

Michigan Brown Trout Festival 2011 Rules

1. Fishing tournament will start at 6:00 am Saturday, July 16, 2011 and ends at 2:00 pm, Sunday, July 24, 2011. Weigh station and scales open 7:30 am and close at 9:00 pm each day. Persons with fish to be weighed on any given day must be in line for the weigh station no later than 9:00 pm each day (except Sunday, July 24th). Registration Trailer will open Friday, July 15th at noon.

2. Every person seventeen (17) years of age and older on board must be REGISTERED (those under 17 may register for "Kid's Fishing Tournament" - see separate rules). To be eligible for any tournament prize, persons must be registered, no matter the age. All registrants shall carry their registration card at all times. Cards are non-transferable. All boats are subject to "card check". Entry fee is \$35.00 per person or \$175.00 per boat. Each entrant will be given a hat. Each boat entrant will be given 4 hats. EXCEPTION: one day pass available, one time only \$10.00 - no hat given. (Only issued at registration trailer)

3. Each entrant, upon registering to compete in the Festival agrees to hold the sponsors; their agents; or employees harmless from any liability of any nature and kind, for any injuries and/or damage suffered by the entrants during the period that the Festival is being held.

4. Regarding the fish and transportation of the fish:

a. All Trout, Salmon, and Walleye must be caught in Lake Huron. NO rivers or streams are considered legal fishing waters except the Thunder Bay River from 2nd Ave. Bridge to the lake. Boats must leave out of Alpena County, Michigan. NOTE: NO FISHING IS ALLOWED IN THE LAKE TROUT REFUGE - MAPS AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION TRAILER.

b. All fish must be transported to the official weigh-in station at the Alpena City Boat Harbor. Fishermen will have the option of checking fish at the Rockport Harbor. There will be an offi-

cial Brown Trout representative manning Rockport Harbor from 11am - 1pm daily from Saturday through the second Sunday and 6 - 8 pm from Saturday through Saturday. Cooler must be presented at Official Weigh Station within one hour of time listed on check in slip given at Rockport.

c. At Rockport Harbor, each fisherman presenting fish to be weighed will have their registration card available for proof of participation in tournament. The Brown Trout representative will verify the number of fish to be weighed, will seal each cooler and give fishermen a tag for transport to Alpena City Boat Harbor. The cooler MUST be sealed when presented at the Weigh Station in Alpena.

d. Transfer of any items from boat to boat or physical contact with another boat will disqualify both boats for that day. In case of an extreme emergency situation, Tournament Control must be notified as to determine if disqualification is required. 5. Each contestant is entitled to only one final prize in each division.

6. Winners will be determined by the weight of the fish. All fish entered must be whole, and contain no foreign matter; no gaffed or snagged fish will be eligible for any prizes. Fish must be opened for inspection after weighing if it qualifies for a prize. First place fish in each division must be left on display until 9:00 pm on day of catch to qualify for prize. Failure to have fish inspected or displayed may cause disqualification. Any tallied displayed fish remaining AFTER 10:00 pm will be disposed of by Brown Trout Officials.

7. Prizes awarded for Largest Brown Trout Division:

- 1st prize - \$3,000.00
- 2nd prize - \$1,000.00
- 3rd prize - \$ 500.00
- 4th prize - \$ 350.00
- 5th prize - \$ 300.00

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8. Salmon, Lake Trout, Steelhead & Walleye Divisions for each species:

- 1st prize - \$ 900.00
- 2nd prize - \$ 500.00
- 3rd prize - \$ 400.00
- 4th prize - \$ 350.00
- 5th prize - \$ 300.00

10. The decision of the Tournament officials will be final in the event of a dispute or unsportsmanlike-like conduct. In case of ties, the first fish weighed-in will be declared the winner.

11. Each contestant agrees to abide by the official rules and State fishing regulations upon signing entry form; officials may request entrants to show proof of valid Michigan fishing license; any failure to observe any rule will result in disqualification. (Any and all disqualification decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis by Tournament Officials.)

12. All fish must be weighed-in and entered in the contest at the official weigh-in station at the Alpena City Boat Harbor. All qualifying fish will be fin clipped. NO EXCEPTIONS! Each fish weighed will be assigned one registration number.

13. All protests must be submitted on an Official Protest Form. Forms are available at the Weigh-in Station/Tournament Trailer. A cash deposit of \$50.00 must accompany each protest. Protests will be accepted no later than noon the following day of each tournament day. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded. If not upheld, the deposit will become property of the Michigan Brown Trout Festival. All protests will be handled by a "protest committee" of at least three officials.

