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Michigan Brown Trout Festival

Welcome Letter from the President

Welcome to the 51st Annual Michigan Brown Trout Festival!

On behalf of the Michigan Brown Trout Festival Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 51st Annual Michigan Brown Trout Festival—an Alpena tradition that continues to thrive thanks to the dedication and heart of this incredible community.

As we look ahead to another exciting year on the water and under the tents, I want to take a moment to thank you for the tremendous support shown during the 50th Annual Festival. The outpouring of enthusiasm from sponsors, local businesses, anglers, volunteers, and festivalgoers was truly appreciated and helped make it one of our most successful festivals in recent years.

A sincere thank you to the many volunteers whose time and energy power every part of this

event—from tournament check-ins to venue setups to family day activities. And to all of our participants, whether you're fishing, attending concerts, or just stopping by for a cold drink and great conversation—thank you for being part of what makes the Brown Trout Festival so special.

We're proud to host a festival that blends tradition, competition, and community spirit—and we look forward to another fantastic week of events, memories, and fish stories.

Tight lines and enjoy the festival!

Philip Paquette, President
Michigan Brown Trout Festival



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2025 Regular Tournament Rules

1. The Fishing Tournament will start at 6:00am Saturday, July 19, 2025 and ends at 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 27, 2025. Weigh station and scales will be open from noon till 2:00pm, and from 6:00pm till 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 27th). Registration trailer will open on Thursday, July 17th at noon and close at 6:00pm and will also be open Friday, July 18th from noon until 9:00pm.

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. (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 the 2nd Ave. bridge to Lake Huron. There are no boundaries for north and south this year, all U.S. waters of Lake Huron (with the exception of the Lake Trout Refuges) are legal to fish in the regular 9 day tournament. 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 on board 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 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, July 19th through Saturday, July 26th and Sunday, July 27th, 2025, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Cooler must be presented at the Official Weigh Station within one hour of the time listed on the 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 the 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 to determine if disqualification is required.

5. Each contestant is entitled to only one final prize in each division. With a maximum of two prizes per boat per 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 the day caught to qualify for a 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/ Plaque
- ii. 2nd Prize - \$1,050.00/Plaque
- iii. 3rd Prize - \$600.00/Plaque
- iv. 4th Prize - \$350.00
- v. 5th Prize - \$200.00

*Based on a minimum of 325 entrants.

*Payouts awarded for Brown Trout Division:

- i. 1st Prize - \$4,000.00/Plaque
- ii. 2nd Prize - \$2,400.00/Plaque
- iii. 3rd Prize - \$1,200.00/Plaque
- iv. 4th Prize - \$800.00
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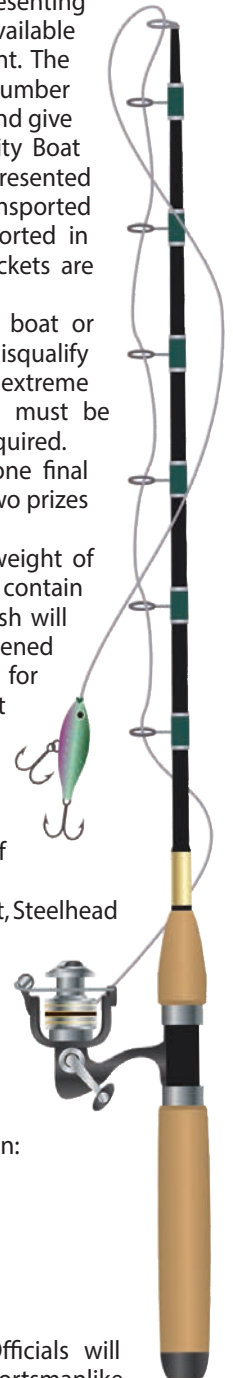
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8. The decision of the Tournament Officials will be final in the event of a dispute or unsportsmanlike conduct. In case of ties, the first fish weighed-in will be declared the winner.

