

2021 Regular Tournament Rules

1. Fishing Tournament will start at 6:00am Saturday, July 17, 2021 and ends at 3:00pm on Sunday, July 25, 2021. Weigh station and scales open at noon, and close at 9:00pm each day. Persons with fish to weigh on any given day must be in line for the weigh station no later than 9:00pm each day, (Except Sunday, July 25th). Registration trailer will open on Thursday, July 15th at noon and close at 6:00pm and will also be open Friday July 16th at noon.

2. Each person seventeen (17) years of age and older on board must be registered. (Those under 17 may register for "Kid's Fishing Tournament" – see separate rules) To be eligible for any tournament prize, persons must be registered, no matter the age. All registrants shall carry their registration card at all times. Cards are nontransferable. All boats are subject to "card check". Entry fee is \$90.00 per person for the regular tournament. Hats and boat flags will be issued to the fisherman and fisherwomen this year thanks to sponsorships from Alpena Car Care and Meridian Contracting. EXCEPTION: one-day pass available, \$25.00 Unlimited Individual – no hat given. (Only issued at registration trailer).

3. Each entrant upon registering to compete in the Festival agrees to hold the sponsors; their agents; volunteers; or employees harmless from any liability of any nature and kind, for any injuries and/or damage suffered by the entrants during the period that the Festival is being held.

4. Regarding the fish and transportation of the fish:

a). All Trout, Salmon, and Walleye must be caught in Lake Huron. Rivers or streams are NOT considered legal fishing waters, except the Thunder Bay River from 2nd Ave. Bridge to Lake Huron. No boundaries for north and south this year, all U.S. waters of Lake Huron (with the exception of Lake Trout Refuges) are legal to fish in all the tournaments held during the 2021 MBTF. The following situations apply to this "NO" boundary rule:

1. No tournament boat can come in contact with any land or ports except Presque Isle Harbor or Alpena City Boat Harbor.

2. No extra gasoline cans can be carried onboard during any Michigan Brown Trout Festival Tournaments.

3. **NOTE: NO FISHING IS ALLOWED IN THE LAKE TROUT REFUGES – MAPS AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION TRAILER.**

b). All fish must be transported to the official weigh-in station at the Alpena City Boat Harbor. Fishermen will also have the option of checking fish at Presque Isle Harbor. There will be an official Brown Trout representative at Presque Isle Harbor from 11:00am to 1:00pm and 7:00pm to 8:00pm daily from Saturday through Saturday and Sunday, July 25, 2021, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Cooler must be presented at Official Weigh Station within one hour of time listed on check in slip given at Presque Isle Harbor.

c). At Presque Isle Harbor, each angler presenting fish to weigh will have their registration card available for proof of participation in tournament. The Brown Trout representative will verify the number of fish to be weighed, will seal each cooler and give fishermen a tag for transport to Alpena City Boat Harbor. The cooler MUST be sealed when presented at the Weigh Station in Alpena. Any fish transported from Presque Isle Harbor must be transported in a seal-able fish cooler, NO fish bags or buckets are permitted and will lead to disqualification.

d. Transfer of any items from boat to boat or physical contact with another boat will disqualify both boats for that day. In case of an extreme emergency situation, Tournament Control must be notified as to determine if disqualification is required.

5. Each contestant is entitled to only one final prize in each division.

6. Winners will be determined by the weight of the fish. All fish entered must be whole, and contain no foreign matter; no gaffed or snagged fish will be eligible for any prizes. Fish must be opened for inspection after weighing if it qualifies for a prize. First place fish in each division must be left on

display until 9:00pm on day of catch to qualify for prize. Failure to have fish inspected or displayed may cause disqualification. Any tallied displayed fish remaining after 10:00pm will be disposed of by Brown Trout Officials.

7. *Payouts awarded for Salmon, Lake Trout, Steelhead & Walleye, Divisions for each species:

i. 1st Prize - \$2,500.00/Trophy

ii. 2nd Prize - \$1,050.00

iii. 3rd Prize - \$600.00

iv. 4th Prize - \$350.00

v. 5th Prize - \$200.00

vi. 6th Prize - \$150.00

*Based on 325 entrants.

