

Sheboygan Salmon Cup Rules, June 9th-10th
Captain's Meeting will be at Anglers Avenue at 6:30 p.m. on Friday June 8th
510 South Pier Drive
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Failure to be familiar with rules may result in disqualification.

CAPTAINS' MEETING - 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 the Wharf. Rules will be discussed and finalized at Captain's Meeting.

FINAL PAYOUTS – Will be posted 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 - In case of bad weather, 4 hours of fishing constitutes a completed tournament. If we cannot start fishing on the 1st day of a 2-day tournament by 11:00 a.m. due to weather conditions, tournament will be canceled for the day. End time may be extended on day 1 if needed to fish 4 hours. On day two, if we start at 9:00 a.m., fishing will end at 1:00 p.m. After fishing minimum of 4 hours the 1st day of any 2-day event, no fishing will be allowed for the remainder of that day. It is your responsibility to monitor Channel 9 for safety and emergency tournament information. If tournament is called off before a minimum of 4 hours is fished, the whole day will be cancelled and no fish will be weighed. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, any tournament is cancelled in its entirety, a refund check will be mailed within 14 days. However, a portion of the registration fee may be retained to cover administrative costs. Tournament Control along with the Tournament committee will make all weather-based decisions once the fishing period has commenced. If the tournament must be called early due to poor weather condition the tournament will be cancelled for the day. All boats will be notified on Channel 9 and be asked to switch to Channel 68 for a weather-related announcement. Tournament Control will inform all boats of the new deadline to return to the harbor. The deadline will be 1.5 hours from the time of the announcement. For example, if Tournament Control announces that the tournament will be called due to bad weather at 10:00 am, all boats must return to the harbor by 11:30 am. Fishing **will be** permitted during that hour and a half, as long as the boat returns to the pier heads by 11:30 am. All 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 6:00 a.m. and will end at 1:00 p.m. Any boats not inside the harbor mouth at 1:00 p.m. 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. Monitor Channel 9 for tournament traffic alert. Tournament Control will monitor Channel 9 throughout the day in case of an emergency or situation that requires immediate attention. All traffic will be sent to Channel 68. All tournaments will start and end on Channel 68.

WISCONSIN LAWS - All State of Wisconsin fishing laws must be observed. Any written DNR violation on tournament days disqualifies team with no refund.

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 will be able to weigh 5 fish per day. Bringing more than 5 fish to the scale will disqualify that team for the day. King Salmon, Lake Trout, Coho Salmon, Brown Trout and Rainbow trout are the legal species to weigh.

GAFFING FISH - Gaffing fish is not allowed. Foreign substances, including ice packed into the fish's mouth or body cavities, will disqualify the entire team.

WEIGH-IN - Weigh-ins will be done as boats arrive. Boats must bring cooler to weigh in station via water. No cooler transporting allowed. One member of the team must proceed immediately to weigh-in. Final weigh-in procedures will be discussed at captain's meeting.

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.

BOAT SIZE- All boats must be a minimum of 18 feet long. All boats must have an operating marine radio.

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.

IDENTIFICATION - All tournament boats must clearly display the provided identification flag 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 will 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.

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 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.

PROTESTS - Any protest must be submitted to Tournament Official within 1 hour after weigh in is completed each day. **to comply with the TOURNAMENT Rule.**

QUESTIONS? – Contact Fred Macdonald at (231) 723-7975