

## OFFICIAL SALMON DERBY RULES

- MCSFA Members only – You must be a Business, Charter or Non-charter member of the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association for 2026 to be eligible for prizes. Membership must be obtained/renewed at least one day prior to weighing in fish.
- Any fish legally landed on a Non-charter Member's boat is eligible for prizes, however, the Member must be present at time of catch and enter the fish, with prizes awarded to Members only. Members may distribute prizes as they see fit.
- Participation is NOT restricted to boat owners. Members fishing from piers or shore can also enter fish in the Derby, however all pier or shore landed fish must be caught and landed by a Member entering the fish.
- Boats licensed for charter must have a Charter Membership registered as such in MCSFA events. In which case, only the Charter Member is eligible to weigh fish caught on the boat. Prizes will be awarded to the Charter Member and they may distribute prizes as they see fit.
- Business members that list a boat will be held to the same rules as Charter Membership and those that do not list a boat will be held to the same rules as Non-Charter members.
- Members may enter as many fish as desired.
- Members must have fish weighed on a MCSFA certified scale and have the weigh-in slip dated **and** signed by another captain, member, or weigh station attendant and turned in by the last day of the month. A picture of the fish on the scale may be requested to verify. **Slips not dated and signed will not be accepted.**
- Members may only win once per month per species.



- Member's biggest fish of the month may be counted for each species. Thus eliminating someone winning multiple spots in the same species.
- In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed in will win.
- All fish must be caught legally with hook and line.
- All fish must be at least 10 pounds for the Salmon Derby to qualify for prizes.
- All State of Michigan fishing laws apply unless otherwise stated.
- Fishing waters include all navigable waters of Manistee County.
- Members must leave from and return to Manistee County Harbors of origin for fish to qualify in these events.
- Qualifying species – Brown Trout, Steelhead, Salmon and Lake Trout
- All cash prizes will be awarded the following spring during the Annual Spring Banquet.
- Annual membership starts the day you pay your dues. Fish cannot be entered in Derby for that day.

**Please weigh fish during business hours only!!!**

Official weigh stations: Arcadia Marine - Manistee River RV Resort - Tangled Tackle - Pier 31 - Onekama Marine - Shipwatch Marina - Riverside Taxidermy - Hokanson's Marina

