



Recreational Fishing League

2018

What do you need to join the Recreational Fishing League?

Six to eight team members (ages 9 to 15)

Two or more coaches per team

A two hour block of time per week to go fishing (six week season)

Fishing gear, bait and tackle for the kids

Registration fee of \$30 per team member

Fax and/or email to submit score sheets

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c/o Manitoba Wildlife Federation
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General Information and League Rules

Introduction

A pilot program to introduce a recreational fishing league for youth ages 9 to 15 was developed in 2000 along the same parameters as any organized youth sporting activity such as soccer, hockey or baseball. A steering committee that developed the concept included the Manitoba Wildlife Federation (MWF), the Mid-Canada Marine Dealers Association (MMDA), Recreation Connections, Berkley and Manitoba Sustainable Development, Fisheries Branch. Based on the results of the pilot project and the positive responses received from participants, the steering committee has proceeded with refining the program and established a fully operating league across Manitoba.

The following material provides information on the operation of the league. The rules developed are intended to place teams on an “equal playing field”. That is, a team in Brandon has an equal opportunity to compete with a team from The Pas or Flin Flon.

Team Structure and Cost

Each team will consist of six to eight children ages 9 to 15 and a minimum of two adult coaches. All must be registered directly with the League Coordinator. The team member/coach ratio cannot be greater than 4:1 when fishing.

Each team member will be responsible for supplying his or her own basic equipment – rod, reel, line and tackle.

A registration fee of \$30 per team member is required. This covers a MWF Youth Membership, insurance, administration, and subscription for each team member to Outdoor Canada West magazine.

Team Activity

The “Fishing League Season” will start in **May** and conclude in **September**. Teams must choose a six week (consecutive) window within this time for their participation.

Teams may fish any number of times per week (during their consecutive six week window) but only one, two-hour session per week may be submitted to the League Coordinator as their weekly entry toward league standings. A team’s overall score will be comprised of the scores from their top five weeks.

In case of inclement weather or exceptional circumstances, a team may be permitted to enter results for two sessions in one week.

Teams may also fish at more than one location during the season but the team may not be split to fish in more than one location in any one week. A team must have at least six

members on site to have their results count for league standings and teams will be encouraged to meet to practice casting, knot tying, fish identification, etc.

Team Scoring

Each team can record their results during their fishing session on the Score Form provided. Weekly results can be calculated on the **TEAM WEEK TOTALS** score sheet provided and submitted to the League Coordinator on a weekly basis.

Each fish caught will be measured in centimetres and listed by species and by team member. To allow a comparison of species for scoring purposes, a “fish length conversion table” developed by Manitoba Sustainable Development, Fisheries Branch will be used by the League Coordinator. The Fish Length Conversion Chart is included in this package.

All catches by all team members will be reported but the catches of the best six team members will be used for the team calculation. Each team member may enter four fish of each species per session and eligible species will be listed on the conversion charts. The best five weekly scores out of the six weeks fished will be used to determine the final team standings.

Bonus points will be awarded for the following:

Weekly Team Bonus:

- 300 points if all team members attend and fish.
- 200 points if all team members catch at least one fish.
- 150 points if three or more species are caught during the same session.

Individual Bonus:

- 100 points if three or more species are caught by any one team member.
- 100 points for any Master Angler Award registered fish.

Overall Team Bonus:

- 500 points for any team that catches six or more different species over the course of the season.

Teams will be encouraged to develop skills related to angling such as fish identification, fish cleaning and preparation, care of equipment, knot tying, casting, and understanding of basic regulations and water safety. Anglers may keep their catch to eat; however, fish should only be kept if it is certain that they will be eaten and not wasted. All Manitoba

Angling Regulations will apply. Failure to comply with regulations will result in the suspension of the team.

Team / Individual Recognition

Each winning team will receive a trophy marking the win. In addition, every child who registers in the league will receive:

- Youth Manitoba Wildlife Federation membership
- a subscription to the Outdoor Canada West magazine
- participation certificate

Roles and Responsibilities of Coaches and Teams

Each team will consist of six to eight anglers and a minimum of two coaches. Coaches' responsibilities include:

- choosing safe fishing locations and scheduling the weekly fishing times
- submitting a Boat Trip Form for each trip if taking the team out by boat
- supervision of children when fishing and ensuring rules and regulations are understood and followed
- reporting scores to the League Coordinator on the forms provided within four days of fishing
- collecting team fees to cover bait and other terminal tackle costs if so desired (coaches may also wish to approach local tackle retailers regarding team sponsorship to cover such costs as bait.)
- organizing optional activities such as team meetings to practice fishing skills

Team members and parents also have responsibilities. Parents are responsible for getting their children to the pre-determined fishing or meeting location and picking them up at the end of each session. Parents will be encouraged to stay and "cheer on their team" and help out should they wish to volunteer. Team members are responsible for supplying and maintaining their own equipment and tackle, learning the angling regulations that pertain to their fishing location and of course, having fun.

