

# 2018 APPLICATION FOR ENTRY



In an effort to promote and ensure fairness the Manistee Salmon Splash maintains the following eligibility clause: This event is open to any fishing team willing to participate and abide by official tournament rules and state specific DNR regulations. We reserve 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.

Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Division (Circle One): PRO AM BFO Fishing Out Of: (circle one): MANISTEE ONEKAMA

Ladies / Kids (July 21)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	333	(July 22-23)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
Big Fish Only (July 22-23)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	333 Only	(July 22-23)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150
Amateur* (July 22-23)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300	333 Best Overall** (July 22-23)		<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
Pro* (July 22-23)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500			<input type="checkbox"/> PIA

*\*Pro & Am Entry includes Big Fish Only Division \*\*One Best Overall box must be checked for this score to count.*

All Awards Based on Registration. Make Registration Checks payable to **Tournament Trail**.

Mail Registration and Check to: **Tournament Trail, P O Box 393, Manistee, MI 49660**

Fax Registration with Credit Card Info to: (231) 309-5902 OR Email Registration to: [macdonald@toast.net](mailto:macdonald@toast.net)

**QUESTIONS - Call Fred at (231) 645-8366 OR Scott at (231) 690-1102**

Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Cash ☐ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: By signing this document the person whose signature appears below acts as representative of team and agrees to the following:

- I hereby release, discharge and waive all claims of any type against 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/or tournament director and agree that the decision of the tournament rules committee and/or tournament director will be final and I will PURSUE NO ACTION contesting any decisions of the rules committee and/or tournament director.
- 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.

I state that I have read this document in full and understand that I am giving up all rights to damages from injuries to my person and/or property, as well as giving up all rights to seek damages as a result of the tournament rules or committee and/or director decision. My signature appears voluntarily with full knowledge of the rights I have under law. I fully understand and agree to the terms and conditions as set forth herein. I am under no disability, legal, physical or mental condition which impairs my ability to sign.

CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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Payment Received \_\_\_\_\_ Entry # \_\_\_\_\_



## QUICK REFERENCE PAGE

Questions prior to or during the tournament:

Please contact:

Scott 231-690-1102

Fred 231-645-8366

- **Fishing Time 6am –1pm each day: Shot Gun Start – Must be within ½ mile of Harbor entrance in Manistee or Onkama at start. All boats must be inside designated harbor when tournament ends at 1pm. Boats outside the harbor at 1:01pm will be disqualified.**
- **Michigan Waters Only.**
- **Boats cannot change harbors once the tournament begins. Boats must leave and return to the same harbor for the entire tournament. Teams may not change boats once the tournament begins.**
- **Open Communication All Divisions**
- **No Observers All Divisions**
- **DNR Limits: Pro Weighs 2-Man DNR Limit. Am Weighs 1-Man DNR Limit. Big Fish weighs single biggest fish daily. Maximum Fish in cooler at weigh in: 10 fish Pro, 5 fish AM, Big Fish & 333 Only.**
- **All fish DNR size limit**
- **Rules finalized at Captain's meeting**
- **Payouts will be based on # of entries. Posted payouts will supersede all previous pre-printed material**
- **9 rods max, 1 slider per rod, max 72"**
- **No fishing inside any Harbor**
- **Weigh-in begins 2 hours before the tournament fishing time ends each day. Coolers must be in line within 1 hour and 15 minutes after the end of the fishing period. Late coolers will not be weighed.**
- **Coolers must be drained prior to weigh in. Blocked or bagged ice only, no loose ice. Penalties apply.**
- **Radio channels 9 and 68**
- **Failure to be familiar with all rules may result in DQ, no refunds**
- **Up to \$1000 reward for info that results in DQ for cheating.**
- **It is your responsibility to verify and sign weigh slip before leaving scales. After weigh slips are signed, you cannot re-weigh.**

***You are responsible for General Rules and Rules pertaining to your event.  
Please Read Them Carefully.***



## **Ladies & Kids Splash**

### **Friday, July 27, 2018**

Entry Fee: \$100 per team

Registration Begins Thursday, July 26 at 5:30 PM.

Captain's Meeting follows at 7:00 PM.

Awards directly following the weigh in on Friday.