9. Each contestant agrees to abide by the MBTF 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.)

2024 WINNERS LARGEST OF EACH TOURNAMENT

BROWN TROUT
SHAWN MUSZYNSKI
LAKE TROUT
JASON SZATKOWSKI
SALMON
WENDY POLK
STEELHEAD
ZACK KARSTEN
WALLEYE
MATT MATUZAK



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 opened for inspection. NO EXCEPTIONS! Each fish weighed will be assigned a registration number. To protect our community Brown Trout plants, The Brown Trout Festival will impose a minimum size limit of 18 inches for Brown Trout caught during the tournament. Any Brown Trout weighed in that are under 18 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 Tournament officials. Any social media post by individuals may disqualify themselves without a formal protest.

12. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, observers may be placed onboard 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 for each of the five specified divisions will receive a \$50 Visa Gift Card from Wolverine State Credit Union and must be claimed by 7-27-2025 before 5:00pm.

The Tournament Committee will provide a colored flag and/or boat identification number for each contestants 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/or unsportsmanlike behavior at any time during the 9 day tournament will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification from the 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.

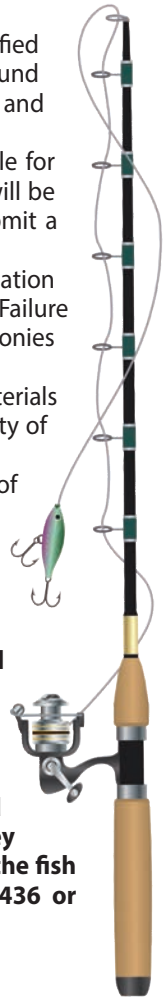
3. Agrees that award recipients are responsible for payment of all taxes on prizes and a 1099 Misc will be issued for prizes of \$600 or more. You must submit a valid W-2 Form in the calendar year you win.

Refusal to submit proper social security information and current address will result in disqualification. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of any prize monies awarded.

4. 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 Captains within ten business days of the tournament ending. No Refunds on late fees.

Holding fish at the dock: Any potential board fish caught after the scales close on any given day of the tournament with the intention of weighing the fish the following day must be called into tournament control for verification and instructions. Fish held overnight will be counted for the day they were caught. Failure to do so will disqualify the fish from the tournament. Call Brad (989) 916-6436 or Phil (734) 223 0341 to receive instructions.



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2025 Rule Changes

This year there will be a 2 day Super Tournament sponsored by Amrize with a guaranteed \$10,000 first place (based on a 20 boat entry). Entry fee will be \$250 per team. There will be The Besser Company Jason Rensberry Amateur Shootout with a \$5,000 guarantee first place (based on 20 boat entry) sponsored by Besser. Entry fee will be \$150 per team, with no previous Super Tournament winners or charter boats allowed to fish. Only boats from 16' to 24' will be permitted. Also, there will be a Walleye Extravaganza sponsored by Coors Light with a guaranteed \$3,000 first place prize (based on 20 boat entry). Entry fee will be \$200 for a four person team.

Boundaries will be: Northern Boundary 45.12.000'N (Middle Island), Southern Boundary 44.50.000'N (Black River Island) Eastern Boundary 82.53.000'W.

Walleye will be excluded from the Ladies Classic, Amateur Shoot-Out and Super Tournament catches this year; However, there will still be a walleye division for largest of the tournament to participate in.

This year the city boat launch fees will not be waived during the 9 day tournament. A city launch permit or a daily launch fee will be required to launch. A special day launch permit will be available at the transient gas dock or the registration trailer for \$15.00 and will be good from 7/17/2025 to 7/27/2025.

Please make sure you have a valid address, phone number and proper MC numbers and boat names and valid Michigan fishing license when registering for the tournaments. Early registration starts on 7/17/2025 from 12:00 - 6:00pm and 7/19/2025 12:00 - 9:00pm at the registration trailer.