Registration:

Teams may register up to **July 20, 2018**.

Please fill out all the required information for your team. Please ensure that each team member has a complete address for delivery of the Outdoor Canada West magazine.

Mail completed form(s) with registration fees (\$30 per team member. Coaches are free, although we encourage them to also become MWF members for the insurance coverage), cheques or money orders payable to Manitoba Wildlife Federation:

Manitoba Recreational Fishing League
c/o Manitoba Wildlife Federation
70 Stevenson Road
Winnipeg, MB R3H 0W7

Please Note: By registering in the Manitoba Recreational Fishing League participants and coaches hold the Manitoba Recreational Fishing League harmless from responsibility for the loss of life, limb or property resulting from any accident which may arise as a result of their participation in the activities of the Manitoba Recreational Fishing League.

2018 Recreational Fishing League
Team Registration Form

Community or Club: _____

Team Name: _____

Remember – the “Fishing League Season” will start in May and conclude in September. Teams must choose a six week (consecutive) window within this time for their participation.

Coach Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Send Registration Form Pages and Cheques* To:

RFL Coordinator

c/o Manitoba Wildlife Federation

70 Stevenson Road, Winnipeg, MB R3H 0W7

Fax: (204) 632-5200

Email: khudyma@mwf.mb.ca

*Cheques made payable to the Manitoba Wildlife Federation



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Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Payment: Cheque Visa/MC: _____ Exp: _____

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Boat Trip Registration Form

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Team Name: _____

Names of Coaches Present: _____

Trip Dates: _____

Location: _____

Boat Operator's Names

Confirmation of
Boat Insurance
Yes / No
Yes / No
Yes / No
Yes / No

Confirmation of
Boaters Card
Yes / No
Yes / No
Yes / No
Yes / No

Verified By (Coach): _____

Send Boat Trip Registration Form Pages To:
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c/o Manitoba Wildlife Federation
70 Stevenson Road, Winnipeg, MB R3H 0W7
Fax: (204) 632-5200
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2018 Recreational Fishing League Official Score Sheet

Team: _____

Date: _____

Location: _____

Record all team members present, whether or not they caught fish.

ANGLER NAME:				
Species/Length (cm)	1	2	3	4
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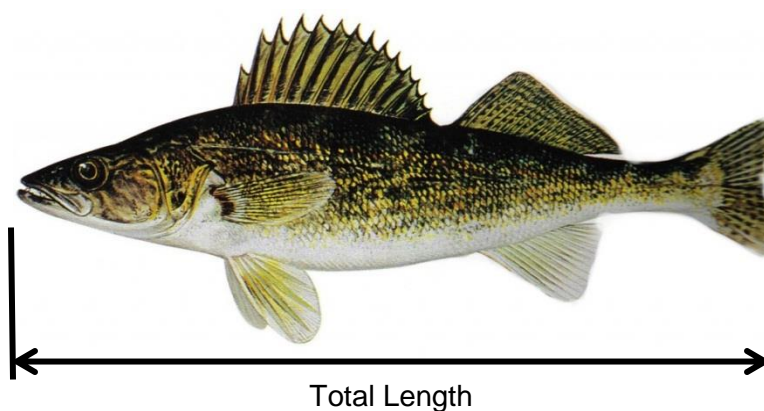
2018 Recreational Fishing League Fish Score Conversion Chart

Fish Length x Length Factor = Fish Score

Example: 75 cm walleye x 5 (Length Factor) = 325

<u>Fish Species</u>	<u>Length Factor</u>	<u>Fish Species</u>	<u>Length Factor</u>
Arctic Char	6	Northern Pike	3
Black Crappie	10	Perch	9
Brook Trout	6	Rainbow Trout	6
Brown Trout	6	Rock Bass	10
Bullhead	9	Sauger	7
Burbot	4	Smallmouth Bass	7
Carp	4	Splake	6
Channel Catfish	4	Sturgeon	3
Freshwater Drum	5	Sucker	6
Goldeye	9	Tullipee	7
Lake Trout	3	Walleye	5
Mooneye	9	White Bass	8
Muskellunge	4	Whitefish	5

