

2021 Sheboygan Salmon Cup Rules

Some aspects of this event may need to be altered due to Covid 19.

Established Covid Contingency Plans Shown in Red

Please Note: Listed contingency plans are NOT active unless stated by the Tournament Committee.

Established contingency plans can be activated at any time and will be announced via radio and online at www.facebook.com/tournamenttrail

Additional unlisted contingency plans may be formed if deemed necessary.

Failure to be familiar with rules may result in disqualification.

Contact Scott at (231) 690-1102 with rule-related questions.

ALL TEAMS MUST LEAVE FROM AND RETURN TO THE PORT OF SHEBOYGAN

CAPTAINS' MEETING – 7:00PM at Anglers Avenue TRS (510 South Pier Drive, Sheboygan) on the Friday prior to the tournament. Amendments or changes to rules may be done at Captains Meeting prior to the tournament. For these reasons we would suggest entire team attend.

Captain's meeting will be held at Anglers Avenue. Rules will be discussed and finalized at Captain's Meeting. **CAPTAIN'S MEETING**

CONTINGENCY PLAN: *Captain's Meeting may be conducted via live stream if deemed necessary by the tournament committee. It is recommended that all teams and individual anglers familiarize themselves with all rules pertaining to this event on their own in the event that no on-site Captain's Meeting will be conducted. A final decision on this contingency plan will be made no later than Monday, June 7th 2021. If this contingency plan is enacted the live stream Captain's meeting will be held at the time listed above or earlier and will be viewable at*

www.facebook.com/tournamenttrail

FINAL PAYOUTS – Will be posted as soon as possible after the Captains meeting, based on number of teams registered, and posting will supersede all previously posted payout projections. Once final payouts are posted there can be no refunds of registration fees.

BAD WEATHER - 3 hours of fishing constitutes a completed tournament. If we cannot start fishing by 11:00am tournament will be canceled for the day. End time may be extended. Teams must monitor Channel 9 for safety and emergency event information. If tournament is called off before 3 hours is fished, the whole day will be cancelled and no fish will be weighed. If tournament is cancelled in its entirety, a refund check will be mailed within 14 days. A portion of entry fee may be retained to cover administrative costs. Tournament Control will make all weather decisions. If the tournament must be called early all boats will be notified on Channel 9 and be asked to switch to Channel 68 for full details. The weather call deadline will be 1.5 hours from the time of the announcement. If the announcement to call the event is made at 10:00am, all boats must return to the harbor by 11:30am. Fishing **IS** permitted during that hour and a half, as long as the boat returns to the pier heads by 11:30am. Boats that are late in returning to the pier heads will be disqualified for that day. **No exceptions!**

TOURNAMENT HOURS- The tournament will begin at 5:00am and will end at 1:00pm. Any boats not inside the harbor mouth at 1:01pm will be disqualified for that day. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

NUMBER OF RODS - Maximum number of lures fishing is 9. Fishing means "in the water." 10 or more lures in the water at any one time disqualifies the team.

RADIO - Marine radio required. Event will start/end on 68. Monitor Channel 9 during the fishing period. Teams will be alerted of any necessary announcements on 9 and instructed to switch to 68 for full information.

NOTE: Tournament Control can also be reached via cell phone: Scott 231-690-1102.

LIMITS & SCORING- Fish must be a minimum of 10 inches in length. Weighing a fish less than 10 inches long will result in disqualification for the entire tournament. **EACH TEAM MAY BRING A MAXIMUM OF 5 FISH PER DAY TO THE SCALE.** Bringing more than 5 fish to the scale will disqualify that team for the day. Pros weigh 5 per day, Ams weigh 5 total over both days. King Salmon, Lake Trout, Coho Salmon, Brown Trout and Rainbow trout are the legal species to weigh. **DNR REGULATIONS ALLOW 3 LURES PER PERSON ON LAKE MICHIGAN BUT OUR TOURNAMENT ALLOWS ONLY 9 LURES PER TEAM NO MATTER HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS ON YOUR BOAT.**

WEIGH-IN - Weigh-ins will be done as boats arrive. Boats must bring cooler to weigh in station via water. No cooler transporting allowed unless approved and monitored by tournament officials. One member of the team must proceed immediately to weigh-in. Final weigh-in procedures will be discussed at captain's meeting. **WEIGH IN CONTINGENCY PLAN:** *Weigh in procedures may be altered if deemed necessary by the tournament committee. If this contingency plan is enacted teams will be instructed to remain in their boats and form an orderly, safely spaced line in the channel. One boat at a time will tie off at the dock behind Anglers Avenue TRS. 2 crew members will bring the tournament catch to the scales. Once weighing is complete, crew members will return to their vessel, depart and make room for the next boat. It is imperative that teams maintain a safe distance from each other and make every effort to avoid blocking any other boat traffic in the channel during the weigh period. All teams are to monitor Channel 68 while in line for weigh in.*

SCORING- Results will be determined by total weight. Any ties will be broken by the team with the largest one day weight.

CAPTAIN & CREW - A Captain for each team must be designated and identified on registration form.

STATE OF WISCONSIN FISHING LAWS MUST BE OBSERVED - Any written DNR violation during event disqualifies team with no refund.

GAFFING FISH IS NOT ALLOWED: Foreign substances, including ice packed into the fish's mouth or body cavities, will result in disqualification

IDENTIFICATION - All tournament boats must clearly display identification (if provided) at all times during the tournament.

DISABLED BOATS - Boats must return under their own power. No boat may come in direct physical contact with another boat unless authorized by Tournament control. Physical contact may result in disqualification for both teams. 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 for that day only. Once the tournament begins, you cannot change boats for any reason.

AWARDS – Award ceremony will be held directly following the final day weigh in just outside Anglers Avenue TRS. **AWARDS CONTINGENCY PLAN:** *The award ceremony gathering may be eliminated if deemed necessary by the tournament committee. In that event, award presentation will be conducted via live stream at*

www.facebook.com/tournamenttrail. All cash prizes will then be sent via mail to the winning teams. Product based prizes will be labeled and left at Anglers Avenue TRS Pro Shop and may be picked up at a later date by the winning teams. It is imperative that each team fills out their registration form completely to ensure the tournament committee has up to date contact information. All winning teams will be contacted by phone and/or email to alert them of their prize.

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.

PROTESTS / CHEATING - Any protest must be submitted to Scott (in person or by phone) within 1 hour after fishing time is completed each day. Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, banned for life from all Sheboygan Salmon Cup events and their names sent to all Great Lakes Tournament Officials.