Presque Isle Harbor will be open all nine days for cooler checks with designated checks twice daily; except for the last Sunday. There will be no cooler checks at Rockport, therefore no fish will be accepted from this harbor and will be automatically disqualified from the tournament.

The daily merchandise package will be back this year for a chance to win a daily package valued @ \$100.00 each.

All fishermen fishing the 3-day High Stakes Tournament must leave & return daily to the port of Alpena, no overnight anchoring.

When weighing in fish at the official weigh station there must be a valid MBTF registration card holder present for each legal MDNR daily limit of fish (no exceptions). Every fish weighed in throughout the festival will get a ticket for a chance to win a \$250.00 Visa card drawn on 7/27/2025. All daily big fish payouts will be a \$50.00 Visa gift card sponsored by Wolverine State Credit Union and must be claimed by 7/27/2025 by 5:00pm (otherwise they are forfeited).

A progressive pot (bounty) for specially tagged "Big Brownies" will be building this year to over \$5500.00 for the first one caught during the festival.

All fish caught during the Ladies Classic, Three Day High Stakes Amateur Shoot-Out and Super Tournament, and all qualified board fish will be opened up for inspection.





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5th Annual HPC Three Day High Stakes Tournament

Saturday, Sunday & Monday July 19th, 20th, & 21st, 2025

1. This tournament will be held the first 3 days of the 2025 MBTF (July 19th-21st 2025) fishing will start @ 6:00am on Saturday, July 19th and end @ 9:00pm on Monday, July 21st.

2. All participants in the Three Day High Stakes Tournament have to be registered in the regular tournament to be eligible for prizes. Everyone on the boat must be registered and show proof if requested by any tournament official.

3. There will be five categories to fish for in this tournament - Salmon, Lake Trout, Steelhead, Brown Trout and Walleye. Entry fee will be \$200.00 per category per boat, and more than one category can be fished by any boat registered.

4. Each category payout will be a 100% payback and will be determined by the number of boats fishing each category.

5. This is a winner take all tournament for each category unless there are more than 15 boats in each individual category, then for every 5 boats registered over 15 an additional place will be paid.

6. A one person daily limit will be allowed to be weighed in each day with a combined weight for 3 days deciding the winner in each category. *Final results will not be posted until Tuesday July, 22nd. Once a limit is weighed in for the

day there will be no fish bumping allowed.

7. All MDNR rules apply for this tournament. (No more than 3 rods per person and a valid Michigan fishing license is required to fish).

8. Fishermen will only be allowed to fish out of Alpena for the three day tournament

9. No North or South boundaries in this tournament with all fishing only in U.S. Waters of Lake Huron and no fishing in any refuges. No land contact with any other ports will be permitted except for Alpena.

10. Scales will be open as indicated in the "2025 Regular Tournament Rules". All coolers to be weighed must be in line no later than 9:00pm to be eligible. No late coolers will be accepted. All fish will be weighed and be eligible also for regular tournament prizes.

11. All fishermen fishing the 3-day High Stakes Tournament must leave & return daily to the port of Alpena, no overnight anchoring. When bringing fish into harbor all boats must report directly to fish weigh station or check in station by water only.

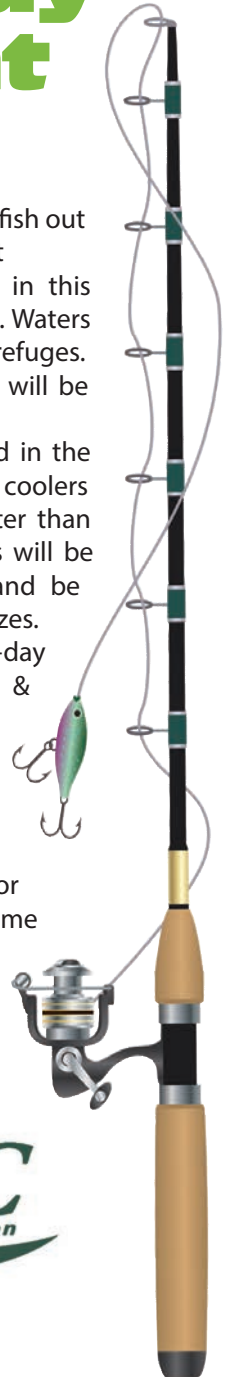
12. Once a team has weighed in for the day, the team is not allowed to resume fishing until the next calendar day.

