

South Shore Fishing Association
2019 Marquette Fall Fishing Tournament
Registration + Waiver



Tournament Entry Fee: \$150

Boat/Team Name: _____

Captain's Name: _____

Captain's Mobile Phone: _____

Captain's Email Address: _____

Team Member Name: _____

Team Member Name: _____

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Liability Release

In consideration of South Shore Fishing Association's accepting my application to participate in the 2019 Marquette Fall Fishing Tournament, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, and assigns hereby release, waive and forever discharge all officials, organizers, promoters, sponsors, and their respective officials, representatives, and assigns from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, and actions in respect to illness, injury, death, loss or damage to my person or property, however caused arising by reason of my participation in said event. I authorize the sharing of my contact information with other fishing organizations by South Shore Fishing Association. By submitting this release, I acknowledge having read, understood, and agreed to the above. In addition, this will acknowledge that I have read and will abide by all rules and regulations.

Captain's Signature: _____
Signature

Date

South Shore Fishing Association
2019 Marquette Fall Fishing Tournament
Saturday, September 7, 2019 (Alternate Date Sunday, September 8, 2019)
Rules + Regulations



FISHING TIMES: This will be an on your honor lines down at 6:00 am tournament. Boats may depart after being checked and receiving their tournament chip. All boats must be within the Upper Harbor or Lower Harbor Break Walls by 2:30 pm. No fishing before 6:00 am or after 2:30 pm. Any boat caught fishing before or after fishing times or not within Break Walls by 2:30 pm, will automatically be disqualified.

BOAT CHECKS: Cooler and boat checks will take place from 5:00 am - 6:00 am in the Cinder Pond Marina boat slips, Lower Harbor Launch, Presque Isle Marina boat slips, Upper Harbor Launch, and the Association/Fish Dock boat slips. Any boat checks after 6:00 am will take place at the Upper Harbor Launch.

FISHING AREA: All boats must fish within tournament boundaries. Boundaries are a straight line from laughing whitefish point to Big Bay point. Any boats caught fishing outside of the restricted area will be disqualified from this event. If a boat is suspected to have been outside of the restricted area, the boat captain will be required to show the tournament officials their GPS unit and the tracks from that day.



REGISTRATION: Registration & Team Meeting will be held Friday, September 6, 2019 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the Elks Lodge #405 in Marquette (127 N. Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855). Registration is from 6:00 – 7:00 pm with meeting from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Captains must be present, and team members are highly encouraged to attend.

ENTRY FEE: Entry fee for this tournament will be \$150.00 per boat. This will qualify you for both the Salmon and Trout categories.

FINAL PAYOUTS: The top 10 places for Salmon & Trout will receive cash payout. Additional payouts will also take place for largest Salmon, Lake Trout, Steelhead, and Brown Trout. Trout and Salmon qualify only.

LIMITS: A four-man limit of lines, 12 lines maximum on each boat. If a boat is suspect of being over the four-man limit of lines, they will be asked for a boat search by tournament officials. If a boat has over the four-man limit of lines, they will be disqualified from the tournament and will forfeit their registration fees. All Michigan Fishing Laws and Rules must be observed. DNR violations of any kind on tournament days will disqualify the team.

COOLER COLLECTION: Volunteers will be available at all the above-mentioned boat check locations for cooler collection starting at 1:00 pm. A tournament official must collect your tournament chip and tape boat number to cooler as well as tape/seal cooler. Do not tape your boat number to your cooler prior to being released by a tournament official. You will then be responsible to bring your cooler to a designated collection site. Designated collection sites are located in the Upper Harbor, Lower Harbor, and Fish/Association Dock parking areas.

WEIGH-IN: Weigh-in will take place at approximately 4:00 pm at the Presque Isle Bandshell. Only coolers arriving via official cooler drop sites will be weighed. Each boat may weigh six fish per division. Only the fish being weighed may be in the cooler. Largest fish will be weighed first and then a total weight will be weighed for each category. If weighing a Steelhead or Brown Trout, it must be part of your six weighed fish. In the event of a tie, the largest fish from each team will determine the winner. Blocked or bagged ice only! If you are using cubed ice, it must be in the bag still at time of weigh-in. Drain any excess water from the coolers prior to cooler drop-off. Coolers will be weighed in the order by boat number. There must be a team member present during weigh-in and fish weights must be signed for. If an individual disputes their weight, they must do so prior to signing and accepting weighed fish, and the six fish will be weighed again. After the captain or present team member signs the weigh-in sheet, that weight is the official weight of the tournament. Once a team has completed their weigh in, they are then responsible for their teams' fish. If you do not wish to participate in the weigh-in for this tournament, you must let a tournament worker know prior to the weigh-in and hand in your boat number and chip.

CAPTAIN AND CREW: A captain for each team must be identified on the entry form. There is no minimum or maximum number of fishermen on a boat; however, the boat must comply with either the Michigan Fishing Regulations or a four-man max of lines in the water.

INCLIMATE WEATHER: For the purpose of this tournament four hours of fishing will be considered a completed tournament. If a tournament is called because of weather, you must return to the harbor immediately if you wish to participate in tournament weigh-ins. If weather does not allow for fishing on Saturday September 7th, Sunday September 8th will be considered an alternate fishing day. If unable to complete a day of fishing on Sunday, the tournament will be cancelled and all money will be refunded.

Tournament fishing will only be called if Small Craft Advisory is in effect for the fishing area or there is lightning in the area!

RADIO: Marine radio is not required; however it is highly encouraged for the safety of your team. All tournament communications will take place on channel 68.

GAFFING: No gaffing is allowed!

IDENTIFICATION: Each captain will be given a boat number at the captains meeting. Captains must be able to present this as needed and tournament officials will attach to weigh in coolers for identification purposes.

DISABLED BOATS: Boats must return under their own power in order to weigh in. No boat may come in physical contact with another boat for any reason unless authorized by tournament control. Physical contact will result in disqualification for both teams for that day. Obviously, boats in distress, dangerous, or life-threatening situations must be dealt with accordingly. Disabled boats that arrive late will not be able to weigh in. Once the tournament begins, you cannot change boats for any reason. For a boating emergency you can contact the Coast Guard on Channel 16 or via phone at 906-226-3312.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: A committee will be formed to have an odd number of members. The tournament officials will accept boat captains to help form this committee. If a captain is interested, please let a tournament official know at the team meeting on September 6, 2019. This committee will preside over the tournament and handle judgement on weather conditions, disputes, disagreements, or violations of rules. Your participation in this tournament indicates your acceptance of this procedure and your agreement that the decision of the committee will be final. Immediate action for non-compliance of

tournament rules will be the jurisdiction of the tournament committee regarding the event in question. When you elect to fish in this event, you agree by your signature to abide by the policies, rules, and decisions set forth by the tournament officials and committee.

CHEATING: Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating will be automatically disqualified from all categories in this tournament after official ruling is determined.

PROTESTS: All protests must be brought forward to the tournament committee within 1 hour after the posted tournament fishing time ends.

PARKING & LAUNCH FEES: Please do not park in the business parking lots i.e. Thills, Yacht Club, Sol Azteca...Regular launch requirements are applicable during the tournament. If you do not already have a launch pass for the Marquette Upper or Lower Harbor launches, the launch fee for tournament participants will be waived for the day of the tournament via tournament launch pass. If you need a launch pass, see a tournament official.

QUESTIONS – Any questions, please contact (phone or text) Don Bianchi at 906-236-2920, Timarie Bianchi at 906-361-6729.