

# Jackson County Outdoor Club Fishing Tournament September 14, 2024



## General Rules

- Tournament entry fee is \$20.00 per boat. Total weight will be gift cards and big bass will be a cash prize.
- Tournament check-in will begin at approximately 6:00 AM and tournament take off will be at approximately 7:00 AM.
- The winner of the tournament is determined by the heaviest weight of 5 fish or less. In the event of a tie in total weight, big bass weight will be used to break the tie and total weight will be the tiebreaker for a big bass tie.
- One member of each team must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid driver license. All anglers must have a valid Michigan fishing license, complete and sign a registration form and pay the entry fees.
- Only one rod and reel may be used by an angler at a time. Rod must be less than 10ft in length. Anglers can use only artificial baits, except for pork strips/chunks. Trolling is not allowed.
- In the unfortunate event the tournament is canceled all entry fees will be refunded.
- All boats must be in on time at the end of the tournament even if the anglers are not weighing fish. Anglers must return by 12:00 PM.
- Any and all protest must be made within 10 mins of the scales closing.

## Fish Weighing and Fish Care

- All teams must use provided weigh in bags.
- Do not bring fish to the scales until the scales are called open.
- Fish
  - Teams are allowed a 5 fish limit of bass, largemouth or smallmouth, weather you are fishing as a team or a single.
  - All fish must measure 14" or longer mouth closed. If you bring a bass under 14" to the scales, that fish and your largest bass will be culled from your limited.
  - Teams are not allowed to weigh dead fish. Dead fish penalty is ¼ of a pound or 4 ounces. A dead fish cannot be weighed for big bass.

- Fish culling must be completed before returning to weigh in. No culling at the ramp or check-in area.
- If fishing as a single angler there can only be 5 fish in the live well at any time.
- Only non-puncture culling tags may be used.

## **Boat Operation and Off Limits**

- No boat may fish with 50 yards of a competitor's boat when anchored without permission from the competitor. An anchored boat is defined as, trolling motor out of water and anchor or shallow water anchors down in the water.
- All competitors must leave and return to tournament weigh in site by boat. If the boat breaks down during the tournament, one team member may return to weigh in another competitor's boat with the fish to be weighed. Anglers are not allowed to leave the boat during competition unless in case of emergency.

## **Sportsmanship and Safety**

- Anglers are required to practice a high level of sportsmanship, safety and courtesy toward others while participating in the tournament. Interpretation of a violation of the "spirit of sportsmanship" is at discretion of the tournament committee as is any penalty levied.
- All participants are required to refrain from the use of alcohol or illegal drugs while participating in the tournament. Violation of this rule can result in disqualification and forfeit of any entry fees.
- Any violation of Federal, State or Local laws can result in disqualification and forfeiture of any entry fees.
- Observance of no wake zones and/or speed limits as well as possessing any required safety equipment is the responsibility of the angler.
- Do not pass other competitors in a no wake zone.
- USCG approved life preservers and the boat's kill switch must be worn whenever operating with the combustion engine.
- The horsepower of the outboard must not exceed the boat's rating. All boats must have the required Coast Guard safety equipment, functional kill switch and aerated live well.

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**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Angler No 1:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

- MI Fishing License
- 18 Years Old w/Driver's License (one per team)
- \$10.00 Entry Fee Paid/1 Angler, Fee \$20.00

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Angler No 2:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

- MI Fishing License
- \$10.00 Entry Fee Paid

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

