

# Hoosier Coho Club Classic Tournament May 5th and May 6<sup>th</sup> 2012

## Official Tournament Rules

### 1. Dates and Times

- a. Tournament dates are Saturday May 5th and Sunday May 6, 2012
- b. Registration will be held at the Washington Park tent on May 4th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM (CST). The Captain's meeting will follow immediately at 7:00 PM. ALL CAPTAINS MUST ATTEND.
- c. The awards ceremony will commence following the weigh-in on Sunday May 6th at the Washington Park tent.
- d. Time limits for both days are 7AM-1:00PM (CST) (NO RUN TIME)
- e. The contest is considered official if a minimum of three (3) hours are fished between Saturday and Sunday. Prizes will be awarded based on points accumulated during the official fishing periods.
- f. There shall be no fishing by tournament contestants except during tournament hours either day of the tournament. Nor shall a boat registered in the tournament leave the harbor for any reason on Saturday and Sunday except during the official periods.

### 2. Eligibility

- a. A licensed charter captain must fish in the Pro Division even when participating as a crew. All non-charter captains and crews may register in either division.
- b. All captains must be a member of the Hoosier Coho Club. Proof of membership is required at registration on May 4th. All non-members may join the club for \$20 annual dues.
- c. All boats must be equipped with a VHF marine radio in working order.

### 3. Entry Fees

- a. Pro Division: The basic entry fee is \$475; after April 28th, the fee is \$525
- b. Amateur Division: The basic entry fee is \$225; after April 28th, the fee is \$275.
- c. 24 & Under Division: The basic entry fee is \$100; after April 28, the fee is \$125.
- d. All entries fees must be received NO LATER THAN 7:00PM on May 4th, 2012.
- e. If the tournament is cancelled due to weather conditions, all entry fees minus 10% will be refunded. In the case of a last minute emergency that prevents an entrant from participating in the tournament, said entrant may apply to the tournament committee for a refund. The decision to refund shall be made by the committee.

### 4. Scoring

- a. Winners will be determined by a total accumulation of points based on:
  - i. Ten (10) points per legal fish weighed, plus:
  - ii. One point per pound (nearest hundredth pound) total weight.
- b. The team accumulating the highest number of points will be the winner, followed by the team with the next highest accumulation, and so on.

- c. The following fish shall be eligible: Salmon and Trout greater than 14" in length, except Lake Trout that must be 20" minimum in length.

5. Prizes

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> place Pro pays \$10,000 based on 30 boats participating. Additional prizes may be awarded. Approximately 90% of entry fees will be awarded.
- b. 1<sup>st</sup> place amateur pays \$2500 based on 30 boats participating. Additional prizes may be awarded. Approximately 90% of entry fees will be awarded.
- c. 1<sup>st</sup> place 24 U pays \$1250 based on 25 boats participating. Additional prizes may be awarded. Approximately 90% of fees will be awarded.

6. Second Chance Tournament

Entry fee is \$150 pro and \$75 amateur and 24U. All entries must be received by 3:00 PM on May 5th. The payout will be 70% of the pot to 1<sup>st</sup> place and 30% of the pot to 2<sup>nd</sup> place for each division. The winner will be determined based on total points for day two. The top five boats after day one are ineligible and 2<sup>nd</sup> chance entry fees for those boats will be refunded.

7. Big Fish Contest

Entry fee is \$25. All entries must be received by 7:00 PM on May 4th. There will be a separate big fish contest for the pro and amateur and 24 U divisions. One fish may be weighed in each day. The captain designates the first fish to be weighed as the big fish. No test weighting. No exceptions will be made. First place will be the biggest fish caught during the tournament and will receive 70% of the pot and 2nd place 30% of the pot for each division.

8. Fishing Rules

- a. All boats must depart and return to the port of Michigan City, IN.
- b. All DNR state laws and regulations apply while fishing within that states jurisdiction.
- c. Maximum number of rods fishing at any time is nine (9). Fishing means "line in the water". One slider per rod will be allowed. Maximum 2 baits per rod.
- d. A maximum of ten (10) Salmon and/or Trout may be weighed each fishing period and a maximum of three (3) Lake Trout may be included each fishing period.
- e. DNR rules will apply for the waters being fished. Fish may be released in accordance with DNR rules. This means that you can release a fish when it is first caught and cannot exchange a fish from your cooler for a larger fish, as returning a dead fish to the water would be on violation of the DNR rules.
- f. Minimum size for lake trout is 20 inches and all other species is 14 inches. Certified boards will be used at the weigh-in station.

9. Start and Finish

- a. The tournament committee will use Channel 78 to start and end each fishing period. No lines are permitted in the water until the start is announced.
- b. You must not depart a one-half mile radius from the pier heads until the announcement of the start of the fishing period.
- c. Your boat must enter the Michigan City Harbor by 1:00 PM or you will be disqualified for that particular day. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- d. All boats must radio in to tournament control on channel 9 upon entering the harbor at the end of each fishing period.

- e. Once a fishing period is declared closed by the tournament committee no more fish may be boated. All boats must proceed directly to the weigh-in station.