13. The Brown Trout Division is allowed nine rods per boat maximum.

2024 WINNERS

BROWN TROUT
DON HARRISON
LAKE TROUT
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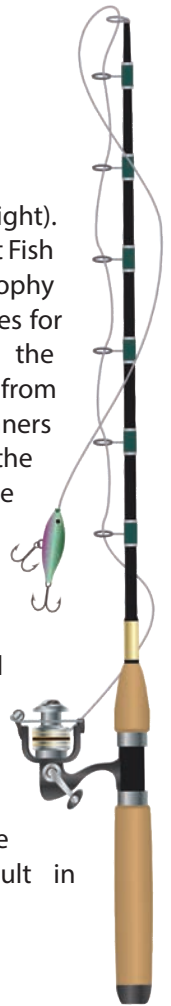
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12th Annual PNC Bank & MBT Kiddie Classic

The PNC Bank Kiddie Fishing Classic is part of Family Day, Sunday, July 20th, 2025. Kids ages 1-14 can pre-register for this fishing event at PNC Bank located at 122 N. Second, Alpena, prior to July 20th, or register in the Veolia BIG TENT on Sunday, July 20th, from 7:00am to 11:00am. If they pre-register, they still have to come to the Veolia BIG TENT on July 20th to pick up their angler card before they start to fish. The fishing event will start at 7:00am and conclude at noon, weigh-in starts at 11:00am and ends at noon, or until all fish are weighed (must be in line by

12:00pm) July 20th, 2025, followed by the awards at 2:00pm in the Veolia BIG TENT. Parents are strongly encouraged to have their children wear life jackets during the contest and must supervise their children during the event. All PNC Bank Kiddie Fishing Classic fish must be caught from the Banks of the Thunder Bay River beginning at the mouth of the river, including the boat harbor rocks, both interior and exterior, up to the Lake Huron side of the 9th Street Dam. Please, no fishing on the boat harbor docks for safety reasons and no fishing from boats or any other watercraft or flotation device is allowed and will result in disqualification from the PNC Bank Kiddie Classic. Maps will be available for designated fishing areas. Three divisions separated by age, 1-5 years, 6-10 years, 11-14 years, - 1st, 2nd, 3rd place for each age division will get a trophy for biggest

fish (biggest=most weight). Also, a Largest & Smallest Fish of the tournament trophy will be awarded. See rules for fishing boundaries for the festival, as they differ from the Kiddie Classic. Winners will be determined by the weight of the fish. In case of ties, the fish that is weighed first will be declared the winner. Each contestant agrees to abide by the official rules and state fishing regulations upon signing the entry form. Failure to observe any state of Michigan rule or regulation will result in disqualification.



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**Saturday,
July 26th**



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Michigan Brown Trout Festival

5th Annual Amrize Youth Offshore Tournament

Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025

2025 MBTF 5th Annual Youth Offshore Tournament
Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025 from 6:00am - 3:00pm for youth
12 -16 years of age. Registration deadline Monday, July 21st
by 9:00pm. Captains meeting Tuesday, July 22, after 6:00pm.

This tournament is an offshore boat fishing tournament for
youth to catch and weigh Walleye, Trout and Salmon. Prizes
awarded for heaviest cooler and largest fish caught by weight.

