



2011 Fishing Tournament Rules

General

REGISTRATION

Pre-register by Mail (check or money order only). Make check or money order out to North Coast Anglers

Send Forms/Fees to: North Coast Anglers,
13522 Leroy Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44135

Tournament Day Registration is cash only. Registrations and weigh-ins will be held at **Bad Boys Bait & Tackle**, 4414 Liberty Ave, Vermilion, OH 44089

Entry fee will be \$20 per person, age 17 and older, \$10 age 16 and younger (from 1 to 6 contestants.) An optional big fish pot will also be available for \$20 per boat. All fish must be caught by rod and reel. All Federal, State and Local Laws must be observed and obeyed. You may fish from boat or shore.

The rules will remain unchanged unless otherwise notified by the tournament committee. Interpretation of the rules will be to the discretion of the Tournament Committee and will be final and not open to protest. The Tournament Committee has the right of entry refusal or expulsion from the tournament for any reason.

WEIGH-IN

Boats must be checked in at the designated weigh in location to weigh fish no later than time listed per species specific rules. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!** Winner of the tournament will be determined the rules set forth in the species specific section. Teams not weighing in must notify a tournament director. The tournament committee clock will serve as the official time for the tournament.

SAFETY

Safety must be observed at all times. All contestants must wear a Coast Guard approved PFDs when motoring above trolling speed. Each contestant is to follow all Coast Guard regulations. No Alcoholic beverages or illegal substances may be consumed or in possession by teams during fishing hours.

SEVERE WEATHER

On the day of the tournament, the tournament director will begin each tournament only during acceptable weather conditions. We will not fish under a small craft advisory (Some exceptions may be made by the tournament director). It is the Captain's responsibility to be aware of weather conditions when on the water, and to get his craft to safety if necessary. If weather conditions change and require that the tournament be discontinued you will be notified by marine radio and given a deadline time to check in. If more than 4 hours of fishing time has elapsed you will be permitted to weigh your fish. Any boat returning after the deadline time will not be permitted to weigh in. All teams must check in and state that they are off the water by the deadline time or be disqualified.

BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

All boats must meet all US Coast Guard and State of Ohio requirements. Your boat must have all USCG safety equipment on board including a VHF radio. All boats will have an USCG or BMA plate attached by the boat manufacturer and the horsepower rating will not be exceeded by any means. Any team receiving a citation, for a violation in their boat, from any law enforcement agency on the day of the tournament will be disqualified for that tournament.

Bait and Tackle may not be passed between boats after the tournament has started. Only registered contestants are allowed on board the boat during tournament hours. All boats must have liability insurance.

SPORTSMANSHIP

All contestants must uphold good sportsmanship and courtesy toward other contestants, safety standards and the fishing and boating laws of the North Coast Anglers. Any contestant that acts in a non-sportsman manner or breaks any of the rules will be disqualified and will not be eligible for tournament prizes or money. Nor will disqualified contestants receive a refund of entry fees.

MARINE RADIO CELL PHONES AND

You must also have a working VHF marine band radio. The official tournament channel will be channel 80. You may monitor any channel while fishing and MAY transmit by radio, cell phone, or any other electronic equipment during the tournament. **These**

Tournaments are inexpensive and for fun! This is why we have opened up the radios and cell phones for communication during the event. Harass your buddies!

FISHING

Water open to fish will be the Ohio Waters of Lake Erie. Competitors must not come in contact with other boats during fishing hours. The only exception to this rule is in the case of an emergency. If a competitor's boat breaks down another competitor **MAY** bring their fish to the weigh in and assist in a tow. Any disabled boat **must** notify the tournament director by phone or radio. Fish must not be combined between teams. There will also be a 6-rod limit. No matter how many team members or people on the boat you will only be allowed the use of 6 rods.

FISH

All fish must be caught on the day of the tournament. There is **NO** dead fish penalty. However no white fish will be weighed. Fish need not be kept alive or in a livewell.

WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS

The North Coast Anglers, its board members, promoters, sponsors, tournament directors, and organizations assisting in the tournament operation are not responsible for injuries, deaths, damages, liability, theft, fire, or any loss of any kind to contestants and their equipment. All contestants in signing an entry form agree to hold harmless any and all promoters, tournament directors, agents, agencies, and organizations assisting the tournament operation. Each entrant upon signing an entry form will state that they have read, and understand the above rules, and by signing the entry form is in fact signing a waiver form. Entries must be signed in order to participate.

PAYBACK

There will be an 80% payback to the top 20% of the teams in the tournament and 100% of the big fish pot to the top two big fish winners (70% to 1st big fish, 30% 2nd big fish). The rest will be used to cover the costs of the tournament.

SPECIES SPECIFIC RULES

Walleye (Day Tournaments)

Sign-up: 6:00 – 7:00 AM

Fishing Times: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Weigh-in: 4:00 PM (No Exceptions) – Tournament Committee clock will serve as the official tournament clock

Length Tournament (June 26th) – Winners will be determined by the length of your 5 (five) longest fish. The Big Fish winner to be determined by the length of your longest fish. In the event of a tie, the weight of your largest fish will be used to determine the winner.

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Walleye (Night Tournaments)

Sign-up: 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Fishing Times: 4:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Weigh-in: 12:30 AM (No Exceptions) – Tournament Committee clock will serve as the official tournament clock

Winners will be determined by the weight of your 5 (five) biggest fish. The Big Fish winner to be determined by the weight of your heaviest fish. In the event of a tie, the length of your largest fish will be used to determine the winner.

Perch Tournament

Sign-up: 6:30 – 7:30 AM

Fishing Times: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Weigh-in: 3:00 PM (No Exceptions) – Tournament Committee clock will serve as the official tournament clock

Winners will be determined by the weight of your 15 (fifteen) biggest fish. In the event of a tie, the length of your largest fish will be used to determine the winner. Big Fish Pot will be determined by the weight of the largest fish of any species caught.

One rod per person (with a total of 3 hooks per Ohio Reg's.) Also note the shorter time periods.

Sheephead Tournament

Sign-up: 6:30 – 7:30 AM

Fishing Times: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Weigh-in: 3:00 PM (No Exceptions) – Tournament Committee clock will serve as the official tournament clock

Winners will be determined by the weight of your 5 (five) biggest fish. The Big Fish winner to be determined by the weight of your heaviest fish. The second place Big Fish pot will be determined by the weight of the largest walleye caught. In the event of a tie, the length of your largest fish will be used to determine the winner.

For Additional Information Or Questions: Go To: www.northcoastanglers.com , and then click on the Forum.

You May Also Contact:

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