

2026

# Cabin Fever Tournament



Saturday April 11, 2026

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

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

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

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- \$75 Registration Fee per boat - Big Fish Prize Package provided by Slez's Bait Shop**
- **Includes 2026 membership to the Hoosier Coho Club.**

## Dates and Times

- The tournament date is Saturday April 11. If cancelled due to weather it will be announced the evening before on the HCC Facebook page. If the weather is borderline, then the decision will be made the morning of the tournament.
- Registration will be held at the Portage Public Marina (near launch) AND 600 Dock gazebo in Washington Park marina (next to cleaning station) from 5:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. CDT. There will be no captains meeting.
- The start time is 6:30 AM CDT (NO RUN TIME). You must not depart a one-half mile radius from the pier heads until the announcement of the start of the fishing period.
- There is no stop time You must be in line to weigh in no later than 1:00pm. Weigh in will be held at the Izaak Walton League (1250 Crisman Rd, Portage, IN 46368). The Izaak Walton League is across the street from the back of the Portage Public Marina rock lot.
- You may circle around and drop off your cooler, but please keep your boat parked in the marina rock lot.
- The contest is considered official if a minimum of three (3) hours are fished.
- Contact Sean Coffey with any questions: (219) 369-3360 (text message preferred).

## Scoring

- Winners will be determined by a total accumulation of points based on:
  - Ten (10) points per legal fish weighed, plus:
  - One point per pound (nearest hundredth pound) total weight.
- Tournament bag will consist of ten (10) fish, nine (9) of which must be Coho. Big Fish may be any salmon / trout species and will count towards your overall tournament bag (10<sup>th</sup> "kicker" fish).

## **Prizes**

- a. Winnings will be paid down 4 places based on 30 boats. Places paid down will increase as the number of boats participating increases.
- b. **Trophies / plaques will be issued for top 2 places and big fish.**
- c. **Biggest fish will be awarded a Big Fish Prize Package provided by Slez's Bait Shop**

## **Fishing Rules**

- a. Boats may depart out of **Portage, IN or Michigan City, IN**. Weigh in will be held at back of the Portage Izaak Walton parking lot.
- a. 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. Maximum of 6-foot slider.
- b. **DNR rules will apply for the waters being fished.**
- c. Once a boat brings aboard the maximum number of fish per DNR Rules (5 per person) fishing stops. If you net the fish and bring over the gunnel—it's your fish and cannot be released. To be released, you must release the fish without bringing it into the boat.

## **Start and Finish**

- a. The tournament committee will use Channel 78 to start and end each fishing period. No lines in the water until the start is announced. All participants should monitor Channel 78 at all times.
- b. A crewmember with the fish to be weighed must be in line at the weigh in station by 1:00 PM or one hour after the tournament committee declares the end of the fishing period.

## **Protests**

- a. Tournament judges will resolve disputes. Their decision will be final.

## **Disqualifications**

- h. Disqualification for any reason will result in the forfeiture of all entry fees.
- i. Failure to comply with any of the rules listed in **Fishing Rules** will result in disqualification.
- j. Any fish taken in violation of DNR regulations will disqualify that day's catch.
- k. 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. If assistance is needed, it must be called in to the tournament committee over the radio on channel 78 to notify them that you are assisting a vessel in distress.

## **Rule Changes**

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify any rules and announce changes up to 45 minutes prior to the start of the tournament.

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 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. 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.

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