

LOTSA 323 Tournament Rules 2019

2 day tournament – July 19th & 20th to weigh your fish!

- **ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE ONLINE AND THROUGH PAYPAL**
- **All teams who register must provide a working cell phone number who can accept text messages so LOTSAs Tournament Control can keep everyone up to date on any delays or cancellations.**

Weigh in Friday at Newfane Marina

Weigh in Saturday will be at Krull Park Lion's Pavilion

NOTICE: The food bank will be there Friday to take donated filets!

NOTICE: The food bank will not be there Saturday – all teams will be responsible for their fish.

This is meant to be a fun Tournament. We want to keep the rules as simple as possible and encourage family participation, promotion of the fishery, ongoing education for all participants and conserve the resource. As such, the rules are as follows:

DISCLAIMER:

ALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO HOLD LOTSAs, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS HARMLESS FROM ANY LIABILITY OF ANY NATURE AND KIND FOR INJURIES AND/OR DAMAGES SUFFERED WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT. ALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO USE GOOD JUDGEMENT IN REGARD TO EXISTING AND PROJECTED WEATHER CONDITIONS. LISTEN TO THE WARNINGS OF THE US COAST GUARD AND LOCAL WEATHER REPORTS BEFORE THE DAYS FISHING, AND TO NOT PLACE THEMSELVES OR OTHERS IN JEOPARDY DURING THE COURSE OF THE TOURNAMENT, TO HAVE PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES ABOARD AND TO OPERATE UNDER COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.

Eligibility:

Every Person on Board **MUST** be a **VALID** 2019 LOTSAs member by the day prior to the event in order to fish this Tournament.

The Team Captain is responsible for ensuring everyone in the boat is a LOTSAs member and eligible to compete in the Tournament.

To Enter:

Teams must register online and payments made through paypal. The deadline for online entries is the end of the day on July 17th.

The Tournament Entry Fee is \$50.00 per Boat.

Boundaries:

Lake Ontario. All government (US and CAN) regulations for boating & fishing apply.

Tournament Date: Friday July 19th & Saturday July 20th, 2019, with Sunday July 21st reserved as a rain day in case of inclement weather on Saturday.

Fishing Rules:

- Everyone in the boat must be a valid 2019 LOTSA Member in order to submit a contending fish. Any boat with a non-member aboard will be immediately disqualified.
- A contending fish must be caught by hook and line, retrieved by rod and reel, on angling tackle. Any fish having cuts, gaff marks, gill net or puncture marks anywhere on the body will be questioned.
- LOTSA 323 is a 2 day tournament and runs on Friday July 19th and Saturday July 20th
- The LOTSA 323 is a 3 fish tournament taking place over both Friday and Saturday – you do not have to fish both days to enter.
- **All fishermen on the boat must be LOTSA members!**
- **\$50 dollar entry fee – top 3 teams win! 1st 50%, 2nd 30% and 3rd 20% - 100% payback!**
- **Must be entered in LOTSA King Salmon Tournament to enter 323**
- **No shotgun start this year – Start time will be 6am with no lines in the water until 6am! **start time maybe altered based on weather** the tournament committee will update entrants via text no later than 515am.**
- **Weigh in at pavilion in Newfane Marina 3pm sharp!! Your cooler must be checked in the LOTSA Weigh in crew by 3pm. If you are not checked in by 3pm you will not be allowed to weigh fish**
- Saturday – start time 6am with weigh in Krull Park at the Lions Pavilion at 3pm sharp!! Your cooler must be checked in the LOTSA Weigh in crew by 3pm. If you are not checked in by 3pm you will not be allowed to weigh fish

- Minimum length for King Salmon is 30 inches
- 1 of the fish weighed can be a trout of any species (brown, steelhead, laker...etc) and be a minimum of 25 inches
- Once a fish is weighed in for the 323 it cannot be replaced by a larger fish on day 2
- Fish must be weighed in on the day they are caught – not legal to hold a fish from Friday and weigh Saturday.
- LOTSA Tournament committee will monitor lake conditions and make determination of a delayed start or call the tournament based on weather. All teams entering must provide a valid cell phone number that accepts text messages. We will create a group text to alert everyone if the tournament is a go based on weather no later than 5:15am.
 - If blow day on Friday the 323 will be a 1 day tournament held Saturday with weigh in at Krull Park.
 - If blow day on Saturday 323 will be a 1 day tournament held Sunday with the weigh in to be at Newfane Marina

It is at the discretion of the LOTSA Tournament Committee to disqualify any team for any illegal activity including altering the weight of the fish or lines in before 6am start time - etc.

If for whatever reason no winner is determined, 100% of the tournament fees will be refunded.

Weather:

In the interest of safety, and in consideration of the smaller boats utilized by many members of the club, the LOTSA Tournament Committee may cancel the days fishing if they determine that the lake is unsafe to fish. The LOTSA Tournament Committee may also make the decision to delay/shorten/change the fishing hours in the interest of safety. In the event the entire tournament is canceled, the tournament fee will be refunded

Prize Structure:

The Tournament will pay out 100% of the total Entry Fees collected to the top 3 teams.

Place	% of Prize Money Awarded
1st Place:	50%

2nd Place: 30%

3rd Place: 20%