14. At the discretion of the tournament director, observers may be placed on board any boat at any time during the 9 days of fishing. The Largest Daily regulation fish weighed in each of the five specified divisions will receive \$50 cash. Mystery Fish - \$25 per day will be

awarded to the angler who weighs in the correct species, closest to the predetermined weight, without going over. In case of ties, earliest fish weighed in will be the winner. No rollovers - species and weight for each day predetermined by Tournament Director. Each Trout, Salmon or Walleye weighed in each day will be eligible for a daily merchandise prize. Drawing will be held after scales close each day.

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Michigan Brown Trout Festival Two Day Walleye Tournament July 16 - 17, 2011

1. \$150.00 boat entry fee for 2 - Day Walleye Extravaganza only. Tournament will take place the first two days of the 2011 Michigan Brown Trout Festival, running from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm each day. Boat inspections to take place no later than 6:45 am each day, in preparation for the shotgun start at 7:00 am each day. All boats will display tournament ribbon after inspection each day. Also after inspection, boats must report to Tournament Control.

2. All individual participants MUST be registered in the general Michigan Brown Trout tournament. All general rules will be enforced (See Regular rule 11). Participants will qualify for prizes in general tournament.

3. All boats must be inside a line determined by Tournament Officials by 3:00 pm each day. Weigh in will begin at 3:00 pm each day, first come, first serve basis. All fish must be transported by waterborne boat to the official Weigh Station at the harbor. No fish transported by vehicle will be accepted. "Captain's

Catch" in effect. The 5 heaviest of six fish weighed (picked by the Captain of each boat) will be tallied for prizes.

4. Rod limit - Six (6) rods per boat - as many fishermen/women as desired.

5. In case of bad weather, official may call off or postpone the start of the tournament each day. In case both days are cancelled all entry fees will be refunded.

6. Registrations taken up to 4:30 pm, Friday, July 15th. Captain's meeting will take place at 5:30 pm at the United Water Big Tent. Each boat must have Captain or representative at the Captain's Meeting. Each boat captain will receive a separate Walleye Tournament registration card. This card MUST be presented at weigh-in each day.

7. Total weight for both days will determine winners. Prize payouts - 100% of total registrations.

- 1st place - 50% of purse
- 2nd place - 25% of purse
- 3rd place - 12% of purse
- 4th place - 8% of purse
- 5th place - 5% of purse

Michigan Brown Trout Festival Ladies' Classic July 21, 2011

Prizes are awarded for the total weight of the five heaviest Brown Trout, Salmon, Lake Trout, or Steelhead from DNR state legal limit for a three woman crew. Three additional people are allowed on board only to set lines and navigate, and assist in dearing lines. These people do not need to be registered in the regular tournament to participate in this One-Day tournament. No more than three lines per woman. Designated women must catch and net all fish. All women on board must have a valid Michigan fishing license and must be registered. Any fish caught qualify for regular tournament prizes. All regular rules apply (please review). In the event of a money-losing tie, the tied places will be added and divided equally between those who tied. In the event of a protest, see Regular Rule 13. In case of bad weather, officials may call off or postpone event (decisions will be made in concurrence with US Coast Guard with the safety of boaters taking precedence). If cancelled, entry fees will be refunded.

"Captain's Catch" in effect. The five heaviest of six fish weighed (picked by the Captain of each boat) will be tallied for prizes.

Time: Shotgun start at 6:00 am. Must be inside designated harbor by 3:00 pm. Weigh in to follow.

Captain's Meeting: Wednesday, July 20, 2011, 4:30 pm, United Water Big Tent.

Registration: \$75.00 per boat (this registers all three women). All boats must be registered by 3:30 pm, July 20, 2011 - NO EXCEPTIONS! Guaranteed Prize Money: 1st - 10th place:

- 1st place - \$ 800.00
- 2nd place - \$ 500.00
- 3rd place - \$ 450.00
- 4th place - \$ 400.00
- 5th place - \$ 300.00

- 6th place - \$ 200.00
- 7th place - \$ 175.00
- 8th place - \$ 150.00
- 9th place - \$ 125.00
- 10th place - \$ 110.00



Ladies' Classic

Winners of the Herb Lange/Jack Daniels Ladies Classic Fishing Tournament from left, Leslie Skiba, Katie Young, and Stacy Kranzo hold their 15.25 pound lake trout after the announcer gave their total weight.

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