

Manistee County Sport Fishing Association

Presents the:

Small Boat Big Fish Tournament

August 5, 2017, 6:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Arcadia * Manistee * Onekama

Register Today!

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: By signing this document, the person whose signature appears below acts as a representative of the team and agrees to the following:

- 1) I hereby release, discharge and waive all claims of any type against the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association, its officers, successors, assigns, employees, participating groups and persons officially connected with this event from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY, LOSS, CLAIM OR DAMAGE OF ANY TYPE ARISING OUT OF RELATED TO OR CAUSED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS OR ANY EVENT, ACTIVITY, OR ACTION OCCURRING AT/OR DURING THIS OR ANY COMPETITION sanctioned by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association.
- 2) I agree that I will abide by all tournament rules and will accept the decision of the tournament rules committee and agree that the decision of the tournament rules committee will be final and I will PURSUE NO ACTION contesting any decision of the rules committee.
- 3) I am fully qualified and have experience in events such as this.
- 4) I am of legal age and capacity (participants under the age of 18 must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian).

I state that I have read this document in full and understand that I am giving up all rights to damages from injuries to me personally and/or my property, as well as giving up all rights to seek damages as a result of the tournament rules committee decision.

My signature appears voluntarily with full knowledge of the rights that I have under law. I fully understand and agree to the terms and conditions as set forth herein. I am under no disability legal, physical or mental, which impairs my ability to sign.

Boat Name _____ Cell # on boat _____

Member's Name _____

Address _____

Member's email address _____

Return this form with payment by Friday, August 4, 2017 by mailing to MCSFA, PO Box 98, Manistee, MI 49660 or register between 6 PM-8 PM at the Onekama Village Park on Friday, August 4, 2017.

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Saturday, August 5, 2017 - 6 AM - 1 PM
Back-up Date (due to inclement weather on Saturday) Aug. 6, 2017

This is a Big Fish Tournament being held by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association for AMATEUR fishermen & women only.

Boats must be at least 18 feet in length but less than 25 feet in length and must be equipped with a VHF radio, monitor channel 68. The entry fee is **\$60.00**. At least one person on each boat must be a member of the MCSFA.

Registration for the tournament can be completed between 6-8 PM on Friday, August 4, 2017 at the Onekama Village Park OR Registrations, by mail or in person, must be received by MCSFA no later than August 4, 2017. Registration forms are available @ www.MCSFA.org.

This is a one-day tournament beginning at 6 AM and concluding at 1 PM. The weather back-up date is Sunday, August 6, 2017. In the event both days are cancelled, all entry fees will be refunded. In case of bad weather, a tournament committee of MCSFA officials will determine a GO/NO GO status at 6 AM or sooner and will make appropriate announcements on VHF channel 68. After that time, responsibility will be assumed by each captain for their boat and crew. In case of early termination, all fishing is to cease and all boats must return.

All Michigan DNR rules and regulations apply to this tournament and there is a limit of 9 rods in the water at one time. Sliders may be used; however, you are limited to 1 per rod. The maximum slider length is 72 inches.

Fishing starts in the waters of Manistee Lake, including the Manistee River from the railroad bridge downstream to the Harbor of Manistee, and/or Portage Lake and the connecting channel, and/or Arcadia Lake and the connecting channel. No tournament boat is to be in Lake Michigan until the 6 AM command to begin fishing. Fishing may occur in any of the above named waters plus Lake Michigan. All boats fishing in Lake Michigan must return to the same port they departed from.

Fishing ends at 1 PM when all lines must be out of the water. In the case of inclement weather or other unforeseen factors or conditions, three (3) hours of fishing will constitute a tournament.

Each boat may enter one fish only. Weigh-in stations will be located at the Onekama Park Boat Launch, the Arcadia Municipal Marina Boat Launch and Shipwatch Marina in Manistee. An official tally board will be maintained at the Onekama Park Boat Launch Site and be updated by telephone from Arcadia and Manistee. Stations will be open for weighing in from 1:30 PM until 2:30 PM. It is the fishermen's responsibility to have their fish at the scales within the allotted time.

Payouts will be for the 5 largest fish. 1st place is a guaranteed \$500.00 prize. The number of entries to the tournament will determine the remaining prizes. In the event of a tie, the prize money for that place will be split and every place thereafter adjusted appropriately. A MCSFA member must weigh all fish. All fish weighed will require a signed affidavit that the fish was caught on your boat in accordance with the rules.

Any qualifying fish will also be entered into the MCSFA derby. There will be no award ceremonies. Winners will be notified and receive their prizes in the mail. All questions of concern or possible violations will be reviewed by MCSFA officials and their decisions will be final. Questions should be referred to Ken Franklin 231-889-4048, Dave Van Eerden 231-889-7867 or Tom McCraner 231-631-4613.