

BENZIE FISHING FRENZY APPLICATION

Ladies Classic – Friday, August 24, 2018

Pro/Am Salmon & Trout Fishing Tournament Saturday & Sunday, August 25-26, 2018 - Frankfort, Michigan

DNR Size Limits Apply For All Eligible Species

CAPTAIN INFORMATION: Captain's signature required on bottom to complete this registration.

Please check division you wish to fish . . . Pro Teams MUST Fish Pro Division - See Pro teams defined in Rules page

☐ \$100 Ladies Classic – Weigh best 5 fish maximum Friday

☐ \$100 Big Fish Only – Sat & Sun

☐ \$300 Amateur Teams – Weigh best 10 fish (6 Lake Trout maximum per day) - Includes Big Fish – Sat & Sun

☐ \$500 Pro Teams – Weigh best 10 fish (6 Lake Trout maximum per day) - Includes Big Fish – Sat & Sun

☐ \$100 333 – Weigh your best 3 fish over 2 days – Sat & Sun

☐ \$150 333 Only – For teams only competing in 333 (not registered in Pro, Am or Big Fish Above) – Sat & Sun

☐ \$ 50 Best Overall 333 – Optional. Enter Best Overall to declare your 333 score to be used in your cumulative score.

Total Payment \$ _____

Payment method: Cash _____ Credit Card _____ Check _____

Please make checks payable to: Tournament Trail

Captain's Full Name _____ ☐ Pro Div ☐ Am Div

Street Address/PO Box _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone including area code: (Day) _____ (Night) _____

Email _____

Boat Name _____ Length _____ Location during Tourn _____

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 Frankfort-Elberta Chamber of Commerce, Tournament Trail, and any and all persons officially connected with this event, including the Tournament Committee 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 FRANKFORT-ELBERTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. 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 decision of the rules committee. I am fully qualified and have experience in events such as this and am of legal age and capacity (participants under the age of 18 must also have the 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 Frankfort-Elberta Chamber. I understand that all applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winners. All winners and/or protest participants may be required to take a polygraph test. I state that I have read this document in full and understand that I am giving up all rights to damages from injuries to any person and/or property, as well as giving up all rights to seek damages as a result of the tournament rules or committee decision. My signature appears voluntarily with full knowledge of the rights I have under the law. I fully understand and agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein. I am under no disability, legal, physical or mental condition which impairs my ability to sign.

Rules & Registration forms available at Frankfort-Elberta Chamber of Commerce www.frankfort-elberta.com or www.tournamenttrail.net.

Questions: Contact Scott at Tournament Trail (231) 690-1102 or email smac54@gmail.com

CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE _____

Send Completed Registration to

Or bring to the captains' meeting: Tournament Trail ~ PO Box 393 ~ Manistee, MI 49660

BENZIE FISHING FRENZY LADIES CLASSIC RULES

WHEN: Friday, August 24, 2018

CAPTAIN'S MEETING: 7:00 pm - Thursday, August 23

On-site registration opens at 5:30pm

Mineral Springs Park Pavilion ~ Frankfort, MI

ENTRY FEE: \$100 per team

LOCATION: Frankfort, MI ~ Lake Michigan

SPECIES: Trout & Salmon

TOURNAMENT TIME - 6:30 AM - 1:30 PM - Back inside Pier heads by 1:31 PM

Boats not inside pier heads by 1:30:59 PM will be disqualified.

COMMUNICATION – Open Communication. Fishing Period Start, End and any other pertinent announcements will be broadcast on Channel 68. Tournament Control will monitor radio when possible throughout the fishing period, and will always be available via cell phone at (231) 690-1102 (Scott).

FINAL PAYOUTS - Based on registration and will supersede ALL previously posted possible payouts. Once final payouts are posted there can be no refund of registration fees.

AWARDS – Friday After Final Weigh In.

CAPTAIN & CREW - Any number of crew members can be on a team (*two female crew members minimum*). A maximum of 9 rods can be used. 9 rod limit requires 3 licensed fishermen.

OBSERVERS - Observers are not required.

FISHING - When the fish bites the ladies must remove the rods from the holder, set the hooks and net the fish. The guys can set lines and drive. Guys can, if necessary, release from riggers or boards.

BOAT - All boats must have a marine radio and be at least 18' long

LIMITS – **Best 5 fish**, DNR size limits are in effect. Complete details will be discussed at Captain's Meeting. Extra fish or undersized fish will be disqualified and penalties will be applied.

WEIGH-IN / COOLERS - Weigh-in will begin at noon *Friday* in Mineral Springs Park Pavilion. Tournament cooler with no more than 5 fish must be brought to weigh in at Mineral Springs Park by **2:30 PM**. LOOSE ICE OR WATER IN COOLER WILL RESULT IN DEDUCTION OF FIVE POUNDS. (team is responsible for transporting cooler). Total weight will determine winner. Place prizes will be determined by number of entries. In the event of a tie, largest fish will win. If still tied, prize will be split. Cash may be awarded for largest trout and salmon.

CANCELATION - If Tournament is canceled for any reason 10% of entry fee will be retained to cover tournament expenses. Three hour minimum fishing time required to complete this tournament.

RULES - Appropriate Benzie Fishing Frenzy Rules also apply to this tournament. The Ladies Classic Tournament is for FUN! Rules will be discussed at the Captain's Meeting and we will consider any suggestions to improve the overall fun concept of our tournament. Entry forms available at the Frankfort-Elberta Chamber Office or online at www.frankfort-elberta.com or www.tournamenttrail.net.

