

SASK WALLEYE TRAIL RULES

Annual Award Categories

1. Angler of the Year
2. Team of the Year
3. Mixed Team of the Year
4. Youth Angler of the Year
5. Sportsperson of the Year
6. High Point Finisher in 1, 2 or 3 events.
7. Kids Help Phone Big Fish of the Year
8. Heavyweight of the Year (one day weight)
9. Cool Under Pressure
10. Skeleton Challenge
11. King of the Mountain
12. Championship Challenge

Scoring and Point Accumulation

1. Points are based on tournament placement (final results) obtained directly from the individual tournament organizers.
2. Each event will provide an opportunity to earn 150 points. Points will be issued based on final event placement. First Place (1st) earns 150, Second Place (2nd) earns 149 and so on.
3. If a zero (0) exists in the standings it indicates that the angler did not participate in the given tournament.
4. Final SWT Standings will be based off the total points accumulated by each angler through all four events (fished or not). *In the case of a tie*, the tie breaker will be based on the individual anglers/team's highest single day weight in any SWT event in the current year.

General Rules & Qualification Criteria

- A. "The spirit of the rule" will apply to all matters pertaining to the rules and criteria mention in this document. The elected SWT Board reserves the right to make final decisions.

- B. Each member must possess a valid provincial fishing licence for the current year. SWT does not sell fishing licences.
- C. To be classified a “member” you must complete and sign an official SWT Membership Form and have paid the registration fee in the current calendar year.
- D. SWT memberships will be made available throughout the tournament season (Electronic/mail in (visit the SWT webpage). They are not retroactive in regard to tournaments that have already started or ended prior to the date of purchase.
- E. An SWT Membership does not guarantee placement in any or all tournaments. Tournament registration must be completed through the individual tournament organization. Registration forms must be signed by each team member and the entry fee paid to the applicable party prior to the commencement of each event. Notification of placement in each event, will be communicated through the tournament organization.
- F. Teammates must BOTH be SWT members to compete for SWT Awards (all categories).
- G. Members are not required to fish all four events.
- H. The SWT also accepts registration from non-anglers who are eligible to win awards that DO NOT involve tournament participation (i.e. Early Bird Draw or random draws).
- I. An individual or team may win only one of the four major categories (i.e., Angler, Youth Angler, Team, Mixed Team). In the event that a mixed team had an accumulated point total that would win Team of the Year, they are awarded Team of the Year. The Mixed Team of the year would then be awarded to the next highest mixed team in the points standings.
- J. “Youth” is considered to be 17 years of age or younger as of May 5th of the current year/season.
- K. All applicable laws and tournament rules must be followed at all SWT events.

- L. CHEATING of any kind WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. If an infraction of this nature is brought to the attention of the SWT, the matter will be closely reviewed with the tournament organization. If it has been determined that cheating has occurred, consider your team's eligibility to receive any awards provided by the SWT in the current year to be forfeited and future memberships revoked.

Award Specific Qualification Requirements

See General Rules & Qualification Criteria above

1. **Angler of the Year:** To qualify, you must fish with at least 3 different partners over the course of tournament season (4 events total). The award will be based on the highest point total accumulated by the individual angler in the current calendar year.
2. **Team of the year:** To qualify, all SWT events in which you participate, MUST be with the same partner. The award will be based on the highest point total accumulated by a team in the current calendar year (see "I" above).
3. **Mixed team of the Year:** To qualify, all SWT events in which you participate, MUST be with the same partner. The award will be based on the highest point total accumulated by an individual team in the current calendar year. A mixed team consists of a Female/Male team. (see "I" above).
4. **Youth Angler of the Year:** The award will be based on the highest point total accumulated by a Youth Angler in the current calendar year. In the event that a youth team has the highest accumulated point total overall (winning Team of the Year), the next highest youth in the points standings would receive the Youth Angler of the Year. (see "J" above).
5. **The Sportsman of the Year:** The award will be decided by the SWT board, the SWT Board welcomes nominations from the membership. The individual chosen will be one who shows outstanding sportsmanship and or makes a positive impact on the Trail throughout the course of the year.
6. **Highest finisher:** This will be awarded to the individual, that has the highest finish participating in only 1, only 2 or only 3 events and therefore cannot be won by the same angler twice.

7. **Kids Help Phone Big Fish (KHPBF):** It is intended to be awarded 50/50. 50% of the “pot” will be donated to Kids Help Phone and the other 50% would be given to the team that weighed the biggest fish in any of the four events in the current calendar year. In order to qualify, both team members **MUST** be registered for the KHPBF as well as be SWT members. Note that this is separate from “Big Fish” pools at individual tournaments. A fish weighed in any SWT event can be counted, provided the aforementioned criteria has been met. **Big fish must be deemed live and releasable**
8. **Heavy Weight of the Year:** This will be awarded to the team that weighs the highest single day weight in any of the four events in the current calendar year.
9. **Cool Under Pressure:** When available, the award will go to the SWT team that advances the most places from day 1 to day 2 of a tournament. In the event of a tie the award will go to the team with the highest finish in the tournament. In the unlikely event that they are also tied in the final tournament standings, the award will go to the team that had the highest day 1 weight.
10. **Skeleton Challenge: TBD Based on 2021 Sponsorship Request.**
11. **King of The Mountain:** This will be awarded to the team with the highest point total obtained through both events on Last Mountain Lake, SK in a current year. The Events are held at Regina Beach (spring) and Rowans Ravine (fall).
12. **Championship Challenge:** To qualify, individual SWT members must meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - Any SWT member who finishes in the top 10 of the final tournament results, in any one of the 3 SWT qualifying events preceding the Last Mountain Fall Walleye Classic (LMFWC) in the current year.
 - Any SWT member who participates in all SWT tournaments preceding the Last Mountain Fall Walleye Classic in the current year. *See note 1.*
 - Any SWT member whose season point total, preceding the Last Mountain Fall Walleye Classic, is in the top 30 of all SWT members in the current year. *See note 2.*
 - **Note 1:** “Participates” means: one whom enters, is present for and competes in the event.

- **Note 2:** The top 30 members accumulated points will be totaled, excluding those who qualify by other means (i.e. finished in the top 10 in an individual event or participated in all 3 of the SWT tournaments in the current year).

- **Note 3:** Championship Challenge qualification does not provide automatic entry in the Last Mountain Fall Walleye Classic, it is the SWT member's responsibility to enter each tournament.

Supplements to this document: SWT Constitution and Bylaws