### **TOURNAMENT LOCATION:**

All Ladies & Kids Events including Registration, Captain's Meeting, Weigh In & Awards will take place at the Lion's Pavilion at First Street Beach / Douglas Park in Manistee.

### **PAYOUTS BASED ON REGISTRATION**

Only Brown Trout, Steelhead, Lake Trout, Salmon qualify – All prize payouts will be finalized after the Captain's Meeting. The prize structure will be based on the number of registered boats.

### **RULES**

**Salmon Splash and General Rules are also enforced for this tournament when appropriate.**

1. Tournament Time: **6am-1pm**
  - Shot Gun Start: 6am. From Manistee or Onekama Harbors
  - Boats must be within ½ mile from pierheads at start. No fishing before 6am.
  - Must be back inside pier heads by **1pm**. Boats outside the pier heads at **1:01pm** will be disqualified.
2. Communication: Shotgun Start, Fishing Period End and any other pertinent announcements will take place on Channel 68. Tournament Control will periodically monitor marine radio throughout the fishing period. Tournament Control can also be reached via cell phone at (231) 690-1102.
3. Any number of crew members can be on a team. Minimum (2) Ladies and/or Kids in any combination. (don't overload the boat!) A maximum of 9 rods can be used if you have at least 3 licensed crewmembers. DNR rules of course.
4. When the fish bites, the Ladies and/or Kids must remove the rod from the holder, set the hook and net the fish. The guys can help set the lines, drive, and if necessary, release from riggers or boards and assist in hand lining.
5. All boats must have a marine radio and be at least 18' long.
6. **Weigh-in** will begin 2 hours before the end of the fishing period on Friday.
  - Best 5 Fish will be brought to the weigh station. Extra fish or undersized fish will be disqualified and penalties apply. DNR minimum length all species.
  - Tournament cooler with no more than 5 fish must be brought to weigh station within 1 hour of the end of the tournament fishing time.
  - Drain coolers before weigh-in, excess water or loose ice will result in 5-lb. reduction of total weight. Awards will begin ASAP after weigh in.
7. Total weight will determine the winner. In the event of a tie, prize will be split.
8. If Tournament cannot begin by 11 am, it will be cancelled. 3-hour minimum fishing time is required to complete this tournament. If Tournament is cancelled due to bad weather, \$90.00 will be refunded to each team by mail within 7 days.

The Ladies & Kids Splash is for FUN! Rules will be discussed at the Captain's Meeting and we will consider any suggestions to improve the fun concept of this tournament. If you have any questions or just want to talk about the Tournaments, call Fred 231-645-8366 or Scott 231-690-1102.



## 2018 MAIN EVENT OFFICIAL RULES

**See General Rule's page for further Rules Clarification**

**Failure to be familiar with rules may result in disqualification**

It is the responsibility of each team and each individual participant to read and understand all rules pertaining to your specific event and the Tournament Trail General Rules. Ignorance is no excuse! Questions, call Scott at 231-690-1102.

### **NEW CAPTAIN'S MEETING LOCATION FOR 2018:**

North Channel Brewing Co. – 86 Washington St. - Manistee

**CAPTAINS MEETING / REGISTRATION** –On site registration at North Channel Brewing begins at 5:30pm on Friday, July 27th. Captain's Meeting starts at 7.

**WEIGH IN / AWARDS:** All Salmon Splash Weigh Ins and Awards will take place at Lion's Pavilion First Street Beach.

**TOURNAMENT TIME: 6:00am – 1:00pm / each day, all levels. Start & End will be announced on Channel 68.**

Fishing period will begin each day by "shotgun start". Boats must stage outside the harbor (1/2 mile max distance) while waiting for the start to be announced over marine radio. No fishing or running is allowed prior to the start of the fishing period. Boats must be back inside the harbor no later than 1:00:59. Boats outside the Harbor at 1:01pm will be disqualified for the day. Recreational fishing is allowed after the day 1 weigh in.

**TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES:** Michigan Waters Only for all divisions and events.

**COMMUNICATION:** Open Communication All Divisions. Shotgun Start, Fishing Period End and any other pertinent announcements will take place on Channel 68. Tournament Control will periodically monitor marine radio throughout the fishing period and may also be reached via cell phone at 231-690-1102.