This year there will be two divisions, one for Trout/Salmon
and for Walleye. Each division will have prizes for the heaviest
cooler and heaviest fish. Heaviest cooler based on one person
Michigan DNR daily limit for Trout/Salmon & Walleye. Walleye
won't count in the Trout/Salmon category for weight. Entry
fee: \$25.00 per fisherperson. Adults are not required to be
registered and are not allowed to fish. Each fisherperson is
allowed 3 lines each and must catch all of their own fish. The
adults will be allowed to net all fish for safety reasons.

Limit teams to a maximum of 4 youth per boat. Weigh in
will be at the MBTF scales starting at 3:00pm sharp. No late
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36th Annual Bolenz Jewelry Ladies Classic

Thursday, July 24th, 2025

Prizes are awarded for the total weight of the 10 heaviest fish (a 2 person M-DNR limit). No more than 10 fish will be allowed in a cooler at the time of cooler being sealed and placed in line for weigh in. More than 10 fish in a cooler will disqualify the team. Three additional people are allowed on board only to set lines, navigate, and assist in clearing 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 (9 rod maximum per boat). Designated women must catch and net all fish. All women on board must have a valid Michigan fishing license and must be registered on entry form. *Boundaries are in place for this tournament this year, see map.

In case of bad weather, including small craft warning issued by the US Coast Guard, Tournament Officials will call off or postpone the event. (Decisions will be made with the safety of boaters taking precedence). If canceled, entry fees will be refunded. 10 heaviest fish will be weighed and will allow 10 total in any combination; no more than 6 of any one species of Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Steelhead or Atlantic Salmon, except up to 10 Coho, Chinook, or Pink Salmon, will be allowed for a "2 person limit". Time: Shotgun start at 6:00am - Must be over finish line by 4:00 pm - Weigh in to follow.

Only the 3 designated women per team are allowed to fish in this tournament. No other women or men are allowed to keep their limit while fishing in this tournament, otherwise the ladies team will be disqualified.

Captain's Meeting: Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025 - at 5:30 pm meeting to be held on MBTF grounds (See registration trailer for details-location to be determined). Registration: \$150.00 per boat for Ladies Tournament prizes. (This registers all three women). All boats must be registered by 6:00 pm - Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025 - NO EXCEPTIONS! Any entrants after 6pm July 22nd there will be a non refundable \$50 late fee. An Additional \$25 per Ladies entrant must be paid to qualify fish for regular tournament prizes. All fish weighed will be opened for inspection. Boundaries will be imposed for this tournament. See rule changes on page 8.

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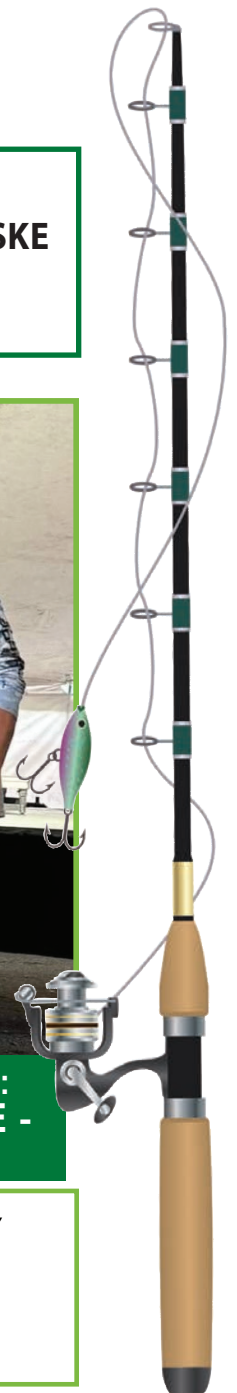


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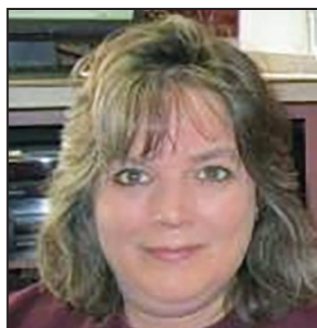
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Michigan Brown Trout Festival

48th Annual Amrize Two-Day Super Tournament

Saturday & Sunday, July 26th-27th, 2025

1. \$250.00 per boat entry fee. All boats must be registered by 6:00pm, Thursday, July 24, 2025. Captain's Meeting is on Friday, July 25, 2025 at 6:30pm. Registrations will not be accepted at rules meeting. All general rules of the festival will apply.

