

## 2017 MSCST RULES

1. These are amateur tournaments that are open to anyone who wishes to join the group and fish within the rules and spirit of the event. The tournaments are open to any boat whose captain is a member of the Muskegon Summer Challenge Salmon Tournament (MSCST). The captain of the boat must be 18 years of age or older to participate. The MSCST Committee reserves the right to deny participation to anyone at any time.
2. Each tournament will have a \$40 entry fee. \$5 will be for the big fish, and \$10 pooled for the Port Championship. Entry fees will be collected at weigh in however if you are checked in at 7 am you are expected to pay, consideration will be given for emergency situations.
3. In the event of the cancellation of a tournament due to weather, all entry fees will be refunded.
4. There will be a 9-rod limit.
5. You are allowed to weigh in 5 legal fish (salmon and trout in any combination). You may not have more than 15 fish in your possession. This is a 3-person DNR limit. There will be no culling or releasing of fish at the side of the boat.
6. Scoring will be the weight of your fish plus 5 points for Lake Trout 10 points for Salmon 15 points for Steelhead and 20 points for Brown Trout. There will be a 5 point per fish bonus for fin clipped fish. In the event of a tie for total weight, big fish weighed will break tie. In the event of a tie for big fish, total weight of fish weighed will break tie.
7. Start time will be 5am no fishing prior to 5am. Event boundaries are in effect no boat shall fish south of 043.00.000 or north of 043.30.000. With this change you may now fish from any port within our boundary area we will try to get port captains for each port to insure a fair start for all. There is no end of fishing time it is your responsibility to be on time to weigh in. You must start and finish from the same port. You cannot start in one port and finish in another if you trailer you may choose your port but must begin and end fishing from the same port.
8. The Port Championship will be Based on a 100 point scale for each event it will pay 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> based on total score of your best 5 events. In the event of a tie for first 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> money will be split and the next boat will get 3<sup>rd</sup> place money. A tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> will split 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place money. A tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> will split 3<sup>rd</sup> place money. The 100 point scale will reduce by 2 points per position this score is only for the Port Championship.
9. This event may be delayed or canceled due to weather this decision will be made prior to the start of fishing. We will not fish predicted seas of 3 to 5ft or greater based on the NOAA report at 7pm the night before. A 3-hour fishing period will be considered a completed event. In the event the weather becomes too rough to fish the event will be canceled there will be no forced run in due to weather cancellation. Each captain is responsible for the safety of his or her crew and vessel. If the event is canceled and a complete fishing period has been reached weigh in will begin within 1 hour and 30 min of cancellation. We will make every effort to inform all involved of any intention to cancel if possible.

10 Weigh in will begin at 1:30pm you must have a team member and you cooler at the weigh in location and inform a committee member to be checked in. If you use a slip you will need to make arraignments to be on time or drop off a crew member with your tournament cooler. All protests must be made prior to weigh in and given to James Main or Jon Baker for their approval or decision as to whether a committee ruling is needed. Please keep in mind this is a fun event.

11. Every reasonable precaution will be taken by the MSCST to protect persons and property during the contest. However, neither the MSCST, tournament directors, officers, nor any sponsors are responsible for the safety of the persons or property of the participants as regards accident, theft, and damage by fire, vandalism, or any other cause.

12. The launch ramp is not a slip no one will be allowed to leave their boats tied up during weigh in. If you are not using the launch to trailer your boat drop your cooler and a crew member off or simply take care of your boat prior to weigh in and be on time. No exceptions will be made for this it is your responsibility to take care of your boat and be on time for weigh in.

13. All participants further understand and agree to hold harmless the aforementioned groups and individuals from damages incurred as a result of participation in the tournament in whatever form or manner said liabilities or damages might be incurred.

14. EACH CAPTAIN IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS/HER CREW AND VESSEL.