**ELIGIBLE PORTS:** Boats may elect to fish out of Manistee or Onkama. Boats may NOT change their declared port once the tournament begins. Boats must leave from and return to their declared port. NOTE: Teams may not change boats for any reason once the tournament has begun.

### **WEIGH IN PROCEDURE:**

- Weigh-in begins 2 hours before the end of the fishing period. Coolers must be in line at the scales within 1 hour and 15 minutes after the fishing period ends.
- Drain coolers before weigh-in. Block or bagged ice only. Excess water or loose ice will result in 5 lb deduction of total weight for that day.
- **Your cooler may only contain your tournament limit at the scales. (10 fish max for pros / 5 fish max for ams)** Extra fish or fish under legal DNR size limit will be disallowed, PLUS a penalty of one fish will be deducted from your catch for each extra or undersized fish you have. Stretching fish, squashing fish, breaking their neck, or any manipulation to increase the length of the fish will disqualify team.
- **Weight slips must be signed before leaving the scales. Check your weight slip before you sign. After signature re-weighing is not allowed and no changes can be made.** Weight slip will be utilized until after payout of prizes. After that weight slips will no longer be kept.

**CAPTAIN & CREW** - A Captain for each team must be designated and identified on registration form. The number of fishermen may vary. The same fishermen do not have to fish both days.

**BOAT SIZE** - Boats must be at least 18' long and have a marine radio.

**TOURNAMENT WEEK LIMITS:** DNR Rules Apply.

Pro Division: Weigh Your Best 2-Man Legal Limit each day. Amateur Division: Weigh Your Best 1-Man Legal Limit each day. Big Fish Only: Weigh your biggest single fish each day. Big Fish Only teams may have additional fish in their cooler (5 max) for the 333.

**OBSERVERS:** No Observers Required – All Divisions

### **TOURNAMENT SCORING:**

- **Pro/Am:** 10 points per fish / 1 point per pound
  - *Tie Breakers: #1. Total Weight - #2. Big Fish (if available for all tied teams, if not prizes will be combined & split)*
- **Big Fish Only** - Exact weight of biggest fish will be used. Any ties will result in prizes being combined and split.

**Maximum Fish in Cooler: 5 Fish AM Big Fish & 333 Only / 10 fish PRO**  
**Adjustments to rules and/or payouts may be made at the Captain's Meeting.**  
**Any changes made will supersede all pre-printed material.**

## TOURNAMENT TRAIL GENERAL RULES

Port Specific Rules shall supersede General Rules in the event of any contradiction.

*See port specific tournament info for further rules clarification*

**ELIGIBILITY** – This event is open to any fishing team willing to participate and abide by official tournament rules and state specific DNR regulations. We reserve 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.

**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** – The tournament director may decide to establish a tournament committee for the purpose of presiding over the tournament and handling judgment on weather conditions, disputes, protests, rules violations, etc. This committee may consist of any combination of tournament participants, or other persons approved by the tournament director. Your participation in this tournament indicates your acceptance of this procedure and your agreement that the decision of the tournament director and/or committee will be final. Immediate action for non-compliance of tournament rules will be the jurisdiction of the tournament director and/or committee. **Your participation in this event constitutes your agreement to abide by the policies, rules and decisions set forth by the tournament director and/or selected tournament committee.**

**POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS** - All participants who weigh fish and are eligible for cash and prizes may be required to submit to a polygraph examination. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of any and all cash and prizes.

**CHEATING** - Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating may be banned from this event. Their names and details of the incident may also be sent to other Tournament Officials. A reward of up to \$1000.00 is offered for information that results in any team being disqualified for obvious or blatant cheating.

**PROTESTS** - All protests must be submitted within 1 hour after posted tournament fishing time ends each day.

**DNR LAWS** – All state DNR fishing laws must be observed. Any DNR written violation on tournament days disqualifies team with no refund regardless of outcome. DNR written violation on tournament day may, at the discretion of the tournament director and/or committee, result in team being banned from this event and other events in the future.

**BOAT SAFETY** – Boat safety remains your responsibility. Weather conditions vary and the Tournament Director and/or Rules & 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.