#### 10. Weigh-in

- a. At the close of the fishing period the boat must return to the slip and directly to the weigh-in station at the Washington Park Tent. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
- b. At least one crewmember and the observer (if applicable) will transport the fish to the weigh station and stay with the catch until it is officially scored.
- c. You can weigh only 10 fish . If you have more than the specified limit in your cooler at weigh-in, you will be disqualified for that days catch. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- d. No water or loose ice will be allowed in the coolers at weigh-in. Bagged ice may be used in the coolers at all times.
- e. All fish may be tested for time in possession. The tournament committee may retain any fish for any reason.
- f. Fish may not be left at the weigh-in station. Disposition of fish must be in compliance with state and local laws.

#### 11. Communications

- a. All participants should monitor channel 78 at all times. Important tournament information will be broadcast on this channel. Please restrict communication to vital tournament communication only. Participants who miss these announcements will still be held liable.

#### 12. Observers

- a. Observers are required for the Pro Division. Observers may be placed on the top Amateur and 24U boats.
- b. Pro Division Captains are responsible for providing their own observer. The observer switch will take place on Friday night after the Captain's meeting. Captains and observers must be present for the switch. Observers must be on board 30 minutes prior to the start of each fishing period.

#### 13. Boat Identification

The tournament committee will furnish a flag and boat identification number at registration. The flag shall be flown on the tournament boat's radio antenna in full view from all directions and the ID number shall be prominently displayed on the starboard side from the start of the fishing period through the conclusion of the weigh-in.

#### 14. Protests

- a. Tournament judges will resolve disputes. Their decision will be final.
- b. Protests must be presented to the Tournament Committee in writing on the day of the infraction by within 60 minutes of the end of the fishing period with \$100. If the protest is upheld, you will get the \$100 back, otherwise the tournament will retain the \$100.

#### 15. Cancellations

- a. The Tournament Committee may cancel the tournament, when in their opinion conditions could be dangerous to persons or property. The committee will announce

their determination of a delayed start or cancellation 45 minutes before each fishing period.

- b. After a fishing period has begun, an announcement will be made on channel 78 if cancellation or postponement is imminent. A minimum of 15 minutes notice will be given prior to the early termination of a fishing period.
- c. If a fishing period is shortened, all boats must proceed as described in Sections 10 and 11.

#### 16. Disqualifications and Penalties

- a. Disqualification for any reason will result in the forfeiture of all entry fees.
- b. Failure to comply with any of the rules listed in Section 8 will result in disqualification.
- c. Failure to proceed directly to the weigh-in station will result in disqualification.
- d. If you arrive at the weigh-in station area with more than 10 fish in your cooler or more than 3 lake trout you will be disqualified for that days catch.
- e. Any fish taken in violation of DNR regulations will disqualify that day's catch.
- f. Failure to dispose of fish per state and local laws will result in disqualification.
- g. Running gunnel to gunnel or passing any item from boat to boat will result in disqualification. However, a tournament boat may stop to assist a vessel in distress.
- h. Failure to submit an Official log sheet with the signature of the Captain and the Observer (where applicable) will result in losing that day's catch.

#### 17. Liability

- a. All reasonable precautions will be taken by the tournament committee to protect persons and property during the tournament. Neither the tournament committee, rules committee, officers and directors of the Hoosier Coho Club, or sponsors can or will be responsible for the safety of persons for accident, theft, damage by fire, vandalism, or any other cause for loss to a contestants property.
- b. Participants understand and agree to hold harmless the aforementioned groups and individuals from liability or damage as may be incurred from participation in the tournament. Your signature on the registration form acknowledges your acceptance of these terms.

#### 18. Rule Changes

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change any of these rules and post changes up to 45 minutes prior to the start of the tournament.

## 2011 Hoosier Coho Club Classic Tournament

- OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM -

**Tournament Dates - Sat. April 30th - Sun. May 1st 2011**

**Captain's Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boat Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Boat Length:** \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$425 Pro division entry fee before April 23, **\$450 after April 23**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$225 Amateur division entry fee before April 23, **\$250 after April 23.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 24U division entry fee before April 23, **\$125 after April 23.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Big Fish Pot (Separate awards for Pro, Am and 24U divisions)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$150 Pro division Second Chance Tournament
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Amateur and 24U (combined) divisions Second Chance Tournament
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$300 Big Boys Pot for Pro division only
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 Big Boys Pot for Amateur and 24U (combined) divisions only
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 Hoosier Coho Club membership (Captain required).

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Total (make checks payable to Hoosier Coho Club Classic)

- \* All entries must be received no later than 7 p.m. CST on April 29.
- \* Registration is at the Washington Park tent from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- \* Captains meeting is at 7 p.m. (All Captains must attend)
- \* Fishing period is 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day
- \* All captains must be members of the Hoosier Coho Club
- \* Licensed charter captains must enter the Pro division
- \* All payments after April 23 must be in the form of cash
- \* Complete rules are available at [www.hoosiercohoclub.org](http://www.hoosiercohoclub.org).

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Captain's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed form to: Hoosier Coho Club  
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