

Shabbona Lake Youth Fishing League
Official Rules and Regulations Sheet

1. Each team will have approximately 5-10 members.
 - a. The **top 5 scores** from each night will count towards the team's overall point value score. This is done in order to keep a fair advantage if a few teams have more members, or if there are team members absent on any given night. Each individual's scores will always count towards individual awards.
2. Children ages 3-17 may join the Shabbona Lake Young Angler's Fishing League. Each 17-year-old **MUST** be 17-years-old for the entire course of the league (excluding the Awards Night Cookout). No one 18-years-old or older may join the league as a member, but they are encouraged to join the league as a volunteer!
3. For the safety of all of the children in the league, all children under 13-years-old **MUST** be accompanied by a consenting adult at all times. We encourage a consenting adult to be with every child at all times.
4. Fishing begins at exactly 6:00pm. Only fish caught between the hours of 6:00pm-8:00pm on the designated league nights **by a league member** will count for points towards a team's score. We encourage parents to fish alongside their children, but please be sure that only fish reeled in by team members are being counted for points.
5. Each team will have a parent volunteer that will keep track of the scores on a daily score sheet. This parent(s) will receive a score sheet at the beginning of each night. This parent(s) will be responsible for keeping track of the team member's individual scores by keeping a tally mark count of the small fish that are caught by each member each night, and writing down the name and size of any large fish that are caught. The league directors (Tim & Deanna Tausch) will then convert these markings to points. The scoring system is as follows:
 - a. All fish caught that are under 10" long will be counted as 1 point each. **There is a limit of 10 of these small fish per member per night (excluding the last team "Pick-A-Spot" night). During the team "Pick-A-Spot" night, each member can count an unlimited number of these small fish towards their individual score.**
 - b. All fish caught that are 10" – under 15", will be counted as 5 points each. These fish must be measured to count for 5 points. Please take a photo so we can see! There are no limits on the number of these fish that can count for points.
 - c. All fish caught that are 15" or larger will count for 10 points. These fish must be measured in order to count for 10 points. Please take a photo so we can see! There are no limits on the number of these fish that can count for points.
 - d. All fish caught that are 20" or more will count for 20 points. These fish must be measured in order to count for 20 points. Please take a photo so we can see! There are no limits on the number of these fish that can count for points.
6. All fishing is to be done on shore.
7. The league promotes catch-and-release fishing. Please refrain from keeping any fish that are caught unless you are following state park guidelines.
8. **Golden Rule:** Please remember that the mission of this league is to allow children and teens to learn how to fish while participating in a friendly fishing competition with their friends and families. As a parent/guardian of a league member(s), please remember to promote positive behavior and sportsmanship during all league activities. We hope that you enjoy spending time together with us this season! ☺