

2021



# Buffalo Bill Memorial

April 23, 2021

## Official Tournament Rules

### Dates and Times

- a. Tournament date is Friday April 23, 2021.
- b. Registration will be held at the MCYC Pavilion from 5:30 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. CDT. The Captain's Meeting will be at 6:00 a.m. CDT. **ALL CAPTAINS MUST ATTEND.**
- c. The awards ceremony will commence following the weigh-in at the Michigan City Yacht Club Pavilion.
- d. **Should Indiana Covid regulations prevent our anticipated gatherings, a virtual captains meeting, drive through weigh-in, and virtual awards ceremony may be required. This will be covered during registration as necessary.**
- e. The tournament fishing period is 7:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- f. The contest is considered official if a minimum of three (3) hours are fished. Prizes will be awarded based on points accumulated during the official fishing periods.

### Eligibility

- a. All captains must be a member of the Hoosier Coho Club and be a minimum of 18 years of age. Proof of membership is required at registration. All non-members may join the club for \$25 annual dues.
- b. All boats must be equipped with a VHF marine radio in working order.
- c. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decline entry or participation by any person, team or boat, as deemed necessary, to ensure such things as integrity, image, reputation, financial performance and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups.

### Entry Fees

- a. Entry Fee is \$100 per boat.

### Scoring

- a. 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. Weigh your best 10 fish.
- b. All Salmon / Trout are eligible except for Lake Trout. Lake Trout are NOT eligible.

### Prizes—100% Payout

- a. Payout: 100% of entries collected to top three (3) places. 1<sup>st</sup> – 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 35%, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15%.
- b. All prizes will be issued to winners at the tournament.

### Big Fish Contest

- a. Entry fee is \$25.
- b. Payout: 100% of entries collected to top three (3) places. 1<sup>st</sup> – 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 35%, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 15%.
- c. The captain designates the first fish to be weighed as the big fish. **No test weighing. No exceptions.**

### 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. 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.
- d. Once a boat brings aboard the maximum amount 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. In order to be released, you must release it without bringing it into the boat.
- e. 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.

### **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 must monitor Channel 78 at all times.
- 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. A crewmember with the fish to be weighed must be in line at the weigh in station by 2:30 p.m. Only 10 fish can be brought to the weigh-in station.

### **Protests**

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

### **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 **Start and Finish**.

### **Disqualifications**

- 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 **Fishing Rules** 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, you will be disqualified.
- e. Water or loose ice in the cooler at the weigh station will result in disqualification.
- f. Any fish taken in violation of DNR regulations will disqualify that day's catch.
- g. Failure to dispose of fish per state and local laws will result in disqualification.
- h. 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.

### **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 contestant's 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.

### **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.

