPONSORS SHALL NOT
BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS
THAT OCCUR DURING THE TOURNAMENT.**

I have carefully read the foregoing release and tournament rules, know and understand their content, and signed this release voluntarily.

Upon signing, you release the use of your name or pictures for future promotions.

****NO REFUNDS****

Signature and Date

(If under 18) Parent or Legal Guardian Signature and Date



SBFD BIG WALLEYE/NORTHERN TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE Print Clearly

Name: _____ Make Checks to: SBFD Foundation
PO Box 281
Stoddard, WI 54665

Address: _____

8y: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Age: _____

E-Mail Address:(Required) _____ Phone: _____

Division and Amount Enclosed (No Refunds): (Circle one) JUNIOR + Mystery Fish (13 and Younger) - \$25 ADULT + Mystery Fish (14 and older) - \$40

Next year we will move to all online entries.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Leagal Guardian Signature (If under 18) _____ Date: _____

Don't forget to sign the release on the reverse side!- Note: All fish must be transported by boat to weigh-in locations- See Rules 3, 13, & 15.- No entry Drop Offs - NO REFUNDS - U.S. Mail or Online Registration - Remember to read the Major Rule Changes Insert and sign the reverse side!

YES I wish to participate in the 2025 36th ANNUAL STODDARD-BERGEN FIRE DEPARTMENT BIG WALLEYE/NORTHERN TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER. I have read and will abide by the rules of the tournament and will adhere to all laws and have good sportsmanship. I also permit the use of my name and/or photographs of me for the future promotion of this tournament by the Stoddard-Bergen Fire Department and Foundation. **"NO REFUNDS"**

Registration Costs and Tournament Rules

- Entry fee** for persons fishing in the **ADULT** division is **\$40**. **This includes entry into Walleye and Northern divisions, & Mystery Fish.**
- Entry fee** for persons aged **13 and UNDER** fishing in the **JUNIOR** division is **\$25**. **This includes entry into Junior Walleye and Northern divisions, & Mystery Fish**
- There will be two **EARLY BIRD DRAWINGS** of **\$50** each for two applicants whose entries are received on or before **April 19th, 2025**.
- There will be unlimited entries with **PAYOUT TO THE TOP 20 PLACES IN BOTH SPECIES**, trophies awarded to the top 3 of EACH species in the **ADULT** division.
- Cash Payout is 80%** in BOTH species and will be determined by the number of entries minus tournament fees and expenses.
- Prizes (only) in BOTH species will be awarded to the top 3 in the **JUNIOR** division.
- Mail entries to the **STODDARD-BERGEN FIRE DEPARTMENT PO BOX 281, STODDARD, WI 54658**.
Please indicate **ATTN: TOURNAMENT**.
- Place 1 fish per bag (provided at each weigh in landing) with water. Participants must register their own fish. Fish are subject to complete inspection by tournament officials, & their DECISION IS FINAL! Fish must be alive & in good condition. Dead fish will not be weighed in. Registered fish will be RELEASED by SBFD-appointeed personnel only,
- Pool 9 regulations have a protected slot limit of 20-27 inches for Walleye. Walleyes within the slot limit are to be released immediately. No Walleyes 20-27 inches long from Pool 9 will be weighed. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Weigh-ins will be located at the **Municipal Landing, 1700 Marcou Dr, La Crosse (Pool 8-La Crosse), Stoddard Public Landing (Pool 8-Stoddard), and the Dairyland Landing (Pool 9-Genoa).**
- Scales open at 8 AM**. Fish are eligible and will be weighed if you are in the weigh-in line at 3 PM SHARP. A spotter will mark the last eligible boat. **You must weigh fish at the scales via boat in the water.**
- WALLEYE: Winning fish are determined by weight, length, and time fish is weighed**
- .NORTHERN: Winning fish are determined by weight and time fish is weighed.**
- To be an eligible participant, entries must be postmarked by **May 12th. Online registration ends at Midnight on May 12th.**
- No hand-delivered entries or drop-offs will be accepted.**
- One fish of each species, per entrant in payout. You are allowed to register up to your daily bag limit of 15" Walleye, 15" Sauger, or 15" Saugeye, Northern. You must keep your copy of the weigh-in slip to be turned in for the top 20 payouts in both species to claim your prize.

- No hand-line fishing allowed. You must use a rod, line, and hook. Both artificial and live bait are allowed.
- Entrants aged 13 and under will automatically be fishing in the Junior Division.**
- Both Junior and Adult division entrants must catch and register their own fish and must provide identification.** Trading, swapping, or catching anyone else's fish for registration is prohibited.
- Only tournament fishermen are allowed in the boat during tournament hours. 7 AM.to 3 PM.
- The fishable waters of the Mississippi River for this tournament are **Pools 8 and 9 ONLY**.
- Participants are not allowed to fish, occupy, or otherwise attempt to fish any water after 7 PM the day before the tournament.
- Participants must fish from a boat launched at a WI-approved landing site. No Iowa or Minnesota Landings are permitted. No shore, dock, or float fishing is allowed. Legal transport of any fish for weigh-in is via boat only.
- YOU ARE REQUIRED TO LAUNCH YOUR BOAT FROM A WI PUBLIC BOAT LANDING IN POOLS 8 or 9. THIS IS TO FACILITATE THE INSPECTION OF YOUR BOAT BY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS BEFORE YOU LAUNCH. LAUNCH TIME IS 1 HOUR BEFORE START OF THE TOURNAMENT. YOU MUST STAY IN SIGHT OF THE LANDING UNTIL 7 AM (Legal fishing time).**
- Participants are required to pay any boat landing fees.**
- Officials reserve the right to check/observe participants before and on the day of the tournament for compliance with rules. Credible evidence indicating violations of these rules or DNR regulations, or boat launch fees can result in forfeiture of prizes and disqualification from this event.
- It is required that all participants display a blaze orange colored ribbon. The ribbon is to be tied to the boat and visible from all directions by officials during the hours of 6 AM to 3 PM on the day of the tournament.** Ribbons will be available to all participants free of charge at the following businesses: Tuna's Bar - Genoa, Stoddard Village Hall, Thirsty Turtle Bar - Stoddard, and ACE Hardware of La Crosse.
- Spotters will be located throughout the tournament waters. We remind participants to abide by the rules to assure honesty, fairness, and, above all, sportsmanship. Failure to comply with state DNR regulations and/or these tournament rules will result in the forfeiture of any prize and **future participation**.
- NO CARRY-INS on grounds. Remember this is a FUNDRAISER!**
- CANCELLATION POLICY: NO REFUNDS. In the case of high water, landing closures, unsafe water conditions, and at the discretion of the SBFD Walleye Committee, the fishing portion of the tournament will transition to the "High Water Shindig" at a location TBD. Please check our Facebook page for all Tournament updates.**