



**One Division in 2020.
6 events to choose from. Finale at Manistee Monster.**

Official Rules

The Deal with Divisions:

After losing nearly half of our events in 2020 due to Covid-19 we had to shift the side bet back to one division for this year. The object of the 333 Side Bet is to establish a cumulative score by competing in a minimum of three, or maximum of four separate 333 events. The teams with the top 4 cumulative scores will compete in a 4-way battle at the Monster in Manistee with the winner getting the lion's share of the Side Bet Purse.

Eligibility:

Open to any fishing team willing to participate and abide by official tournament rules and state specific DNR regulations (hereinafter "Registered Teams" or "Teams"). The Tournament Trail reserves the right to decline entry or participation by any person, team or boat, as deemed necessary, to ensure such things as integrity, image, reputation, financial performance and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups. This eligibility clause shall supersede any and all means of qualification or application process to compete in this contest.

Boat Safety:

Boat safety remains your responsibility. Weather conditions vary and the Tournament Director and/or Weather Committee will advise when conditions become questionable and may cancel the tournament if deemed necessary. Due to the size variance of boats and varied experience of each captain, the ultimate responsibility for safety belongs to you. If you feel it is becoming unsafe or you are uncomfortable with conditions, your safety and the safety of your crew is absolutely your responsibility. If you feel it is not safe for your boat size or experience level proceed to safe harbor immediately.

2020 Eligible Events:

Sheboygan Salmon Cup, Manistee Budweiser, Ludington Offshore Classic, Manistee Splash, Saugatuck Big Lake Classic, Benzie Frenzie in Frankfort. The final 4 will compete in the finale, August 29-30 in Manistee.

Entry Fee:

\$500.00 – One time entry fee payable to Tournament Trail at the time you declare your first 333 event that will be scored in this contest. In addition to the one time entry fee, competing teams will be required to enter (3) additional 333 Championship Series events to establish their cumulative score. Teams that make the final 4 will be required to fish the final 333 showdown in their respective division. North Division final: Manistee Monster in September. South Division final Saugatuck Big Lake Classic in August.

Payout:

Payout will be 100% at 70% / 15% / 10% / 5%

There is no limit on the number of boats that may compete, however the tournament director may elect to cancel this event if registration is less than 10 boats.

Scoring : (New Scoring System for 2020)

Each teams cumulative score will be the sum of their 3 individual port scores at each of their declared scoring events. A team may attempt to improve their cumulative score by declaring a 4th event. When a 4th event is declared it will replace that teams existing lowest individual port score whether the result is better or worse.

Individual port scores will be calculated using the PAAW system. (Pounds Above Average Weight)

- The average catch weight of the entire field at each individual 333 event will be calculated and then subtracted from each individual team's 333 weight. The remainder will be each teams PAAW score.
- PAAW scores can be positive or negative.

For example: If the average weight of a 333 event is 35 pounds and an individual team posts a weight of 51 pounds, their PAAW for that event will be +16.00 pounds. A team that posts a total 333 weight 24 pounds would have a PAAW score of -11.00.

Scoring (Final Showdown)

- The Final 4 Teams' showdown event will take place concurrently with the Manistee Monster Mania August 28-30
- Total weight will determine the winner.
- 333 Championship Series Rules Apply.
- Established cumulative scores from regular season 333 events will not be used in any way with the exception of tie breakers if needed.

Disqualifications

Any fish weighed in the 333 Side Bet must come from a Team's legal tournament catch. If a Team is penalized in any way that prevents them from weighing their fish in the host tournament, that penalty will carry over to that team's eligibility to weigh fish in the 333 and therefore the 333 Side Bet. Example: If a team is disqualified the 1st day in any host event, the Team will not be able to weigh fish for the 333 or the Side Bet on that day. The Team will be able to weigh fish on the 2nd day as long as the team is eligible to weigh fish pursuant to the host tournament rules as well. PLEASE NOTE: If a Team is late returning to port or a weigh in during any event, the Team will not be able to weigh 333 or 333 Side Bet fish for that tournament day. This applies to all 333 events regardless of whether lateness results in a disqualification or a penalty from the host event.

Tie Breakers - Regular Season (Cumulative Score):

Only the 3 scores declared and used for each team's cumulative Side Bet score will be used for the purpose of Tie Breakers.