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BENZIE FISHING FRENZY RULES

2 Days - Saturday & Sunday August 25 & 26, 2018

CAPTAINS MEETING: 7:00 PM Friday, August 24 at Mineral Springs Park, Frankfort. Meeting held to ensure understanding of rules and their interpretation. Changes may be made at Captain's Meeting. Failure to follow rules may result in disqualification. For these reasons we would suggest entire team attend.

TOURNAMENT TIME: **6:30 AM - 1:30 PM** Boats will leave from just outside pier heads at 6:30 AM and be inside pier heads by 1:30 PM. Failure to be inside pier heads by 1:31 PM disqualifies team for that day. Spotters will be at pier heads. Listen to Channel 68 for start and exact count down to 1:30 PM each day. No radio silence for this event.

COMMUNICATION – Open Communication. Fishing Period Start, End and any other pertinent announcements will be made on Channel 68. Tournament Control will monitor radio when possible throughout the fishing period and will also be available via phone at (231) 690-1102 (Scott).

LIMITS: **DNR rules and size limits apply.** Weigh Your Best 10. (6 Lake Trout Max) Complete details will be discussed at Captain's Meeting.

WEIGH-IN: Starts at noon at Mineral Springs Park, Frankfort. Maximum 10 fish in cooler per day.

TOURNAMENT COOLER: Block or bagged ice only. Loose ice or excess water in cooler will result in 5 LB deduction from total weight. 10 fish max in tournament cooler at weigh-in. Extra fish or fish under minimum size limit will be disallowed, plus a penalty of one fish will be deducted for each extra or under minimum size fish you have beginning with the smallest of that species. Big Fish - weigh your heaviest fish. Once weight slip is signed, no changes or re-weighing.

CAPTAIN & CREW: Captain must be designated on entry form. DNR regulations allow 3 rods per person. Any number can fish. No observers for this event. DNR rules apply. **9 (NINE)** rod limit requires minimum 3 licensed fishermen.

BOAT SIZE: 18 ft minimum - Marine radio required on all boats. All tournament fishing must be done from boat outside Harbor.

TOURNAMENT SCORES: 10 points per fish plus exact weight.

TIE BREAKERS: When points and pounds are used total weight will break ties. If still tied - biggest fish, if still tied - split.

FINAL PAYOUTS: Based on registration. Once final payouts are posted they will supersede any and all payouts posted or advertised prior to Captains Meeting.

BAD WEATHER and/or FOG: In case of bad weather 3 hours of fishing constitutes a completed day. If only 3 consecutive hours of a 2-day tournament can be fished, it will be considered complete. Director and/or Committee has authority on weather conditions. If tournament is called because of bad weather after a minimum of 3 hours, you will have one hour to return to harbor. If weather conditions require fishing to be stopped, you **MUST** stop fishing at that time, and you have 1 (one) hour to return to the harbor. It is your responsibility to monitor channel 68 for tournament information and weather conditions. If tournament is canceled in its entirety, a refund check will be mailed within 14 days. However a portion of the registration fee may be retained to cover tournament costs.

HARBOR FISHING: No fishing inside a line between North and South Pier heads. No fishing is allowed inside any harbor.

NUMBER OF RODS: **9 (NINE)** - 2 baits per rod max. Sliders - 1 per rod, 72" maximum length.

MICHIGAN LAWS: Michigan fishing laws must be observed, written DNR violations disqualifies team with no refund.

GAFFING FISH: Not allowed - foreign substances including ice packed into mouth or body cavity disqualifies team.

IDENTIFICATION: If provided all tournament boats must clearly display identification flag at all times during the tournament.

DISABLED BOATS: Boats must return under their own power. No boat may come in physical contact with another boat. Physical contact will result in disqualification for both teams. Boats in distress, dangerous/life threatening situations must be dealt with accordingly. Disabled boats that arrive late will not be able to weigh that day's catch. Registered boat must fish both days, changing boats at any time during tournament will result in disqualification.

Mechanical Breakdown: If unable to repair a mechanical breakdown of a tournament boat, boat will be disqualified and no refund will be given.

OBSERVERS: No observers will be required, but may be placed on boats at the discretion of tournament officials.

INSPECTIONS: Boats must be manned with radio on Channel 68 at 5.45 AM each day. Each boat may be inspected at Dock prior to leaving each day.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: A committee may be selected at the Captain's Meeting from tournament participants and will preside over the tournament for judgment on weather conditions, disputes, or violation of rules. Your participation 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 rules will be the jurisdiction of the director and/or tournament committee. When you elect to fish in the Benzie Frenzy you agree by your signature to abide by policies, rules, and decisions set forth by the tournament director and/or tournament committee.

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

CHEATING: A **\$500 REWARD** will be paid for information that results in disqualification. Cheating will not be tolerated. Cheaters will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and their names sent to all Great Lakes Tournament Officials.

PROTESTS: All protests must be submitted to Tournament Control within 1 hour after posted tournament fishing time ends each day.

PRO TEAMS DEFINED: Obvious Pro Teams are required to fish as Pro -

1) Teams or individuals who represent a MAJOR fishing related product or sponsored by a product where sales may be increased by the results of tournament participation must fish as Pro. Field testers are generally not Pro Teams. 2) All charter boats and/or charter captains who worked as captain on any charter boats in the last two years must fish as Pro. 3) Pro Teams (for example) Big Jon, ProKing, Dreamweaver, Stinger, etc. must fish as Pro. Questions about your Pro-Am status? **Call Fred at Tournament Trail at (231) 645-8366 or email macdonald@toast.net** for clarification before you register. Failure to fully disclose all pertinent information may result in disqualification with NO refund. **It is your responsibility to comply with the Pro/Am Rules.**

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