**CAPTAINS MEETING** - Rules amendments or changes may be done at Captains Meeting prior to each tournament. One person from each team is required at Captains Meeting. You will be responsible if any rule changes are made. Entire team is encouraged to attend. See local tournament information for location and times.

**FINAL PAYOUTS** - Posted as soon as possible after the Captains Meeting for each specific tournament. Payouts are based on registration and will supersede **ALL** previously posted possible payouts. Once final payouts are posted there can be no refund of registration fees.

**WEATHER** - 3 hours of fishing will constitute a completed day. If only 3 hours of a 2-day tournament can be fished it will be considered complete. Director and/or Committee is the final authority on weather decisions. If Tournament is called early because of bad weather, you will have 1 hour to return to the Harbor. Boats who return more than 1 hour after tournament has been called off will not be allowed to weigh for that day. Monitor designated marine radio channel (see individual port specific rules) for safety and emergency information.

If we cannot fish the 1st day of a 2-day tournament because of weather, tournament will be canceled for the day. Recreational fishing may be allowed for the rest of that day (see individual port specific rules). After fishing the minimum of 3 hours on the 1st day of any 2-day event, fishing **MAY NOT** be allowed for the remainder of that day (see individual port specific rules). If tournament is called off before a minimum of 3 hours is fished, the whole day will be canceled. Min 3 hours fishing required to weigh-in. If due to unforeseen circumstances, any event is canceled in its entirety, a refund check for 90% of the registration fee will be mailed within 14 days. 10% of the registration fee will be retained to cover Tournament expenses.

**PIERHEAD AND HARBOR FISHING** - No fishing inside any Harbor. No fishing inside a line between the North & South Pier heads. This rule applies to all Lake Michigan Harbors.

**NUMBER OF RODS** - Maximum number of lines fishing is 9. Fishing means “in the water.” 10 or more lines in the water at any one time disqualifies the team. One slider per rod may be allowed, however, sliders may not exceed 72 inches. Max 2 baits per rod.

>>> NOTE: Per Wisconsin DNR, any lure in the water counts as a rod in Wisconsin. Sliders may be allowed at Wisconsin events, however 9 lures is the absolute maximum number of lures a team can have in the water at one time.

CHECK LOCAL RULES AT EACH TOURNAMENT FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE USE OF SLIDERS.

**RADIO** - Marine radio required. Check specific tournament info for restrictions on communications. The official start and end to each fishing period will be announced over the marine radio. Check individual port rules for specific channel(s) to monitor.

### **DIVISIONS & LIMITS –**

The following divisions and limit structures are commonly found on the Tournament Trail. Refer to specific tournament rules for exact limits, length specifications, scoring methods and additional divisions or contests.

#### **DIVISIONS**

##### **Open:**

No restrictions on registration. Registered teams will compete in one division. This division generally allows teams to catch their legal limit, but sets a specific tournament limit (i.e. weigh your best 5) that can be weighed.

##### **Pro/Am:**

Two divisions will run concurrently. Pro Division has no restrictions on registration and is open to any team. Designated Pro Teams (see “Pro Teams Defined” rule) must fish in Pro Division. Amateur teams, or any team that does not qualify as Pro per the “Pro Teams Defined” rule may enter the Amateur or Pro Division.

##### **U24:**

Eligibility based on boat size. Amateur teams with boats under 24’ in length may enter U24 division. This division generally allows teams to catch their legal limit, but sets a specific tournament limit (i.e. weigh your best 5) that can be weighed.

##### **Sweet 16:**

Eligibility based on boat size. Amateur teams with boats under 17’ in length may enter Sweet 16 division. This division generally allows teams to catch their legal limit, but sets a specific tournament limit (i.e. weigh your best 5) that can be weighed.

##### **333:**

One division, open to all. 333 runs concurrently with a host event. Weigh your best 3 fish in two days. Teams may weigh their fish in any combination on Day 1 or Day 2. Catch limits mirror that of the host tournament.

##### **Big Fish:**

Weigh your biggest single fish each day. Big Fish Divisions may run individually on each tournament day or may be based on your biggest overall fish in a multi-day event.

