

333 Broadcast Championship – Season III Official Rules

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.

The 333 Broadcast Championship is proud to be a member of the Lake Michigan Tournament Alliance. In addition to the rules listed below, the LMTA General Rules will also apply to this event where applicable.

Entry Fee:

\$500.00 – One time entry fee payable to Tournament Trail no later than May 4th, 2012. In addition to the one time entry fee, Registered Teams will be required to enter a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 333 Championship Series events to establish their cumulative 333 Broadcast Championship score.

Payout:

\$10,000 will be paid to the 333 Broadcast Champion (as determined based on the Scoring section below) at the end of the current season. All Teams will also be eligible for 333 Championship Series prizes from the events in which they compete.

Scoring (Regular Season):

- 333 Best Overall Scoring format will be used.
- 100 points for 1st, 99 for 2nd, 98 for 3rd and so on.
- Size of Field Bonus Points will be added to each score. Points will be equal to 10% of the number of overall competitors at each event (e.g. if 50 teams compete in an event, the size of field bonus points for each team competing in that event will be 5.0).
- Cumulative score will be established by adding each Team's top 3 of 4 individual 333 port scores which were identified prior to the commencement of the tournament season.
- Top 4 Teams (based on cumulative scores) at the end of the regular season advance to the final showdown.

Scoring (Final Showdown)

- The Final 4 Teams showdown event will take place concurrently with the Manistee Monster Mania.
- 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.
- Final 4 Teams will be required to leave from and return to the port of Manistee regardless of Manistee Monster Mania tournament rules.
- Final 4 Teams will have the option of fishing 333 Only for the final showdown event.

Disqualifications

Any fish weighed in 333 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. Example: If team is disqualified the 1st day in any host event, the Team will not be able to weigh fish for the 333 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 fish for that tournament day. This applies to all 333 Broadcast Championship events regardless of whether lateness results in

a disqualification or a penalty from the host event. Complete disqualification from any host event does not allow a Team to select an alternate event to add to their declared event list.

Tie Breakers - Regular Season (Cumulative Score):

#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.

#2) Bonus Points

The Team with the most Size of Field Bonus Points of all tied Teams will break the tie. If the Teams are tied based on Size of Field Bonus Points, they remain tied and move to tie breaker #3.

#3) Placement Points

The Team with the highest individual 333 port score among all tied Teams will break the tie.

#4) Pounds Above Average Weight ("PAAW")

The Team with the highest combined PAAW score of all tied teams will break the tie. PAAW will be calculated using the 3 individual port scores used to create the cumulative score of each tied team.

PAAW Defined: Pounds Above Average Weight (PAAW) is calculated by establishing the average 333 weight at each individual 333 tournament event. The average weight is then subtracted from each team's individual score. For example: If the average weight of a 333 event is 35 pounds and an individual team posts a score of 51 pounds, their PAAW for that event will be +16.00 pounds. PAAW scores may be positive or negative. For the purpose of this tie breaker the PAAW scores from each individual 333 port score used to make the team's cumulative score will be added together to create one overall PAAW score.

Tie Breakers - Final Shootout:

#1) Biggest Fish

#2) Highest Cumulative Score from the Regular Season

If that does not break the tie, resolution of the tie will revert back to the cumulative score tiebreakers for the Regular Season listed above until a winner is declared.

Tournament Selection

Each Registered Team must declare which at least (3) but no more than (4) events they will use to establish their cumulative score no later than May 4th, 2012. Once Teams declare which events they will fish, selections cannot be changed for any reason other than a complete cancellation of a selected event (see below).

If both days of a selected event are canceled in their entirety for any reason, effected Team may select another event from remaining events on the current 333 schedule. This alternate event may or may not be filmed, but it will count as one of the 4 events eligible for a Team's regular season cumulative score. The selection must be made and declared prior to the start of the tournament that directly follows the canceled event.

In the event that one day of any two day 333 Broadcast Championship event is canceled, then all 333 scores will be based on fish that were weighed and counted on the completed tournament day pursuant to the LMTA General Rules or the specific host tournament rules.

If the final regular season event is canceled for any reason there will be no opportunity to select an alternative event. Any Team that selected the final event as one of their tournaments will be required to use only their existing scores to complete their regular season cumulative score.

Broadcast Requirements:

Registered teams must allow (1) camera person to ride along with them on both days of their filmed event(s).

Each Registered Team must designate a Captain who must be available for interviews with the show host at each the following times: 1) prior to, during or directly following the Captain's Meeting; 2) directly following the weigh in on day 1; 3) directly following the weigh in on day 2; and, 4) if needed, a general wrap up interview following the event.

