

2021 G.T.S.C. RULES

Boat Tournament/Anglers - This is a 'boat tournament' with no limit on the number of lines in the water. Charter boats must fish in the Pro division and can fish with charter customers during the tournament until lines out, or until their passengers disembark. Official rules will be distributed/announced at the registration check-in/captains meeting. A team shall consist of a minimum of two (2) anglers and a maximum of six (6) anglers (excluding the captain). Only registered anglers, captains/mates will be allowed on the boat.

PRO Division - The entry fee of \$350 for the PRO Division provides entry for one team of up to eight (8) anglers. There is also a \$500 optional calcutta entry. Open to professionals and recreational anglers. The term professional shall be defined as any individual who derived their income from actively engaging in the act of fishing in the past three summers within the waters of the Great Lakes, such as a full or part time captain. The following individuals shall not be deemed professional under these rules: yacht brokers, licensed captains and mates who do not derive their principal income from fishing and who do not actively engage in fishing as their primary occupation, event coordinators and/or tournament promoters. Any questions arising as to any applicant angler being a professional angler as defined under these rules and regulations shall be resolved by the tournament organizer. The tournament organizer reserves the right to deny the entry of any applicant into the tournament. All decisions by the tournament organizer in regard to the determination of whether any proposed angler shall be declared a professional and therefore must register in the Pro Division to fish in the tournament shall be final, binding and non-appealable.

AM Division - The entry fee of \$250 for the AM Division provides entry for one team of up to six (6) anglers. There is also a \$250 optional Calcutta entry. Only registered anglers, captains and mates will be allowed on the boat.

LADIES Invitational – Entry fee of \$250 for the half day Ladies Division provides entry for one team of up to six (6) anglers. Women anglers must set the hook and reel in their own fish. Anyone can net fish.

Captain/Rules Meeting - The tournament rules briefing will be held from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, at Traverse City's Clinch Park Open Space (East lot) at the Northeast corner of Grandview Parkway and Marina Drive/Union St in Traverse City. At least one angler must attend the scheduled angler's rules meeting. If they do not attend, they accept and agree to be bound by all instructions and/or rule changes made orally or in writing during that meeting.

Fishing Times - Lines In will be at 6:30 AM each day, and Lines Out will be at 12:30 PM each day (10:30 AM for Ladies). You may fish until the announcement of Lines Out on VHF station 68. You must call in any fish hooked up after 12:15 PM to the tournament control channel 68. Any fish called in before 12:30 PM may be fought to the conclusion (catch, release, lost, etc.) and may count towards your aggregate weight and largest salmon. Any fish hooked after 12:30 PM will not be eligible to weigh-in. Tournament officials may keep your fish, or let you keep them, at their discretion.

IGFA Rules – International Game Fish Assn (IGFA) angling and tackle rules apply in this tournament unless otherwise stated. It is the responsibility of each team and crew member to know, understand and abide by IGFA and tournament rules during this competition. Any angler who breaks these rules are subject to expulsion and disqualification, without a refund of any registration fees. Teams are responsible for ensuring that IGFA and tournament rules are followed. Teams are encouraged to check tackle, leaders, hook arrangements and line prior to the start of fishing. Only fish caught on rod and reel from a motorized vessel will qualify. No lines are permitted in the water prior to the start of

fishing. Anglers may be required to take a polygraph test. Braided/copper/lead line up to 50 lb test is permitted, as are meat rigs w/ treble hooks in this tournament (exception to IGFA rules).

Fish Conservation – Only trout longer than 24” may be weighed (you will not be penalized for under sized fish), and you must release all fish 23” and under. We also encourage you to release small salmon.

Weigh-In and Catch Reports - All teams must turn in their completed catch-report affidavit (supplied at registration) during the weigh-in at the Clinch Park Open Space. No form, no points! The angler must furnish, upon request, the lure, leader, line, hook, rod, reel and terminal tackle with which the fish were caught. **All fish over 25 pounds must be recorded live on video (Go Pro, cell phone, etc.) with a date and time stamp** (video with live fish continued with shot of your GPS or another cell phone showing the date and time). The GTSC may donate your catch to the Father Fred Foundation.

Rules Committee - The Rules Committee has the right to investigate and act upon any incident occurring during the tournament. It shall have the right to disqualify any catch following examination. Refusal to allow the committee to examine any tackle, line and/or leaders will result in immediate disqualification from the event without a refund of any registration fees. The tournament Rules Committee reserves the privilege of changing the rules and starting and finishing times for any reason it deems necessary. All decisions of the Rules Committee are final and non-appealable.

Fishing Boundary - Teams must fish South of the 45th parallel in East or West Grand Traverse Bays.

Weather - There is no weather committee. The tournament is conducted on a “fish at your own risk” basis. If any three hours or more of the tournament is called “lines in”, then prizes will be awarded.

Protests - Participants may lodge protests against any catch which they believe was not made in accordance with these rules. All protests must be stated in writing and accompanied by a \$100 fee (which is refunded if the protest is upheld). The tournament officials may call a protest hearing in their discretion; a protest hearing is not guaranteed. All protests will be settled on the day of the incident. All protests must be in the hands of the tournament's designated rules official by 3 p.m. on the day of the alleged incident. The protesting party, as well as the accused team members, captain and crew, must be present at any official protest hearing. If the protesting or protested team fails to show up for the protest hearing, that team forfeits its right to submit evidence. Decisions of the tournament organizers with regard to protests are final and non-justiciable.

Sportsmanlike Conduct - All participants are expected to maintain a reasonable and sportsmanlike demeanor at all times during the tournament. Unsportsmanlike or threatening conduct towards any angler or tournament organizers, or any other behavior which the tournament organizers deem inappropriate, will result in immediate disqualification of the entire team with no refund of entry fees.

Scoring – Coho salmon, chinook salmon, lake trout, brown trout and steelhead caught in the tournament may be weighed towards largest salmon, total aggregate weight (1.00 point per pound), plus 10 points per fish:

- ◊ The boat's 3 largest salmon and 1 trout over 24” are eligible to be weighed in on each day towards the total aggregate weight prize money in the Ladies, Pro and Am Divisions.
- ◊ There will be a \$1,000 prize for the largest salmon from either the Pro or Am Division; or \$5,000 for the largest salmon over 35 pounds (one payout only for largest salmon).

Parking – Parking is available near Clinch Park's Open Space in the public parking lots across Grandview Parkway, and there is a boat launch and parking lot in Clinch Park (NO PARKING in the Clinch Park Season Slip Lot East of the GTSC tent).

Captain's Signature (agreeing to all terms above) _____