#1) Head To Head

If Team A had a better 333 score than Team B at a common 333 event then Team A wins. If the teams' records are tied (e.g. 1-1 or 2-2) at common 333 events the Teams remain tied & move to tie breaker #2. The Head To Head tie breaker will only be used if equal amounts of head to head competition are available for all tied teams.

#2) Placement Points

The Team with the highest individual port PAAW score among all tied Teams will break the tie.

#3) Biggest Individual Fish

The Team that registered the largest single fish among their declared port scores will break the tie.

Tie Breaker - Final Shootout:

Biggest Single Fish weighed during the final. If big fish weight does not break the tie than all prizes involved in the tie will be added together and split evenly among tied teams.

Tournament Selection

In order for a score to count in this contest each team must declare to me, Scott MacDonald, PRIOR TO THE START OF THE EVENT, the teams intention to count the score. This declaration can be done in person at the Captain's Meeting, via

radio on the morning of the event itself, or anytime via Cell Phone at (231) 690-1102. DECLARATIONS MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH EVENT. DECLARATIONS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY TO SCOTT MACDONALD. DECLARATIONS MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED PERSONALLY BY SCOTT TO COUNT.

It is highly recommended that each team submit via email a list of the 3 events that they plan to count. This list, if submitted, will serve as the necessary scoring declaration unless otherwise stated by the team. This list, if submitted, may also be altered at any time prior to the event(s) that is being changed.

Cancellation Contingency: If the final showdown event is canceled in its entirety payouts will be adjusted to the following percentages of total purse. Placement will be determined by final cumulative scores from the regular season. First Place: 30% - Second Place: 26% - Third Place: 24% - Fourth Place: 20%

Switching Boats

Teams are not allowed to switch boats during the season. 333 scores in the Championship Series, 333 Side Bet and the 333 Best Overall follow the registered boat. However, any Captain, Crew or Team Entity does retain the right to acquire a new boat at any time. If this occurs during the season, the Team will be allowed to change to their new boat under the following conditions:

- The intent to switch boats must be brought to the attention of Tournament Trail as soon as possible.
- The switch must be officially declared by the Captain to Tournament Trail prior to the start of the first event in which the new boat will be used.
- The new boat must completely replace the old boat. In other words, buying or acquiring a second boat that you plan to equip and use in addition to your original boat does not allow you to switch boats.
- Under no circumstances will the team be allowed to revert back to the old boat once the switch is made.
- At their discretion, Tournament Trail may request proof of ownership of the new boat or proof of sale of the old boat.

Tournament Director reserves final authority to approve any proposed switch in order to assure compliance with the spirit and intent of this rule.

Acknowledgement of Rules:

Captains are required to read, understand and relay to their team members the rules of participating in the 333 Side Bet.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: Participation in the 333 Side Bet shall signify each team's acceptance and agreement to the following:

- I hereby release, discharge and waive all claims of any type against Tournament Trail, any and all individual events associated with Tournament Trail, their officers, successors, assigns, employees, participating groups, sponsors, and any persons officially connected with this event from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY, LOSS CLAIM OR DAMAGE OF ANY TYPE ARISING OUT OF/OR RELATED TO OR CAUSED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS OR ANY EVENT, ACTIVITY OR ACTION OCCURRING AT OR DURING THIS OR ANY COMPETITION SANCTIONED BY TOURNAMENT TRAIL.
- I acknowledge receipt of the rules and regulations, certifying and consenting to have shown copy of same to all team members and agree that I will abide by all tournament rules and will accept the decision of the tournament rules committee and agree that the decision of the tournament rules committee will be final and I will PURSUE NO ACTION contesting any decisions of the rules committee.
- I am fully qualified and have experience in events such as this.
- I am of legal age and capacity (participants under the age of 18 must also have signature of a parent or legal guardian).
- I understand that all photos, video or any other materials which may be used for future promotion are property of Tournament Trail.
- I understand that all applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winners.
- All winners and/or protest participants must agree to take a polygraph test if deemed necessary by Tournament Committee.

The payment of a team's entry fee into this event shall serve as their full acknowledgement that they have read, understand, and agree to all of the rules listed above.