

## **LOTSA 2025 Curt Meddaugh Memorial Salmon Tournament**

### **Rules:**

1. All registrations must be made online thru the LOTSA website. Registrations are capped at 60 Boats.
2. All teams who register must provide a working cell phone number that can accept text messages so LOTSA Tournament Control can keep everyone up to date on any delays or cancellations.
3. Every Person on Board MUST be a VALID LOTSA member by the day prior to the event. This includes those covered under the LOTSA Family Membership who must be entered into the LOTSA Family Membership by the day prior to the Event.
4. Boundaries -Lake Ontario. All government (US and CAN) regulations for boating & fishing apply.
5. This is a Salmon only tournament – 3 fish – heaviest box of 3 Wins!
6. The winning box of 3 fish will be determined by weight. In the event of a tie for a certain place we will add both prizes together and split evenly.
7. 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.
8. No fishing lines may be in the water prior to the Start time (6am unless changed by Text for weather).
9. All coolers must be in the weigh in line to be checked in by the End time (3pm unless changed by text for weather).
10. Weigh In & Check In:
  - When arriving for weigh in check, please have your fish clearly identified. Weigh in staff will not weigh multiple fish. (Zip Tie in the jaw is ok for identifying purposes)
  - Cooler may not have standing water in it where fish are covered or floating in any manner. Bagged ice or other contained ice is ok to keep fish cold. Before arriving to check in drain cooler of any excess water.
  - Captain must be present at check in to sign check in documentation
11. Any changes to Start or End times because of weather will be communicated by the tournament committee to all boats using the supplied phone number via text no later than 5:15am for the Start time and throughout the day if necessary.

12. It is at the discretion of the LOTSA Tournament Committee to disqualify any team for violation of any of these rules including altering the weight of the fish or lines in before 6am start time - etc. The LOTSA Board of Directors at any time have the right to exclude any individual from participating in this event; If deemed that it is not in the best interest of LOTSA. This includes, **but is not limited to**, if the individual has been banned from other tournaments. The individual will be notified and any money (for LOTSA membership or LOTSA Event entry fee) refunded to the individual. If the individual is not the boat captain but on the boat team, the whole boat team will be disqualified.

**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 for all entrants. 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.

### **DISCLAIMER:**

**ALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO HOLD LOTSA, 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.**