The two day tournament is 6:00 am to 2:00 pm Saturday, July 26, 2025 and 6:00am to 2:00pm Sunday, July 27, 2025.

2. The maximum number of rods is 12 with no more than three lines per person. (Number of fish allowed on board is M-DNR limit). All fish will qualify for the regular tournament. All members of the crew must be registered in the regular tournament.

3. All boats must be at city boat harbor no later than 5:30am Saturday, July 27, 2025 for inspection. Any refunds must be authorized by tournament director.

4. All boats not starting must notify the tournament director by 5:45am for a ruling or automatically be disqualified.

5. Shotgun start. All boats will leave in front of the harbor at 6:00am. All boats must be inside a line determined by the tournament officials. (First red channel buoy out of the mouth of river) Before 2:00pm to qualify for scoring each day.

6. Each boat must display the official super tournament flag from the highest possible point during the tournament.

7. Transfer of any items from boat to boat or any physical contact with another boat will disqualify both boats for entire tournament. In case of an extreme emergency situation, tournament control must be notified to determine if disqualification is required.

8. All Salmon, Trout, and Walleye must be caught in U.S. waters of Lake Huron (NO FISHING ALLOWED IN ANY LAKE TROUT REFUGE).

No rivers or streams are considered legal fishing waters except in the Thunder Bay River from 2nd Avenue Bridge to the lake. All fish must be transported by waterborne boat to official weigh station at the harbor.

No fish transported by vehicle will be accepted. Weigh-in is after 2:00pm each day. A crew member must be present to sign the validation sheet and present the Amrize Super Tournament Registration Card.

9. Ten heaviest fish will be weighed. 10 total in any combination; no more than 6 of any one species of Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Steelhead, or Atlantic Salmon. Except up to 10 Coho, Chinook, and Pink Salmon will be allowed for a "2 person limit."

10. No more than ten fish will be allowed in cooler at the time of cooler being sealed and placed in line for weigh-in. More than ten fish in cooler will disqualify team. Coolers must be drained prior to weighing in. Blocked or bagged ice only, no loose ice. All fish weighed will be opened for inspection.

11. All fish weighed will be fin clipped.

12. One representative of each boat will be present at the rules meeting to be held at 5:30pm, Wednesday, July 23, 2025 on MBTF Grounds. To be determined.

13. In case of bad weather, including small craft warnings issued by the US Coast Guard, Officials will call off or postpone. (Decisions will be made with the safety of the boaters taking precedence). In case tournament is canceled, all entry fees will be refunded.

14. Prize money will be awarded on the basis of total points (1 point for each pound of fish weighed) as follows: *1st place - \$10,000.00 (based on 20 boat entries) and a trophy. *Payouts will

be based on entries. In the event of a money placing tie postings will be combined and prize money split equally between the tied participants. All prizes are checks.

15. Patrol boats will be present throughout the competition. The Super Tournament is made possible by Amrize Alpena.

Observers are not required; however, they may be provided by the tournament committee. Captains will enforce all rules. If observers are provided, boats will be selected at random or by the first day standings by the Tournament Committee. Failure to allow the observer on your boat will result in disqualification and forfeiture of registration fee.

The MBTF Tournament committee reserves the right to decline entry or participation of any person, team or boat as deemed necessary, to ensure things such as integrity, image, reputation, financial performance, and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups.

