



PFC Geoffrey Morris Memorial Fishing Tournament



The Purple Heart



AMATEUR DIVISION – Official Rules –

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ENTRY FEE

- 1) The entry fee is \$125.00 per boat. All applications and payments must be received prior to the start of the Captains meeting. Late Entry fee of \$50 shall be added to the Entry fee when Entry fee is paid after the 2nd Monday in June of the tournament year.
- 2) **Entry fees are 100% refundable, less the late entry fee if applicable, up until Tournament day official check-in if any participant feels that lake conditions are unsafe for their participation. If the participant drops after Check-in and Tournaments Captain bag materials are retrieved, the refund shall be 50%.. less the late entry fee if applicable.**

PRIZES

- 1) In case of ties, the prize money between the two or more places the participants would have won will be divided equally between the tied participants.

SCORING

- 1) All winners will be determined by the tournament committee and their decisions will be final.
- 2) Winners will be determined based on a scoring system of 10 points per fish and 1 point per pound, rounded to the nearest 1/10 pound.
- 3) The following species shall be eligible:
 - Coho Salmon
 - Chinook Salmon
 - Atlantic Salmon
 - Rainbow Trout
 - Brown Trout
 - Lake Trout

BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- 1) The tournament committee will furnish to each contestant one (1) boat identification number which must be prominently displayed on the port and starboard side of the boat during the fishing period, along with the official pennant.
- 2) The identification pennant must be flown in full view from all directions at all times during the contest.

DATES & HOURS

- 1) **Tournament is a one day tournament to be held on Saturday after Fathers Day.**
- 2) The tournament schedule will be as follows:
- 3) Friday following Fathers Day - Captains meeting- 1900 Hrs
- 4) Saturday following Fathers Day – Boats will be released at 0500 hrs fishing period from 0530-1300 hrs. 1/2 Hour run time to be back at North Point Marina.
- 5) **Attendance is MANDATORY** by all CAPTAINS at the Captains meeting Friday night prior to start of the fishing tournament (refer to Tournament schedule for location and time). A sign-in sheet must be signed acknowledging a copy of the most recent revision of the Tournament rules has been received and reviewed.



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- 6) All boats fishing the Tournament must be tied up and in their respective North Point Marina slips (or on trailer) by 1730 Friday night, prior to the Tournament Check-in/Registration and Captains meeting.
- 7) There shall be NO FISHING on any day of the tournament by any boat or any participant in the tournament except during tournament hours.
- 8) The tournament will be considered official if a total of **three (3) hours** are fished.

START & FINISH

- 1) Boats will be released at 0500 hrs.
- 2) No lines or lures are to be in the water prior to the official 0530 hrs start time as signaled via FM marine radio on channel 72 by the tournament committee.
- 3) The official clock for the contest will be kept by the tournament committee.
- 4) Each boat must be within the designated **CHECK-IN** area prior to the end of the tournament 1300hrs. Each boat must check-in both visually and by FM marine radio with the tournament committee.

FISHING RULES

- 1) There are no distance limits as to where a tournament boat may fish as long as travel must be done on the water.
- 2) All fish entered must be caught on hook and line and in accordance with the conservation laws of the state of Illinois.
- 3) A minimum of two (2) licensed anglers are required to be aboard each boat.
- 4) There is no maximum number of anglers, subject to boat capacity.
- 5) There will be a maximum nine (9) lines in the water at any one time, with no more than nine (9) lures in use. Dodgers, attractors or other similar hook less devices do not count as lures.
- 6) There will be a fifteen (15) FISH limit per boat. A maximum of six (6) Lake trout will be allowed and **only four (4) lake trout can be weighed for the tournament boat catch.** The boat may possess 15 fish but **ONLY WEIGH IN YOUR TOP TEN (10) FISH for the boat catch!** **FISH MAY BE SORTED when caught.** If it is determined to release a fish, it must be returned to the lake **IMMEDIATELY. Once a fish comes over the gunwale it must be kept for the contest.**
- 7) Each boat that reaches the fifteen (15) fish limit must immediately cease fishing, bring all rods out of the water and return for check-in. Any boat not following the Illinois rules for Lake Michigan will be disqualified.
- 8) At the close of the fishing period, all fish caught must be placed in a cooler and sealed by the observer. The fishing log must be attached to the top of the cooler.
- 9) From the beginning of the fishing period and until the catch is deposited at the weigh-in station, no boat may run gunwale to gunwale with any other boat and no object's of any type may be passed to or from any boat participating in the tournament. Violation of this rule will result in automatic disqualification. In the case of emergency, exceptions to this rule may be made by the tournament committee.
- 10) Any citation issued to any participant of said tournament by IDNR, Lake County Sheriff or the Coast Guard will constitute cause for automatic disqualification as is proof of UNSPORTSMANLIKE conduct, at the discretion of the tournament committee.
- 11) Any disqualification is a forfeiture of the entry fee and any prizes.
- 12) No fishing inside pier-heads that identify a harbor entrance or inland navigable waterway.