*Payouts awarded for Brown Trout Division:

i. 1st Prize - \$4,000.00/Trophy

ii. 2nd Prize - \$2,400.00

iii. 3rd Prize - \$1,200.00

iv. 4th Prize - \$800.00

v. 5th Prize - \$450.00

vi. 6th Prize - \$250.00

*Based on 325 entrants.

8. The decision of the Tournament Officials will be final in the event of a dispute or unsportsmanlike conduct. In case of ties, the first fish weighed-in will be declared the winner.

9. Each contestant agrees to abide by the official rules and State fishing regulations upon signing entry form; officials may request entrants to show proof of valid Michigan fishing license; any failure to observe any rule will result in disqualification. (Any and all disqualification decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis by Tournament Officials.)

10. All fish must be weighed-in and entered in the contest at the official weigh-in station at the Alpena Boat Harbor. All qualifying fish will be fin clipped. NO EXCEPTIONS! Each fish weighed will be assigned a registration number. **To protect our community Brown Trout plants, The Brown Trout Festival will impose a minimum size limit of 16 inches for Brown Trout caught during the tournament. Any Brown Trout weighed in that are under 16 inches will not be eligible for any prizes and there will be a penalty of \$15.00 enforced for a re-stocking fee.**

11. All protests must be submitted on an Official Protest Form. Forms are available at the Weigh-in Station/Tournament Trailer. A cash deposit of \$50.00 must accompany each protest. Protests will be accepted no later than noon the following day of each tournament day. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded. If not upheld, the deposit will become property of the Michigan Brown Trout Festival. All protests will be handled by a "protest committee" of at least three officials.

12. At the discretion of the tournament director, observers may be placed on board any boat at any time during the 9 days of fishing. Tournament control monitors Channel 68.

13. Additional prize opportunities: The Largest Daily regulation fish weighed in each of the five specified divisions will receive \$50 Visa Card from Wolverine State Credit Union and must be claimed by 7-25-21.

The Tournament Committee will provide a colored flag and/or boat identification number for each contestants boat. The flag shall be flown on the contestant's radio antenna in full view from all directions during the full 9 day tournament . Failure to display the flag at all times during the tournament can result in disqualification.

Excessive complaints and unsportsmanlike behavior at any time during the 9 day tournament will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification from tournament and will not be allowed to participate in the future. All competitors upon registering with signature, (1) Agrees to abide by the policies, rules and decisions set forth by the Michigan Brown Trout Festival Coordinator(s) and

MDNR regulations. (2) Agrees that competitors may be disqualified for any violation of tournament rules with no refund of entry fee. Decision of Tournament Director and officials is final. (3) Agrees to hold the committee, directors, sponsors, organizers, volunteers and agents harmless from any liability of any nature or kind or for any injuries and or damages suffered during or after the period of the festival. (4) Agrees that award recipients are responsible for payment of all taxes on prizes \$600 and more. Refusal to submit proper social security information and current address will result in disqualification. You must submit a valid 1099 Form in the calendar year you win. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of any prize monies. (5) Agrees that all photos, video or any other materials which may used for future promotion are property of the Michigan Brown Trout Festival.

Refunds: In the event of any cancellation of tournaments, refunds will be issued in the form of a check and mailed to the Captain's within ten business days of the tournament ending.

Holding fish at the dock: Any potential board fish caught after the scales close on any given day of the tournament with the intentions of weighing the fish the following day must be called into tournament control for verification and instructions. Failure to do so will disqualify the fish from the tournament. Call Brad (989) 590-2479 or Tim (989) 657-9365.