How to Measure a Fish



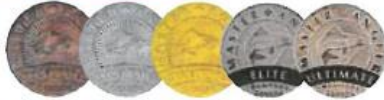
For more information on the fish listed above, refer to the 2017 Manitoba Anglers' Guide

http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/waterstewardship/fish/pdf/2017angling_guide.pdf

2018 Recreational Fishing League Master Angler Program

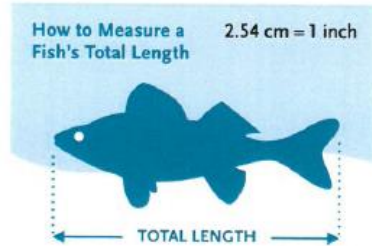
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Length Requirements

Species	Minimum Length
Arctic Char	51 cm (20 in)
Arctic Grayling	46 cm (18 in)
Black Crappie	30.5 cm (12 in)
Brook Trout	51 cm (20 in)
Brown Trout	51 cm (20 in)
Bullhead	30.5 cm (12 in)
Burbot	76 cm (30 in)
Common Carp	76 cm (30 in)
Channel Catfish	86.5 cm (34 in)
Freshwater Drum	61 cm (24 in)
Goldeye	35.5 cm (14 in)
Lake Trout	89 cm (35 in)
Largemouth Bass	46 cm (18 in)
Mooneye	35.5 cm (14 in)
Muskellunge	79 cm (31 in)
Northern Pike	104 cm (41 in)
Perch	33 cm (13 in)
Rainbow Trout	51 cm (20 in)
Rock Bass	25.5 cm (10 in)
Sauger	46 cm (18 in)
Smallmouth Bass	46 cm (18 in)
Splake	51 cm (20 in)
Sturgeon	109 cm (43 in)
Sucker	46 cm (18 in)
Sunfish	18 cm (7 in)
Tiger Trout	51 cm (20 in)
Tullibee (Cisco)	40.5 cm (16 in)
Walleye	71 cm (28 in)
White Bass	38 cm (15 in)
Whitefish	56 cm (22 in)



Master Angler Awards Program Rules and Regulations

- Registered fish must be caught in Manitoba in accordance with provincial angling regulations.
- Anglers must use a hook and line to make the catch.
- Photo Requirements:
 - All submissions must have a horizontal measurement photo of the entire length of the fish against a ruler, measuring tape or bump board to qualify for a Master Angler Award. An action photo is optional, but highly encouraged.
 - We will not accept catches with images showing vertical gill, eye, weigh scale or fish stringer holds.
 - We will not accept catches with pictures of frozen fish declared as released.
 - We will not accept photos that are thumbnails or a screen capture from a mobile device or desktop computer.
 - Photos with blood in them will not be posted on the Master Angler website.
 - Please note that all pictures provided will become the property of Travel Manitoba and may be used for publishing on the web site or in published materials.
- Qualifying fish must be submitted digitally through the Master Angler Awards website, mobile app, or on an official entry form or copy (one fish per entry form). No changes in the length stated on the application form will be accepted.
- Travel Manitoba will be the sole and final judge as to the acceptance of the entries, and reserves the right to request additional information and requirements as may be deemed necessary in the best interest of the program.
- Although awards are issued throughout the year, the Master Angler Awards annual deadline for publishing purposes is September 30.
 - * Due to the large number of entries received, Travel Manitoba makes no guarantees that entries submitted the last week of September will be approved before the September 30 deadline.
- Submissions need to be made within one year of the catch to be eligible for an award.
- Only one bronze, silver, or gold badge and release crest will be awarded to any one angler, but certificates will be presented for all qualifying fish. Different specialist badges will be awarded for each species (one per species).

For more information contact:
The Manitoba Master Angler Program
 Tel: 1-800-665-0040
 Email: MasterAngler@travelmanitoba.ca
 Website: anglers.travelmanitoba.com

L'I'L ANGLER PROGRAM

Geared toward children 12 years of age and younger, the program encourages kids to get hooked on fishing and gain a little recognition. It's easy and it's fun!

When little anglers catch their first fish, they, or their parents, apply online with a photo. Travel Manitoba will send the L'il Angler an embroidered crest and a certificate of achievement. There is no length requirement and the fish can be any of the qualifying species found in Manitoba.



For more information or to enter your catch, go to anglers.travelmanitoba.com