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- 13) All fish caught become property of the tournament committee and who may, at their discretion return the fish to the entrants.

WEIGH-IN

- 1) **The boat catch will consist of ten (10) FISH.** You may possess A MAXIMUM OF FIFTEEN (15) fish. **THE FIRST TEN FISH IN THE WEIGH IN BASKET WILL COUNT AS YOUR BOAT CATCH!**
- 2) At the close of the fishing period, each boat is to proceed immediately to the weigh-in station. Once there, the observer will disembark with the sealed cooler of fish and the signed observers log sheet.
- 3) After dropping off the cooler, the boat may return to its slip, trailer or other docking area.
- 4) **Failure of a boat to proceed directly to the weigh-in station will result in disqualification from tournament.**
- 5) Once sealed, the cooler of fish must remain sealed until opened by tournament officials.
- 6) Bagged or block ice only may be in the cooler at the weigh station. No water or loose ice will be allowed in the cooler at weigh in.
- 7) Ice or foreign objects found lodged in the fish will cause immediate disqualification.

RADIO PROCEDURE

- 1) Every boat must be equipped with an operating FM marine radio equipped with channels 9, 16 and 72. **All boats should monitor channel 72 for contest information**

CANCELLATIONS

- 1) The tournament committee will announce by FM marine radio one-half hour before fishing begins or as close to the 4:30 am check-in time.
- 2) The committee may cancel the tournament when fishing conditions could be dangerous to persons or property. The committee may also decide to delay the start of fishing or to cut short the fishing due to deteriorating weather conditions. All announcements will be made by FM marine radio. If fishing is cut short, all boats must proceed in the same manner as required unless instructed differently by the tournament committee.
- 3) The decision of the tournament committee to cancel, delay or shorten the contest is final.

PROTESTS

- 1) All protest must be made on an official GSM Tournament Protest Form
- 2) All protests must be accompanied by a \$100.00 deposit.
- 3) All protests must be made within one hour of the close of the weigh station.
- 4) If said protest is judged valid, deposit will be returned.
- 5) The decision of the tournament committee and/or its duly appointed panel of judges shall be final and binding in all situations or disputes. Awarding of prizes can be delayed should a protest be filed.

LIABILITY EXCLUSION

- 1) Each contestant shall be responsible to protect persons and property from injury or damage during the tournament. The GSM Tournament, its officers, members, nor any directors, employees or



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volunteer workers shall be responsible for the safety of tournament participants or property, regardless of cause.

- 2) Each participant shall assume responsibility for the safety of themselves and their property, regardless of any decision by the tournament committee to continue with or to stop short said tournament.
- 3) All participants further understand and agree to hold harmless the aforementioned groups and individuals from any liability for damage or injury incurred as a result of participation in the tournament in whatever form or manner said liabilities or damages might be incurred.

RAIN DATE(s)

- 1) Should the Tournament be called due to Rain, Storms, Lightening or any other reason deemed reasonable by the Tournament Committee. The rain date will be the Sunday after Fathers day or the first day after the scheduled day (date) of the Tournament which is a Sunday.
- 2) If the scheduled rain date is also deemed unfishable by the Tournament Committee then there will be no additional rain date and that year's Tournament will be cancelled.