Boundaries will be imposed for the Super Tournament. See rule changes on page 8.

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2024 Super Tournament Winners:
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Michigan Brown Trout Festival

Coors Light Walleye Extravaganza

Saturday, July 26th, 2025

1. \$200.00 per boat entry fee. All boats must be registered by 6:00pm, Thursday, July 24, 2025. Captain's Meeting is on Friday, July 25, 2025 at 5:30pm. Registrations will not be accepted at rules meeting. All general rules of the festival will apply.

The one day tournament is 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday, July 26, 2025

2. The number of persons on board will be a maximum of four with no more than three lines per person and 6 line maximum per boat. (Number of fish allowed on board is M-DNR limit). All fish will qualify for the regular tournament. All members of the crew must be registered in the regular tournament.

3. All boats must be at city boat harbor no later than 6:30am Saturday, July 27, 2025 for inspection. Any refunds must be authorized by tournament director.

4. All boats not starting must notify the tournament director by 6:45am for a ruling or automatically be disqualified.

5. Single-file start. Details will be provided at the captain's meeting. All boats must be inside a line determined by the tournament officials. (First red channel buoy out of the mouth of river) Before 4:00pm to qualify for scoring.

6. Each boat must display the official walleye tournament flag from the highest possible point during the tournament.

7. Transfer of any items from boat to boat or any physical contact with another boat will disqualify both boats for entire tournament. In case of an extreme emergency situation, tournament control must be notified to determine if disqualification is required.

8. All Salmon, Trout, and Walleye must be caught in U.S. waters of Lake Huron (NO FISHING ALLOWED IN ANY LAKE TROUT REFUGE).

No rivers or streams are considered legal fishing waters except in the Thunder Bay River from 2nd Avenue Bridge to the lake. All fish must be transported by waterborne boat to official weigh station at the harbor.

No fish transported by vehicle will be accepted. Weigh-in is after 4:00pm. A crew member must be present to sign the validation sheet and present the Coors Light Walleye Extravaganza Registration Card.

9. Ten heaviest walleye will be weighed.

10. No more than ten fish will be allowed in cooler at the time of cooler being sealed and placed in line for weigh-in. More than ten fish in cooler will disqualify team. Cooler/weigh bag must be drained prior to weighing in. Blocked or bagged ice only, no loose ice. All fish weighed will be opened for inspection.

11. All fish weighed will be fin clipped.

12. One representative of each boat will be present at the rules meeting to be held at 5:30pm, Friday, July 25, 2025 on MBTF Grounds. To be determined.

13. In case of bad weather, including small craft warnings issued by the US Coast Guard, Officials will call off or postpone. (Decisions will be made with the safety of the boaters taking precedence). In case tournament is canceled, all entry fees will be refunded.

The MBTF Tournament committee reserves the right to decline entry or participation of any person, team or boat as deemed necessary, to ensure things such as integrity, image, reputation, financial performance, and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups.

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Saturday, July 19th - Friday, July 25th, 2025

Rules: Free to all kids from 6-17 years of age. Each participant MUST complete "Kids' Tournament" portion of registration form and receive special registration card with registration number. All regular tournament rules apply. It will be the responsibility of the "kid" and/or parent to advise weigh station when fish is to be considered for "Kid's Tournament" prizes. Tournament runs July 19th - July 25th ending at 9:00 pm. Final results posted on Saturday, July 26, 2025. There will be trophies and prizes for three divisions - Walleye, Salmon, and Trout.

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category. Continuing sponsorship provided by the families of: Stan Konecke, and Dennis & Audrey Koopikka Families. Trophies and prizes for this tournament awarded on Sunday, July 27th, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Big Tent.

