

## Michigan Brown Trout Festival

# 2022 Regular Tournament Rules

1. Fishing Tournament will start at 6:00am Saturday, July 16, 2022 and ends at 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 24, 2022. Weigh station and scales open at noon, and close at 9:00pm each day. Persons with fish to weigh on any given day must be in line for the weigh station no later than 9:00pm each day, (Except Sunday, July 24th). Registration trailer will open on Thursday, July 14th at noon and close at 6:00pm and will also be open Friday, July 15th at noon.

2. Each 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 nontransferable. All boats are subject to "card check". Entry fee is \$90.00 per person for the regular tournament. Flags will be issued to the fishermen and fisherwomen this year thanks to sponsorships from Meridian Contracting. EXCEPTION: one-day pass available, \$25.00 Unlimited Individual - 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; volunteers; 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. Rivers or streams are NOT considered legal fishing waters, except the Thunder Bay River from 2nd Ave. Bridge to Lake Huron. No boundaries for north and south this year, all U.S. waters of Lake Huron (with the exception of Lake Trout Refuges) are legal to fish in all the tournaments held during the 2022 MBTF. The following situations apply to this "NO" boundary rule:

1. No tournament boat can come in contact with any land or ports except Presque Isle Harbor or Alpena City Boat Harbor.

2. No extra gasoline cans can be carried onboard during any Michigan Brown Trout Festival Tournaments.

3. NOTE : NO FISHING IS ALLOWED IN THE LAKE TROUT REFUGES - MAPS AVAILABLE AT

THE REGISTRATION TRAILER.

b). All fish must be transported and to the official weigh-in station at the Alpena City Boat Harbor. Fishermen will also have the option of checking fish at Presque Isle Harbor. There will be an official Brown Trout representative at Presque Isle Harbor from 11:00am to 1:00pm and 7:00pm to 8:00pm daily from Saturday through Saturday and Sunday, July 24, 2022, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Cooler must be presented at Official Weigh Station within one hour of time listed on check in slip given at Presque Isle Harbor.

c). At Presque Isle Harbor, each angler presenting fish to weigh 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. Any fish transported from Presque Isle Harbor must be transported in a sealable fish cooler, NO fish bags or buckets are permitted and will lead to disqualification.

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 9:00pm on day of catch to qualify for prize. Failure to have fish inspected or displayed may cause disqualification. Any tallied displayed fish remaining after 10:00pm will be disposed of by Brown Trout Officials.

7. \*Payouts awarded for Salmon, Lake Trout, Steelhead & Walleye, Divisions for each species:

- i. 1st Prize - \$2,500.00/Trophy
- ii. 2nd Prize - \$1,050.00
- iii. 3rd Prize - \$600.00
- iv. 4th Prize - \$350.00
- v. 5th Prize - \$200.00

## 2021 WINNERS LARGEST OF EACH TOURNAMENT

### BROWN TROUT

- 1ST - DON HARRISON
- 2ND - MARTY ATKINSON
- 3RD - ADAM PETERSON
- 4TH -

### LAKE TROUT

- 1ST - MIKE TANNER
- 2ND - RON BOBOLTZ
- 3RD - STEPHANIE HIGGINS
- 4TH - ANGELA TANNER

### STEELHEAD

- 1ST - JESSE HENDRICKS
- 2ND - JOHN CONKLIN
- 3RD - DEREK SOLTYSIAK
- 4TH - JERRY KNIFFIN

### SALMON

- 1ST - JIM GLOMSKI
- 2ND - DARELL BOWMAN
- 3RD - DYLAN ORE
- 4TH - ADAM PETERSON

### WALLEYE

- 1ST - MATT BEAUCHAMP
- 2ND - ADAM PETERSON
- 3RD - KEITH MISIAK
- 4TH - CHRIS WADE

\*Based on 325 entrants.

\*Payouts awarded for Brown Trout Division:

- i. 1st Prize - \$4,000.00/Trophy
- ii. 2nd Prize - \$2,400.00
- iii. 3rd Prize - \$1,200.00
- iv. 4th Prize - \$800.00
- v. 5th Prize - \$450.00

\*Based on 325 entrants.

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

9. 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.)

10. All fish must be weighed-in and entered in the contest at the official weigh-in station at the Alpena Boat Harbor. All qualifying fish will be fin clipped. NO EXCEPTIONS! Each fish weighed will be

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assigned a registration number. **To protect our community Brown Trout plants, The Brown Trout Festival will impose a minimum size limit of 16 inches for Brown Trout caught during the tournament. Any Brown Trout weighed in that are under 16 inches will not be eligible for any prizes and there will be a penalty of \$15.00 enforced for a re-stocking fee.**

11. 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.

12. At the discretion of the tournament director, observers may be placed on board any boat at any time during the 9 days of fishing. Tournament control monitors Channel 68.

13. Additional prize opportunities: The Largest Daily regulation fish weighed in each of the five specified divisions will receive \$50 Visa Card from Wolverine State Credit Union and must be claimed by 7-22-2022.

The Tournament Committee will provide a colored flag and/or boat identification number for each contestant's boat. The flag shall be flown on the contestant's radio antenna in full view from all directions during the full 9 day tournament. Failure to display the flag at all times during the tournament can result in disqualification.

Excessive complaints and unsportsmanlike behavior at any time during the 9 day tournament will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification from tournament and will not be allowed to participate in the future. All competitors upon registering with signature, (1) Agrees to abide by the policies, rules and decisions set forth by the Michigan Brown Trout Festival Coordinator(s) and MDNR regulations. (2) Agrees that competitors may be disqualified for any violation of tournament rules with no refund of entry fee. Decision of Tournament Director and officials is final. (3) Agrees to hold the committee, directors, sponsors, organizers, volunteers and agents harmless

from any liability of any nature or kind or for any injuries and or damages suffered during, or after the period of the festival. (4) Agrees that award recipients are responsible for payment of all taxes on prizes \$600 and more.

Refusal to submit proper social security information and current address will result in disqualification. You must submit a valid 1099 Form in the calendar year you win. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of any prize monies. (5) Agrees that all photos, video or any other materials which may be used for future promotion are property of the Michigan Brown Trout Festival.

Refunds: In the event of any cancellation of tournaments, refunds will be issued in the form of a check and mailed to the Captain's within ten business days of the tournament ending.

**Holding fish at the dock: Any potential board fish caught after the scales close on any given day of the tournament with the intentions of weighing the fish the following day must be called into tournament control for verification and instructions. Failure to do so will disqualify the fish from the tournament. Call Brad (989) 590-2479 or Tim (989) 657-9365.**