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Rules & Rule Changes

These rules will remain unchanged unless otherwise notified at the Captains meeting. Interpretation of the rule will be to the discretion of the Tournament Director and the Rules Committee. The rules and the interpretations of them will be final and not open to protest. Safety rules may be changed at any time. Participation & Eligibility

It is the contestant's responsibility for knowing and abiding by all local and state regulations, which pertain to the tournament waters. Contestants may enter as up to a three-person team, two person or as a single person team. The Eastern Michigan Sportsmen Association encourages teams to consist of two people for safety reasons but it's not mandatory. Any person 8 to 17 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Observers may not participate in any way during tournament fishing hours.

Entry Information

Teams may consist of up to three anglers. Once a 3-person team is officially entered, team member changes must be made with officials prior to the start of the tournament.

Sportsmanship

Entrants must conduct themselves in a true sportsmanlike manner at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS. Courtesy and ethics of the highest standard are the norm, not the exception. Remember that you not only represent yourselves, but all tournament anglers and competitive fishing. Any rude or insulting type of behavior will be subject to disqualification or penalties enforced. All teams are required to abide by all boating, fishing and tournament rules during the event. If a team receives a citation for breaking a marine or game law during tournament hours, the team will be disqualified from the tournament. Safety

Safety must be observed at all times. All contestants must wear Coast Guard approved PFDs while the boat is moving above trolling speed. All boats are required to have, and in working order, an emergency cut off switch that must be securely attached to the driver whenever the boat is above trolling speed. No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances may be consumed or in possession by teams during fishing hours.

Boats & Equipment

All boats will be inspected prior to the start of that day of fishing. A "boat identification board" will be issued after inspections and also a colored ribbon marker for on the water identification. Teams are responsible for returning of the boat boards. A \$25.00 fine will be charged for not returning a boat board. This is for safety; it is to show that you have returned back from fishing. All boats must conform to the appropriate state, and USCG standards. All outboards used in the tournament must not exceed the horsepower rating set by the USCG. 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. Kill switches must be in working order. Bait, tackle and fish may not be passed between boats after the tournament has started. No binoculars or cameras with telephoto lenses are to be used during tournament hours. Additional fuel containers will not be allowed on board.

Captains Meetings, Flights & Launching

Mandatory captains meetings will be held prior to the tournament at 5:30 AM. It is required that one team member must attend and sign in the day of the tournament. Each team will be allowed 8 hours of fishing including travel time. Fishing times start at 7:00am. Flights may be used. All boats must be in the vicinity of the docks, off plain and in the vicinity of the tournament boat by 3:00pm. Teams returning late will forfeit their weight for that day. Boundaries for the tournament are the Holloway Damn and the Columbiaville Road Bridge. There will be no early weigh in except for breakdowns or emergencies. Contestants must leave and return to the official tournament site by your own boat only. NO WAKE AREAS WILL BE STRICLTLY ENFORCED.

Fish & Fishing

All state fishing regulations and rules will be observed unless the Tournament Director specifies more stringent regulations – Only Five (5) 15" minimum will be weighed in. Only walleye caught on hook and line in a conventional sporting manner will be accepted for weigh in. A six (6) rod maximum limit will be allowed per team. Both artificial and live bait can be used. Only five (5) walleye per team at the dock will be weighed in. Any more than 5 fish being entered for weigh-in will result in that teams total fish weight to be disqualified from the tournament. Any fish under the 15" minimum will result in that teams total catch to be disqualified from the tournament. All fish must be kept in aerated live wells or coolers to keep fish alive and as fresh as possible for release. Use of stringers, wire fish baskets, boat bags, etc. is prohibited. Any fish mauled, frozen, stringered, injected with water or other fluids containing foreign matter to add weight or showing white gills, soft flesh, sunken eyes, or gills that won't bleed, may result in disqualification from the tournament at the discretion of the Director and rules committee. Culling of dead fish is prohibited. Once the tournament has started, (captains meeting) all contestants are prohibited from fishing except during tournament hours. All boats are subject to inspection on or off the water by tournament officials, state, and local authorities.

There will be no re-weighing of fish.	The weight stands that reads on the scales or by the discretion of the weigh master only. All contestants must possess a
valid fishing license for waters fished	1.

Severe Weather Rule

In the event of severe weather, the tournament hours may be suspended or cut short. A tournament may be canceled at the discretion of the staff at the event. If the tournament day is cut short due to severe weather, no weight for the day. "IF YOU SEE LIGHTNING, TAKE SHELTER!" **Protest**

The tournament committee or any other contestant has the right to protest another team or contestant. The protest must be filed in writing; within one (1) hour of the last flight time, on the day of the tournament, with the Tournament Director. Protest forms are available from the Tournament Director. **Spirit of the Rule**

All rules have "loop holes". It is the intention for the Tournament Director and the committee to provide a sportsman like tournament. All questions or problems are to be referred to the Tournament Director and the Rules Committee. They have sole jurisdiction in determining the application of the rules. The committee will be named at the tournament site. Any team that is disqualified will lose 100% of their fish weight that is weighed in. If you are disqualified, you are not entitled to any refund.

Waiver and Hold Harmless

All contestants in signing an entry form agree to hold harmless any and all promoters, tournament directors, agents, and organizations assisting tournament operations. Furthermore, all contestants agree to waiver all responsibility for death, injuries, liability, theft, fore or loss of any kind to entrants. I have read, and understand the above rules, and by signing the entry form is in fact signing a waiver form. No unsigned entry will be processed for competition.

Fill in Form below and send with payment to:

Eastern Michigan Sportsmen Association, P.O. Box 325, Davisburg, MI 48350

Entry Fee- \$180.00 per Team

Team Captain T-Shirt Size	T-Shirt Size
Name:	_ Name:
Address:	Address:
City:	City:
State:Zip	Zip
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
e-mail:	e-mail:
Signature:	Signature:
Boat Make & Model:	
Team Member #3 T-Shirt Size	
Name:	Association at 248-459-3575 or by email at emsasportsmen@gmail.com
Address:	
City:	
State:Zip	_
Phone Number:	
e-mail:	
Signature:	