#### **LIMIT STRUCTURES**

##### **Best 5:**

Catch your legal limit, Weigh Your Best 5 Fish for tournament scoring.

##### **Best 10:**

Catch your legal limit, Weigh Your Best 10 Fish for tournament scoring.

##### **No Cull Events:**

No Cull events employ a tournament catch limit which is less than DNR Limits. Teams are required to stop fishing and return to the tournament scales as soon as they fill the predetermined tournament limit. No Cull events may have a Scale Limit which is lower than the Tournament Limit. Observers may be required in No Cull events.

##### **For example:**

Catch 12 / Weigh 10 represents a tournament limit of 12 Fish and a Scale Limit of 10 fish. Teams must cease fishing immediately after catching their first 12 legal fish. There is no sorting of any kind and teams may not throw back any legal fish regardless of size. They then select their 10 best fish out of their 12 fish catch and weigh only those fish for their tournament score.

**GAFFING FISH** – Gaffing fish is strictly prohibited in all Tournament Trail events.

**WEIGH-IN** – SEE SPECIFIC TOURNAMENT INFORMATION FOR LOCATION. Captain’s Meeting will decide final weigh-in procedures for all levels. Blocked or bagged ice only. No loose cubes or crushed ice, drain water from coolers before weigh-in. 5-LB deduction for loose ice or excess water. Substances, including ice packed into the fish’s mouth or body cavities is cheating and will disqualify the entire team.

**CAPTAIN & CREW** - A Captain for each team must be designated and identified on entry application form. The same fishermen do not have to fish both days. Extra crew will be allowed, however tournament rod limit must be adhered to. Short-handed crews are allowed, however sufficient legal fishermen are required to comply with the 9 rod tournament limit. Observers (when required) may be used to comply with 9 rod limit, however, it is your team's responsibility to ensure the observer put on your boat has a fishing license if necessary, to complete your rod allotment.

**IDENTIFICATION** – Failure to display the identification flag (when provided) at all times during the tournament can result in DQ

**DISABLED BOATS** - Boats must return under their own power. No boat may come in direct physical contact with another boat or vessel either manned or unmanned for any reason unless authorized by Tournament Control. Physical contact will result in disqualification for any team involved. Boats in distress, dangerous or life threatening situations must be dealt with accordingly. Disabled boats that arrive late will not be able to weigh. Once tournament begins you cannot change boats for any reason. Tournament Committee will monitor Channel 9.

**PRO TEAMS DEFINED** – Pro Divisions are open to all teams. However, teams designated “Pro” must fish in Pro Division. Pro Team designation is based on the status of each individual crew member. If any one member of a crew is designated as “Pro” then the entire team shall also be designated as “Pro”. The following criteria are used to determine the status of all teams and individuals:

- Any team or individual that is designated as a Pro Staff Member of a fishing or marine related product or service is required to fish in the Pro Division.
- Any team or individual whose application fee is subsidized in whole or in part by any manufacturer, distributor or retailer of any fishing or marine related product or any other product or service must fish in the Pro Division.
- All licensed charter boats and/or charter captains who worked **as captain** on any licensed charter boat in the two years prior to the event in which they are registering must fish in Pro Division.

Field Testers:

Field Testers are generally not considered Pro Teams. However, they may be subject to review by the Tournament Committee presiding over the event in which they wish to enter.

Team Attire:

There are no restrictions on team attire. The wearing of shirts, hats, jackets, etc. that display logos or images of manufacturers, distributors or retailers of fishing or marine related products or services does not require a team to fish in the Pro Division. However, if the team is compensated in any way to wear such items the team will be required to fish in the Pro Division.

Boat Signs:

Logos or images of manufacturers, distributors or retailers of fishing or marine related products or services displayed on a tournament boat do not require a team to fish in the Pro Division. However, any team that is compensated for the display of such images will be required to fish in the Pro Division.

**It is your responsibility to comply with the Pro/Am Rule.** The tournament director and/or committee presiding over the event in question reserves the right to review the Pro/Am status of any registered team through direct contact with the Captain or any member of the crew. Failure to fully disclose all pertinent information may result in disqualification with absolutely NO refund and NO prizes awarded.