While on board a Team boat, the Captain and crew must be available for additional interviews as needed. These will be conducted by the camera crew.

Due to copyright restrictions, the show producers are unable to air any footage that has music in the background. On an "as needed" basis the Captain and crew must agree to turn off Radios, CD Players, MP3 Players or any audio source that would render footage unusable.

The Captain and crew must allow their camera person full access to the vessel as required to get any needed shots during the fishing period. This includes the space needed to capture fish battles. Our crew has experience in both filming and fishing and will make every effort to not impede any Team's ability to catch fish.

In certain situations a Captain or crew member may be asked to "re-enact" something if it wasn't caught on camera. Some examples include holding up a fish, making a move to grab a rod, going for the net, a high five, etc. Just to be clear, the show producers have no desire to create fake drama, and we will not ask you to "act". This is simply for cut-away shots or "B-Roll" that will allow us to more accurately present your Team's story in the editing process.

Establishing a camera schedule:

The schedule of which Teams will be filmed at what event needs to be established in its entirety prior to the start of the season. To assist the producers in this task, each Team will be required to submit a list of events that they are planning on and/or willing to fish in the current season.

This list of events shall be numbered in order of preference with the number 1 signifying the most preferred event, the number 2 signifies the 2nd most preferred event and so on.

Preference for filmed events will be given based on the following order:

1st: Defending Champion from the prior 333 Broadcast Championship season.

2nd: Remaining Final 4 Teams in order of finish from previous season's broadcast championship final event.

3rd: Teams that qualified for their spot by way of 333 Best Overall results from the previous season in order of finish.

4th: Teams who did not qualify for their spot.

Every attempt will be made by the producers to give each Team their preferred events, however, there may be cases where compromise is required by one or more Teams. In that event, each affected Captain will be contacted and available options will be discussed between producers and Captain. If no compromise can be reached the Team will forfeit their spot in the 333 Broadcast Championship.

The producers will not share any information from any Team's preferred event list with any other Team until the schedule is complete. However, in the event of a conflict it may be necessary to share relevant details with the conflicting Teams.

Once the camera schedule is complete, Teams will then be able to fill in their remaining 1, 2 or 3 events to complete their declared event list for the season. Any filmed event must count as one of your 4 declared events. Keep in mind that Teams may select ANY Tournament Trail 333 event regardless of whether it is being filmed in the current season to complete their tournament schedule.

Over the course of the season, some Teams may fall out of contention prior to completing their scheduled camera events. If a Team is mathematically eliminated, the producers reserve the right to substitute another Team to be filmed at the event that is still in contention. NOTE: This substitution may only take place if the event is already included on the substitute Team's declared event list. The producers may also elect to not film a team that is mathematically eliminated even if no replacement team is available.

FAQ's

Can my Team make changes to its declared list of tournament events?

With the exception of a complete event cancellation (see "Tournament Selection" above), Team will not be able to make any changes to its declared list of tournament events once the season begins.

Can my Team switch boats during the season?

The simple answer is "No". 333 scores in the Championship Series, Best Overall and Broadcast Championship always follow the 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.

Can my Team fish additional 333 and/or tournament events outside of our declared list:

Yes. Teams may enter as many events as they wish. However, only scores from each team's declared list of Broadcast Championship events will count toward their regular season cumulative score.

Can my Team enter other divisions at the host tournaments of our declared list of 333 events?

Yes. All teams are encouraged to enter all host tournament events in addition to the 333.

Can my Team compete if it can only fish (3) events?

Yes. Teams can elect to fish (3) events to establish their cumulative score. If a Team chooses to only fish (3) events, no score will dropped and all (3) port scores will equal the Team's final regular season cumulative score. Please Note: Teams electing to compete by fishing (3) events will not be able to change that decision or add a 4th event after the commencement of the tournament season. Teams will be required to declare each event to be used use for the Team's regular season cumulative score prior to the start of the season whether 3 or 4 events are chosen.

Will I be able to a copy of my show(s)?

Every team that competes in the 333 Broadcast Championship will receive a complete set of all episodes on DVD. These DVDs may not be available until the first broadcast run of the entire season is complete.

Can I get the raw footage from my Team's camera events?

The producers cannot guarantee the availability of raw footage, however after the editing process is complete and after the initial run of the full season Teams may request the raw footage. There may an additional charge incurred in supplying raw footage to the extent it is available.