

## **Small Boat Big Fish Tournament**

Manistee County Sport Fishing Association

Saturday, May 2nd 2026

Back-up Date, May 3rd, 2026 (due to possible inclement weather on Saturday)

This is a Big Fish Tournament being held by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association for ALL fishermen & women.

Boats must be from 14 to 23 feet in length. The entry is **\$50.00** per boat. At least one person on each boat must be a member of the MCSFA (Fun fish membership or any big lake membership).

Registration for the tournament can be completed from 6-6:30 PM on Friday at the Lion's Pavillon, OR Registration by mail or in person, must be received by MCSFA no later than Wednesday April 29th, 2026. Registration forms are available at [www.MCSFA.org](http://www.MCSFA.org).

**There will be a Captains meeting following the final registration period at 6:45pm on Friday.**

This is a one-day tournament beginning at 6:30 AM and concluding at 12 PM. The weather back-up date is Sunday, May 3rd, 2026. In the event both days are canceled, all entry fees will be refunded. In case of bad weather, a tournament committee of MCSFA officials will determine a GO/NO GO status at 6:30 AM or sooner and will make appropriate announcements on VHF channel 68 and by the MCSFA Facebook page. After that time, responsibility will be assumed by each captain for their boat and crew. In case of early termination, all fishing is to cease and all boats must return.

Fishing ends at 12 PM when all lines must be out of the water. It is a gentleman's agreement for each boat to have lines in by 12 PM. In the case of inclement weather or other unforeseen factors or conditions, three (3) hours of fishing will constitute a tournament.

All Michigan DNR rules and regulations apply to this tournament and there is a limit of 9 rods in the water at one time. Sliders may be used; however, you are limited to 1 per rod. The maximum slider length is 72 inches.

Fishing may occur in the waters of Lake Michigan from the West end of the stub pier of Manistee out into Lake Michigan (Michigan waters only). Tournament boats will stage near our just outside of the pier heads in Lake Michigan until the 6:30AM command begins fishing. All boats fishing must return to the same launch they departed from.

The weigh-in station will be located at Lion's Pavillon. Each boat may enter one fish only. Scales will be open for weighing in from 12:30 PM until 1:30 PM. It is the fishermen's responsibility to have their fish at the scales within the allotted time. Prizes and payouts to follow shortly after all fish have been weighed.

Payouts will be for at least the three biggest fish. 1<sup>st</sup> place is a **guaranteed \$1000.00 prize**. The number of entries to the tournament will determine any remaining prizes. In the event of a tie, the prize money for that place will be split and every place thereafter adjusted appropriately. A MCSFA member must weigh all fish. All fish weighed will require a signed affidavit that the fish was caught on your boat in accordance with the rules.

MCSFA officials will review all questions of concern or possible violations and their decisions will be final. Questions should be referred to Michael Linke (231-233-8191), or Logan Skiera (231-233-3236).



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Presents the:  
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**\* Manistee \***  
**Register Today!**

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: By signing this document, the person whose signature appears below acts as a representative of the team and agrees to the following:

1. I hereby release, discharge and waive all claims of any type against the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association, its officers, successors, assigns, employees, participating group and persons officially connected with this event from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY, LOSS, CLAIM OR DAMAGE OF ANY TYPE ARISING OUT OF RELATED TO OR CAUSED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS OR ANY EVENT, ACTIVITY, OR ACTION OCCURRING AT/OR DURING THIS OR ANY COMPETITION sanctioned by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association.
2. I agree that I will abide by all tournament rules and will accept the decision of the tournament rules committee and agree that the decision of the tournament rules committee will be final and I will PURSUE NO ACTION contesting any decision of the rules committee.
3. I am fully qualified and have experience in events such as this.
4. I am of legal age and capacity (participants under the age of 18 must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian).

I state that I have read this document in full and understand that I am giving up all rights to damages from injuries to me personally and/or my property, as well as giving up all rights to seek damages as a result of the tournament rules committee decision.

My signature appears voluntarily with full knowledge of the rights that I have under law. I fully understand and agree to the terms and conditions as set forth herein. I am under no disability legal, physical or mental, which impairs my ability to sign.

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # on boat \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with payment by Wednesday April 29, 2026 by mailing to MCSFA, PO Box 98, Manistee, MI 49660 or register from 6 – 6:30 PM at Lion's Pavillon on Friday, May 1, 2026.

