

LOTSA Salmon Tournament Rules 2020

- **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 LOTSА Tournament Control can keep everyone up to date on any delays or cancellations.**

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

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 LOTSА, 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 2020 LOTSА** 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 LOTSА member and eligible to compete in the Tournament. **This includes signing up on the "LOTSА Family Membership" link at our web site anyone who you are fishing with that is included under your LOTSА membership.**

To Enter:

Teams must register online and payments made through paypal. The deadline for online entries is the end of the day on July 15th.

The Tournament Entry Fee is \$50.00 per Boat.

Boundaries:

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

Tournament Date: Saturday July 18th, 2020, with Sunday July 19th reserved as a rain day in case of inclement weather on Saturday.

Fishing Rules:

- Fishing Hours: Start fishing at 6:00am and you must be in line by 3pm.
- Everyone in the boat must be a valid 2020 LOTSA Member in order to submit a contending fish. Any boat with a non-member aboard will be immediately disqualified.
- Only Salmon are eligible to win the Tournament. The winning 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.
- 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.
- **All fishermen on the boat must be LOTSA members!**
- **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 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
- This is a Salmon only tournament – 1 fish – heaviest salmon Wins!!
- Only 1 winner per boat/team!
- 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 Saturday the LOTSA Salmon Tournament will be held Sunday with weigh in at Newfane Marina
- Payout (based on 29 boats) – 1st \$580, 2nd \$435, 3rd \$290 and 4th \$145
- If we have more than 29 boats additional payouts will be added!
- Payouts will be awarded after the weigh in
- All contending fish must be in line by 3:00 PM to be considered for prizes.
- **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.**
- In the event of a tie with weight prizes will be split evenly between teams

- **For example** – first place tie....payouts for 1st and 2nd will be added and split evenly
- If for whatever reason no winner is determined, 100% of the tournament fees will be refunded.

IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WEIGHMASTER TO DETERMINE WHICH FISH IN YOUR BOX IS THE LARGEST.

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.

- Please monitor VHF Channel 10 for any tournament updates

Prize Structure:

The Tournament will pay out 100% of the total Entry Fees collected to the top 4 largest salmon as follows:

Based on a 29 Boat field

| Place | % of Prize Money Awarded |
|------------|--------------------------|
| 1st Place: | 40% - \$580.00 |
| 2nd Place: | 30% - \$435.00 |
| 3rd Place: | 20% - \$290.00 |
| 4th Place: | 10% - \$145.00 |

If 29 Boats do not enter, payouts will be adjusted accordingly

For every 2 boats above 29, we'll add an additional \$100.00 payout. (100% Payout)

Example: 35 boats entered, we will pay the 4 listed above, plus 3 additional slots at \$100.00, 7 places payout

Example 2: 32 boats - same top 4 places, plus and additional \$100 (5th place) and \$50 (6th place)