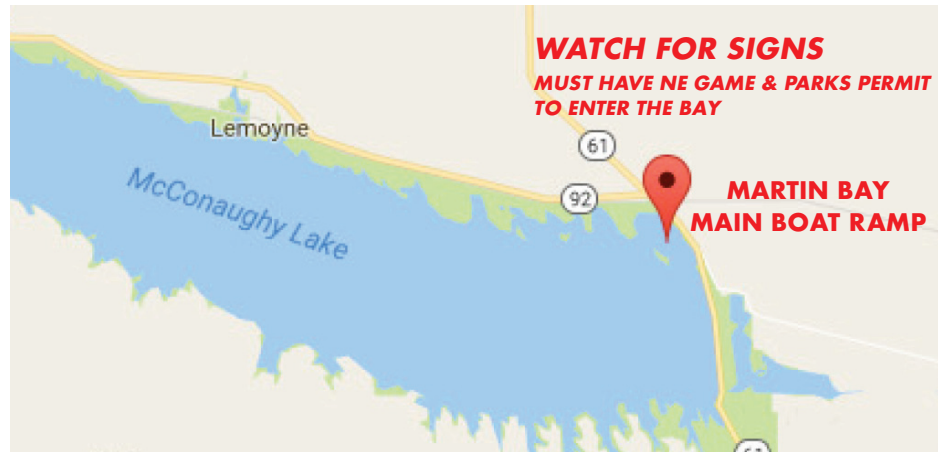


2017 FRESHWATER NATIONALS LAKE MCCONAUGHY, NEBRASKA

AUGUST 26TH



**MANDATORY TOURNAMENT
MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH
AT MARTIN BAY
MAIN BOAT RAMP
6:00 MDT**



Rules & Regulations:

- 2 person teams (boat drivers not included)
- 2 Divisions: Men's or Mixed Doubles
- Lake McConaughy, Nebraska
See official rules for more
- \$135 per team
- Skin or Scuba Divers Allowed

Categories: Trophies for 1st-3rd & 1 for Grand Champion

- Largest Rough Fish
- Largest Game Fish
- Heaviest Combined Stringer
- Grand Champion (most individual weight)

Itinerary:

- Visit ilovelakemac.com for lodging and camping needs
- Friday, August 25th, 6:00pm - 7:00pm sign-ups & meet/greet with the mandatory meeting
- Saturday, August 26th 9am to 3pm tournament hours
- Weigh in from 3pm to 4pm, Awards to follow



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2017 FRESHWATER SPEARFISHING NATIONAL RULES

All spearfishing must be carried out in accordance with Nebraska Game and Parks fishing and boating rules and regulations, for the full guide see <http://digital.outdoornebraska.gov/i/769053-fishing-guide-2017-web/7?m4=> **it will be the spearfishermen responsibility to be informed of local regulations.** All Spearfisherman must possess a valid Nebraska fishing license. Licenses will be checked at the August 25th mandatory meeting.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 2 person teams - (boat tender recommended and not considered part of the team) 2 Divisions: Men's or Mixed Doubles
- Entrance fee includes a fresh water nationals t-shirt (Pre Register before August 13th required to guarantee shirts)
- Shirts will be available for \$20 at the tournament. Cash/Credit will be accepted.
- Any violation of state rules or laws results in immediate disqualification
(Platte River Scuba Divers will have a boat on the water checking divers for compliance)
- Only 1 fish weighed for largest categories
- All fish weighed for combined weights
- Skin or Scuba Divers Allowed

CATEGORIES: Trophies for 1st-3rd & 1 for Grand Champion

- Largest Rough Fish
- Largest Game Fish
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 25TH

- 6:00pm - 7:00pm Final Sign ups along with meet and greet with mandatory meeting for competitors. Includes rules and pre-dive briefing. Will be checking valid Nebraska Fishing Licenses at this time.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH

- 8:30 - 8:45 am Briefing - rules - briefing MANDATORY (must have one team member present for roll call)
- 9:00 am Start Dive
- 3:00 pm **Divers out of the water**, return as quickly as possible, all times are GPS-Cell Phone based.
- 3:00 pm Team weigh-in begins
- 4:00 Deadline for all teams to be checked in
- Awards and food will follow weigh ins

UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING

- The entire lake of Lake McConaughy is open to spearfishing (*not Lake Ogallala*) with the following exceptions; underwater spearfishing is not permitted within 100 yards of any designated swimming or water-ski jump area, boat dock, boat ramp, or spillway
- Lawful spear guns include hand spears, rubber band-powered spear guns, compressed air spear guns, and spring-loaded spear guns.
- All spears used on powered spear guns must be attached to a shooting line no more than 20 feet long.

DIVE FLAG

A diver's flag must be displayed on the water on a float or buoy when diving or underwater spearfishing. Divers and underwater spearfishers must remain within 150 feet of the flag. The flag must be at least 12 inches square, it is unlawful to display this flag when diving or spearfishing is not in progress.

2017 FRESHWATER SPEARFISHING NATIONAL RULES - CONTINUED

FISH HANDLING

All game fish must be cared for in a manner to prevent spoilage. Each team will be responsible for all game fish they speared during the tournament. PRSD will dispose of rough fish. All spearfishermen/women must possess a valid Nebraska fishing license. Licenses will be checked at the August 25th mandatory meeting. The entire Lake is open to spearfishing with the exception of previous mentioned exclusions. No spearing in tail waters or inlets. Any spearfishermen not adhering to tournament rules or Nebraska Game and Parks rules will be automatically disqualified.

FISH SPECIES AND LIMITS

Unlimited Rough Fish

See the link below for other species allowed and the limits

<http://digital.outdoornebraska.gov/i/769053-fishing-guide-2017-web/9?m4=>

1 point per pound and 1 point per fish will be the standard scoring procedure. Each competitor will weigh in their fish separately. No sharing of fish. No culling of game fish. All competitors will be responsible to care for their own game fish after weigh in. PRSD will dispose of rough fish. No sharing of fish.

MEETINGS/BANQUETS/WEIGH INS

- The August 25th mandatory competitor meeting will be held at Martin Bay main boat ramp, follow the signs
- Awards will be held at Martin Bay
- Weigh Ins will be held at Martin Bay campground beach area. TBD- depending on Lake levels.

SCORING

- Scoring will be done as a point per fish and point per pound.
- All fish will be weighed per individual competitor.

No sharing of fish between team mates.

Lets have a good honest competition.



BOAT RENTAL/LODGING

- Boats can be rented at <http://www.skipatrol-lakemac.com/> or Scuba Steve's Outdoor Toys, LLC 308-284-4292
- Several Lodging options can be found if you Google **lake mcconaughey cabin rentals** (Hotels are available in Ogallala but that is about a 20 minute drive out to the lake)
- Camping is offered at <https://nebraskastateparks.reserveamerica.com/welcome.do> if you would like a reserved camp spot with electricity.

Also camping is permitted at the lake space permitting. (Past several years there has not been much beach so you may want to plan accordingly)

ilovelakemac.com is another great site for maps, lake information and everything Lake McConaughy!

If you find you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact
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We look forward to seeing you at the tournament!!