1st Annual 3 Day Devere Industrial LLC, Meijer, Frank's Great Outdoors High Stakes Tournament Rules

1. This tournament will be held the first 3 days of the 2021 MBTF (July 17th -19th 2021) fishing will start @6:00am on Saturday July 17th and end @9:00pm on Monday July 19th.
2. All participants in the Three Day High Stakes have to be registered in the regular tournament to be eligible for prizes. Everyone on the boat must be registered and show proof if asked by any tournament official.
3. There will be five categories to fish for in this tournament - salmon, lake trout, steelhead, brown trout and walleye. Entry fee will be \$200.00 per category per boat, and more than one category can be fished by any boat registered.
4. Each category payout will be 100% payback and will be determined by the number of boats fishing each category.
5. This is a winner take all tournament for each category unless there is more than 15 boats in each individual category, then for every 5 boats registered over 15 an additional place will be paid. Frank's Great Outdoors will be giving a \$100 Gift Card to 1st Place in each category.
6. A one person daily limit will be allowed to be weighed in each day with a combined weight for 3 days deciding the winner in each category. * Final results will not be posted until Tuesday July, 20th. Once a limit is weighed in for the day there will be no fish bumping allowed.
7. All MDNR rules apply for this tournament * no more than 3 rods per person and a valid michigan fishing license is required to fish.
8. Fishermen will be allowed to fish out of Alpena, Presque Isle and Rockport for the three day tournament with limited check in times at Presque Isle and Rockport . There will be two chances daily to check your coolers and have them sealed for transport to Alpena weigh station. 11:00am -1:00pm and 7:00pm -8:00pm. Fishermen will be responsible for transportation of their coolers to Alpena if fishing out of Rockport or Presque Isle and will have a one hour time limit to get their cooler to Alpena.
9. No north or south boundaries in this tournament with all fishing only in U.S. Waters of Lake Huron and, no fishing in any refuges. No land contact with any other ports will be permitted except for Alpena, Presque Isle and Rockport.
10. Scales open at noon and close daily @9:00pm sharp. All coolers to be weighed must be in line by this time to be eligible. No late coolers will be accepted. All fish will be weighed and be eligible also for regular tournament prizes.

32nd Annual White Claw Ladies Classic

Prizes are awarded for the total weight of the 10 heaviest fish (a 2 person M-DNR limit). No more than ten fish will be allowed in cooler at the time of cooler being sealed and placed in line for weigh in. More than ten fish in cooler will disqualify team. Three additional people are allowed on board only to set lines and navigate, and assist in clearing lines. These people do not need to be registered in the regular tournament to participate in this one-day tournament. No more than three lines per woman (9 rod maximum per boat). Designated women must catch and net all fish. All women on board must have a valid Michigan fishing license and must be registered on entry form. In case of bad weather, including small craft warning issued by the US Coast Guard, Officials will call off or postpone event. (Decisions will be made with the safety of boaters taking precedence). If canceled, entry fees will be refunded. 10 heaviest fish will be weighed and will allow 10 total in any combination; no more than 6 of any one species of Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Steelhead or Atlantic Salmon except up to 10 Coho, Chinook, Pink Salmon or Walleye will be allowed for a "2 person limit". Time: Shotgun start at 6:00am – Must be over finish line by 4:00pm – Weigh in to follow. Captain's Meeting: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 – 5:30pm meeting to be held on MBTF grounds (See registration trailer for details – location to be determined). Registration: \$150.00 per boat for Ladies tournament prizes. (This registers all three women). All boats must be registered by 4:30pm – July 21, 2021 – NO EXCEPTIONS! An Additional \$25 per Ladies entrant must be paid to qualify fish for regular tournament prizes. PRIZES FOR LADIES TOURNAMENT: 1st - \$1,200.00 2nd - \$600.00 3rd - \$450.00 4th - \$400.00 5th - \$300.00 (5% of registrations will be used for Big Fish Pot)

