



## Terms & Conditions 2017 LOTSA King Salmon Tournament Rules

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. The LOTSA King Salmon Tournament is a 1 King Salmon Tournament box competing for the largest King of all of the boats entered.

The rules are as follows:

### **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 FLOATION DEVICES ABOARD AND TO OPERATE UNDER COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Every Person on Board MUST be a VALID 2017 LOTSA 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 LOTSA member and eligible to compete in the Tournament.

There can be as few as 1 individual on a Team. There is no maximum number of team members so long as all individuals on board are LOTSA Members.

### **ENTRY FEE:**

The Tournament Entry Fee is \$60.00 per Boat.

### **BOUNDARIES:**

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

### **TOURNAMENT DATE:**

Saturday, with Sunday reserved in case of inclement weather on Saturday.

If the Tournament is canceled on Saturday then Sunday will be the Tournament.

### **FISHING HOURS:**

Each fishing day – shotgun start time from each port by a LOTSA Harbor contact boat. The planned start time is 6am unless it is delayed by weather

Niagara River, Wilson, Olcott and Oak Orchard – please gather outside piers heads...for the river please setup in front of Coast Guard Station

Each team must register with their respective LOTSA Harbor contact boat prior to the shotgun start. Any Team that leaves prior to shotgun start or does not register with their LOTSA Harbor contact boat will be disqualified.

The contact info for each LOTSA Harbor contact boat will be available on the home page of the web site.

### **WEIGH IN LOCATIONS:**

Saturday - at Krull Park at the Lions Pavilion at 3pm sharp!

Sunday (if Saturday is canceled) - the pavilion in the Newfane Marina at 3pm sharp!

Any Boat not in line at 3pm will not be allowed to weigh any fish. If the tournament is shortened because of weather, the 3pm time may be moved up.



**ENTRY DEADLINE:**

A fully completed registration form along with payment is required for the Entry to be logged. Teams must register online and make their entry fee payments using our secure PayPal payment service. **The deadline for entries is the end of the day on Wednesday before the tournament.**

**FISHING RULES:**

Everyone in the boat must be a valid LOTSA Member in order to submit a contending fish. Any boat with a non-member aboard will be immediately disqualified.

Anyone who is a charter captain can fish the tournament as long as they are not running a charter during the tournament.

The weight of the King Salmon will determine the winners

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 and may be disqualified.

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

IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WEIGHMASTER TO DETERMINE WHICH FISH IN YOUR BOX IS THE LARGEST, PLEASE HAVE THE FISH YOU WISH TO ENTER IDENTIFIED PRIOR TO THE WEIGH IN!!!

It is totally at the discretion of the LOTSA Tournament Committee to disqualify any fish for any illegal activity including altering the weight of the fish, 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.

**COMMUNICATION:**

Any changes to these rules or weather related changes will be posted on both the LOTSA Website's Main Home Page and a group text sent out to each captain at the number they provided in their tournament signup. If during the tournament, a decision is made to shorten the tournament, a group text will be sent and an announcement will be put out on Channel 10 by the LOTSA Harbor contact boat.

**PRIZE STRUCTURE**

The Tournament will pay out 100% of the total Entry Fees collected to the top 4 largest Kings 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 will 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 an additional \$100 (5th place) and \$50 (6th place)