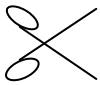


# Tournament Rules

1. **Rules Changes:** Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament rules committee. The decision of the judges and tournament officials shall be final.
2. **Participants and eligibility:** Participation in this tournament is open to anglers who are 18 years of age and older.
3. **Legal Fish:** Largemouth, Smallmouth Bass, minimum length 14 inches or more on the longest straight line with mouth closed.
4. **Scoring:** Tournament winners shall be determined by the weight of each team's catch during the tournament. The limit shall be 5 of the above species. Tournament officials will conduct checks for violation and in the event of a competitor has more than the above described limit in possession, the largest bass shall be culled first down to the limit described. Bass presented for weigh-in which fail to measure 14 inches shall accrue penalties at the rate of one pound for each such bass. This penalty shall be deducted from that teams total weight.
5. **Tackle and Equipment:** Artificial lures will only be used; no trolling will be allowed. Only casting, spin-casting rod and reel may be used at one time. All other types are prohibited.
6. **Official check-in and fishing location:** A. Official check-in at least 1 hour before tournament starts. B. Contestants must leave and return to official check point by boat. Contestants must remain in boat at all times except in dire emergency. C. Partners must remain together at all times, in site of each other and each other's catch in order for their catch of the day to be scored in the tournament. D. Fishing on tournament waters is permitted any where except: within 50 yards of another competitors boat which was first anchored.
7. **Safety:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest type PFD. This PFD must be worn anytime the combustion engine is operating. The preserver must strapped or zippered securely until the competitor reaches fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. Violation of this rule shall be reason for immediate disqualification.
8. **Boat and motor:** Fishing boats may be used that are 14ft. or more in length. A small motor, gas, or electric may be used for slow maneuvering, no "barges" or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted. Every boat must have all required Coast Guard approved equipment. In addition, It must have a live-well space to adequately maintain a live catch limit of bass by both fishermen using the boat. No canoes will be allowed.  
Horsepower regulations: Maximum horsepower for all outboard motorboats, used in tournament competition are not to exceed the horsepower limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard in their filing of Nov. 1, 1972. Each boat must have a U.S. Coast Guard horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must NOT exceed the rating specified on this rating plate. Any boat manufactured before Nov. 1, 1972 must adhere to the ratings set by the U.S. Coast Guard for similar boats. Each competitor agrees to submit, by his or her signature on this document, the boat and outboard used in the tournament to an inspection by factory trained personnel. If there is any reason to suspect the horsepower is in excess of the rating. Normal maintenance to increase the performance of your engine is allowed. Changing or altering standard factory parts of your motor to increase the horsepower over the factory rating is forbidden, and will result in disqualification. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower rating on the motor, also would be cause for immediate disqualification.
9. **Boat Identification:** Each boat must be given, prior to start, an inspection check by a tournament official also a numbered flag or plate which must remain on your boat until turned in at weigh-in.
10. **No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs** will be allowed in the boats. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification.
11. **Official launch & check-in:** There will be only one official launch in the morning, and check-in in the afternoon. There will be a 1 pound per minute late penalty deducted from weight for up to 15 minutes for teams late return at check-in. After 15 minutes late that teams catch will be discarded.
12. **Pairing:** This is a team tournament.
13. **Don't kill your catch:** Each competitor is expected to keep their catch alive by use of proper live-well, penalties at the rate of 1 pound for each dead fish.
14. **Ties:** Any ties will be broken by total of fish, then or by weight of largest live fish.
15. **Cheating:** Anyone accused of cheating will be brought before the MCBA tournament director within (30) days for a hearing, and if found guilty, will be suspended permanently and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. None of the above rules shall prohibit a properly designated tournament official from approaching or boarding any competitor's boat at any time during the tournament.  
**Polygraph:** Each competitor agrees to submit, by his signature on this document to a polygraph test should he or she accused of any rule violation. The administration and interpretation of the polygraph test shall be solely the responsibility of the Tournament Director and his agents, and shall be used (or not used) at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Without limiting the foregoing, the Tournament Director shall have the sole discretion to select the place at which such polygraph test shall be administered, the individual who administers such polygraph test, and the scope of the questions which may be asked during such test. The Participants shall be available at his or her expense, at the location selected by Tournament Director and shall cooperate in all respects with examination.
16. **Kill Switches:** All boats must have working kill switches.

**Make checks or money orders payable to: MCBA 9390 Petoskey, Detroit Michigan 48204**  
**Entry Deadline: September 24, 2010** Entries paid at ramp add **\$10.00** late fee.  
 No checks or money orders excepted after Entry Deadline, **Cash only at Ramp**  
 For information contact James Hobson at 313 828-3150 or Dwight Ragland at 313-333-7004



In signing this application, I hereby waive and release all other contestants, the host, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims of injury and / or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. I further understand that the tournament committee reserves the right to refund this entry fee if it shall choose for any reason not to accept my application. I swear that the above facts are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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