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2024 WINNERS

TROUT

1ST - REMINGTON GAGNON
2ND - BRIDGETTE ANDRZAJEWSKI
3RD - LEVI STRALEY

WALLEYE

1ST - ETHAN SAHR
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3RD - ANNABELLA MERCALDI

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Friday, July 25th, 2025

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1ST - BRAD SIDES

2ND - MARK FIELDHISER

3RD - BOWEN WIKARYASZ

1. \$150.00 per boat entry fee. All boats must be registered by 6:00pm, Tuesday, July 22, 2025. Captain's Meeting is on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 6:30pm. Registrations will not be accepted at rules meeting. All general rules of the festival will apply.

The tournament is 6:00am to 4:00pm Friday, July 25, 2025.

2. The number of persons on board will be a maximum of three with no more than three lines per person. The catch will be one state legal limit. All fish will qualify for the regular tournament. All members of the crew must be registered in the regular tournament.

3. All boats must be at city boat harbor no later than 5:30am Friday, July 25, 2025 for inspection. Any refunds must be authorized by tournament director.

4. All boats not starting must notify the tournament director by 5:45am for a ruling or automatically be disqualified.

5. Shotgun start. All boats will leave in front of the harbor at 6:00am. All boats must be inside a line determined by the tournament officials. (First red channel buoy out of the mouth of river) Before 4:00pm to qualify for that day.

6. Each boat must display the official flag from the highest possible point during the tournament.

7. Transfer of any items from boat to boat or any physical contact with another boat will disqualify both boats for entire tournament. In case of an extreme emergency situation, tournament control must be notified to determine if disqualification is required.

8. All Salmon and Trout, must be caught in U.S. waters of Lake Huron (NO FISHING ALLOWED IN ANY LAKE TROUT REFUGE).

No rivers or streams are considered legal fishing waters except in the Thunder Bay River from 2nd Avenue Bridge to the lake. All fish must be transported by waterborne boat to official weigh station at the harbor.

No fish transported by vehicle will be accepted. Weigh-in is after 4:00pm that day. A crew member must be present to sign the validation sheet and present the Shoot-out Registration Card.

9. Five heaviest fish will be weighed. Five total in any combination; no more than 3 of any one species of Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Steelhead, or Atlantic Salmon. Except up to 5 Coho, Chinook, and Pink Salmon will be allowed for a "1 person limit."

10. No more than five fish will be allowed in cooler at the time of cooler being sealed and placed in line for weigh-in. More than five fish in cooler will disqualify team. Coolers must be drained prior to weighing in. Blocked or bagged ice only, no loose ice. All fish weighed will be opened for inspection.

11. All fish weighed will be fin clipped and open for inspection.

12. One representative of each boat will be present at the rules meeting to be held at 6:00pm, Wednesday, July 23, 2025 on MBTF Grounds. To be determined.

13. In case of bad weather, including small craft warnings issued by the US Coast Guard, Officials will call off or postpone. (Decisions will be made with the safety of the boaters taking precedence). In case tournament is canceled, all entry fees will be refunded.

14. Prize money will be awarded on the basis of total points (1 point for each pound of fish weighed) as follows: *1st place - \$3,000.00

(based on 20 boat entries) and a trophy. *Payouts will be based on entries. In the event of a money placing tie postings will be combined and prize money split equally between the tied participants. All prizes are checks.

15. Patrol boats will be present throughout the competition. The Shoot-Out is made possible by Besser.

Observers are not required; however, they may be provided by the tournament committee. Captains will enforce all rules. If observers are provided, boats will be selected at random by the Tournament Committee. Failure to allow the observer on your boat will result in disqualification and forfeiture of registration fee.

The MBTF Tournament committee reserves the right to decline entry or participation of any person, team or boat as deemed necessary, to ensure things such as integrity, image, reputation, financial performance, and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups.

No previous Super Tournament winners or Charter Captains will be allowed to fish the Shoot-Out. Only boats between 16 and 24 feet will be allowed. All boats must have a functioning Marine Radio to participate.

Boundaries will be established for the Shoot-Out. See rule changes on page 8.

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