Lappan Agency and Auto-Owners Insurance, Lafarge Presque Isle

Super Tournament Rules

1. 350.00 per boat entry fee. All boats must be registered by 5:30pm, Friday, July 23rd, 2021. Captain's Meeting is on Friday, July 23rd, 2021 at 5:30pm. Registrations will not be accepted at rules meeting. All general rules of the festival will apply. The two day tournament is 6:00am to 2:00pm Saturday, July 24, 2021 and 6:00am to 2:00pm Sunday, July 25, 2021.
2. The number of persons on board will be a maximum of four with no more than three lines per person. The catch will be the state legal limit each day. All fish will qualify for the regular tournament. All members of the crew must be registered in the regular tournament.
3. All boats must be at city boat harbor no later than 5:30 am Saturday July 24, 2021 for inspection. Any refunds must be authorized by tournament director.
4. All boats not starting must notify the tournament director by 5:45am for a ruling or automatically be disqualified.
5. Shotgun start. All boats will leave in front of the harbor at 6:00am. All boats must be inside a line determined by the tournament officials. (First red channel buoy out of the mouth of river) Before 2:00pm to qualify for scoring each day.
6. Each boat must display the official super tournament flag from the highest possible point during the tournament.
7. Transfer of any items from boat to boat or any physical contact with another boat will disqualify both boats for entire tournament. In case of an extreme emergency situation, tournament control must be notified to determine if disqualification is required.
8. All Salmon, Trout, and Walleye must be caught in U.S. waters of Lake Huron (NO FISHING ALLOWED IN ANY LAKE TROUT REFUGE). No rivers or streams are considered legal fishing waters except in the Thunder Bay River from 2nd Avenue Bridge to the lake. All fish must be transported by waterborne boat to official weigh station at the harbor. No fish transported by vehicle will be accepted. Weigh-in is after 2:00pm each day. A crew member must be present to sign the validation sheet and present the Lappan Agency and Auto-Owners Insurance Super Tournament Registration Card.
9. Ten heaviest fish will be weighed. 10 total in any combination; no more than 6 of any one species of Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Steelhead, or Atlantic Salmon. Except up to 10 Coho, Chinook, Pink Salmon or Walleye will be allowed for a "2 person limit."
10. No more than ten fish will be allowed in cooler at the time of cooler being sealed and placed in line for weigh-in. More than ten fish in cooler will disqualify team.
11. All fish weighed will be fin clipped.
12. One representative of each boat will be present at the rules meeting to be held at 5:30pm, Friday, July 23, 2021 on MBTF Grounds. To be determined.
13. In case of bad weather, including small craft warnings issued by the US Coast Guard, Officials will call off or postpone. (Decisions will be made with the safety of the boaters taking precedence). In case tournament is canceled, all entry fees will be refunded.
14. Prize money will be awarded on the basis of total points (1 point for each pound of fish weighed) as follows: *1st place - \$3,000.00 and a trophy. *Payouts will be based on entries. In the event of a money placing tie postings will be combined and prize money split equally between the tied participants. All prizes are checks.
15. Patrol boats will be present throughout the competition. The Super Tournament is made possible with the help of Lappan Agency and Auto-Owners Insurance.

1st Annual MBTF Youth Offshore Tournament Rules

2021 MBTF 1st annual Youth Offshore Tournament.

Wednesday July 21st 2021 from 6:00am-3:00pm where: Alpena boat harbor

Who: youth 12 -16 years of age.

Offshore boat fishing tournament for youth to catch and weigh walleye, trout and salmon. Prizes awarded for heaviest (3 fish) cooler and largest fish caught by weight.

Entry fee: \$25.00 Per fisherperson. Adults don't need to be registered and are not allowed to fish. Each fisherperson is allowed 3 lines each and must catch all of their own fish. The adults will be allowed to net all fish for safety reasons.

Limit teams to a maximum of 4 youth per boat.

Weigh in will be at the MBTF scales starting at 3:00pm sharp. No late coolers will be accepted.

Results will be posted the following day 7.22.2021. Awards and prizes will be handed out on Sunday 7.25.2021 Starting at 6:00pm.

8th Annual PNC Bank and MBT KIDDIE CLASSIC

The PNC Bank Kiddie Fishing Classic is part of Family Day, Sunday, July 18, 2021. Kids ages 1-14 can pre-register for this fishing event at PNC Bank located at 122 N. Second, Alpena, prior to July 18, or register in the BIG TENT on Sunday, July 18, from 7a.m. to 11:00a.m. If they pre-register they still have to come to the BIG TENT on July 18 to pick up their angler card before they start to fish. The fishing event will start at 7:00a.m. and conclude at noon, weigh-in starts at 11:00am and ends at noon, or until all fish are weighed (must be in line by 11:30am) July 18, 2021, followed by the awards at 2:00p.m. in the BIG TENT. Parents are strongly encouraged to have their children wear life jackets during the contest and must supervise their children during the event. All PNC Bank Kiddie Fishing Classic fish must be caught from the Banks of the Thunder Bay River beginning at the mouth of the river, including the boat harbor rocks, both interior and exterior, up to the Lake Huron side of the 9th Street Dam. No fishing from boats or any other watercraft or flotation device is allowed and will result in disqualification from the PNC Bank Kiddie Classic. Three divisions separated by age, 1-5 years, 6-10 years, 11-14 years, - 1st, 2nd, 3rd place for each age division will get a trophy for biggest fish (biggest=most weight). Also a Largest Fish of the tournament trophy will be awarded. See rules for fishing boundaries for the festival, as they differ from the Kiddie Classic. Winners will be determined by the weight of the fish. In case of ties, the fish that is weighed first will be declared the winner. Each contestant agrees to abide by the official rules and state fishing regulations upon signing the entry form. Failure to observe any state of Michigan rule or regulation will result in disqualification.

Stan Konecke / Dennis Koopikka Memorial “Kids” Tournament

Rules: Free to all kids from 6-17 years of age. Each participant MUST complete “Kids’ Tournament” portion of registration form and receive special registration card with registration number. All regular tournament rules apply. It will be the responsibility of the “kid” and/or parent to advise weigh station when fish is to be considered for “Kid’s Tournament” prizes. Tournament runs all nine days – ending at 3:00pm on Sunday, July 25, 2021. All prizes will be awarded during Awards Ceremony. There will be trophies and prizes for three divisions - Walleye, Salmon, and Trout. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category. Continuing sponsorship provided by the families of: Stan Konecke, Dennis Koopikka. The STAN KONECKE MEMORIAL YOUTH AWARD - is made possible through the continued support of the families of Stan Konecke and Dennis Koopikka.

-2021 RULE CHANGES-

Two new tournaments this year for the festival -a Three Day High Stakes tournament and a Youth Offshore Tournament. The Super Tournament will be on Saturday July 24th and Sunday July 25th, 2021 from 6:00am to 2:00pm.

Entry fees have been increased to help sustain this tournament and allow for better payouts and more paid positions in all categories.

Regular registration \$90.00/Individual - Daily registration \$25.00 (Unlimited)/Individual Ladies Classic \$150.00/Boat - Super Tournament \$350.00/Boat - Youth offshore \$25.00 Per individual youth - 3 Day High Stakes \$200.00 Per category/boat.

Hats and boat flags will be issued to the fishermen and fisherwomen this year thanks to sponsorships from Alpena Car Care and Meridian Welding Services.

When weighing fish at the official weigh station there must be a valid MBTF registration card holder present for each legal MDNR daily limit of fish weighed. No exceptions.

In conjunction with the 3 day High Stakes Tournament any registered BT fishermen can check coolers in at Rockport at designated daily times. After Monday 7/19/21 there will be no coolers checked in at Rockport. Presque Isle harbor will be open all nine days for cooler checks with designated checks twice daily; except for the last Sunday.

There will be five divisions paid this year for big fish, with No Atlantic division just a Salmon division, Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Steelhead and Walleye.

No boundaries for north and south this year. All U.S.Waters of Lake Huron (with the exception of the Lake Trout Refuges) are legal to fish in all tournaments held during The 2021 MBTF.

No extra gas can be carried onboard in cans during MBTF Tournaments.

Holding fish at the dock: any potential board fish caught after the scales close on any given day of the tournament with the intentions of weighing the fish the following day must be called into tournament control for verification and instructions. Failure to do so will disqualify the fish from the tournament.

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All daily big fish payouts will be a \$50.00 Visa card from Wolverine State Credit Union and have to be claimed by 7/25/21 otherwise they are forfeited. All other cash prizes will be awarded in the form of a check paid by the MBTF committee and they will be mailed out to the winners within 10 business days after the tournament. All award recipients are responsible for payments of all taxes on prizes \$600.00 and more. You must submit a valid 1099 form in the calendar year you win with proper social security information and a current address. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of any prize monies.