

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES 2012

RULES: Interpretation of these rules shall be exclusively to the tournament committee. The decision of the officials shall be final.

PARTICIPANTS & ELIGIBILITY: At least one firefighter per boat. 2 person teams.

LEGAL FISH: Any Game Fish and Pan fish in season will be used for this tournament. Fish from the Carp or Catfish families will not be considered "game fish" and will be eligible only for the purposes of the "Big Fish" contest. All legal size limit and total number of fish will follow the State of Michigan 2012 Fishing Guidelines. ***No Pan fish less than 5 inches will be weighed in.***

SCORING: Tournament standing will be determined by pounds and oz's for each type of game fish which the **team** will bring to the weigh in. Pan fish will be weighed by total weight. Only the legal number of fish in your possession by state law will be weighed in. Fish will be scored in teams of 2. If there are more than 2 persons fishing on a boat, fish will be divided up via the "honor system".

BIG FISH: Big fish category will be weighed in by each participant with any legal game fish.

TIES: Any ties will be broken by the weight of the largest fish and then total number of fish.

OFFICIAL CHECK IN: You must check in with tournament officials prior to the tournament meeting. Check in time will start 1-1/2 hours prior to the tournament. At this time you will receive your start number. And your boat will be checked for proper safety equipment. **Everyone** must check in at the end of the tournament, even if you catch no fish.

OFFICAL CHECKPOINT: The boat launch will be the official checkpoint for checkout and check-in. Tournament officials will have no responsibility for finding missing teams.

SAFETY: Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. Each competitor is required to follow current State of Michigan Boating Rules and Regulations and U.S. Coast Guard Boating safety rules.

BOAT & MOTOR: Every boat must have all required safety equipment (i.e. Flares, Life Jacket, Oars, etc.)

FISHING LICENSE/ REGULATIONS: Must follow the State of Michigan 2012 fishing rules and regulations.

BOAT IDENTIFICATION: Each boat will be given an identification number and shall remain on your boat until end of tournament.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Permitted only where/how allowed by State of Michigan laws/regulations. Intoxicated participants that appear to be excessively intoxicated and/or pose a danger to self/others will be asked to leave, without refund, at discription of tournament officials. Law enforcement may be contacted if deemed necessary and their decisions supersede that of tournament officials at all times.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: All fish must be caught using rod and reel. Each competitor may use only one rod and reel at a time.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations must be made seven days prior to tournament date. Cancellations after that period will result in forfeit of all monies. Substitutions are allowable with permission of the tournament committee.

I believe I am physically fit for the event. In consideration of your accepting this entry form, I, intending to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, personal administrators waive and release all rights and claims for damages I may have against Firefighters Fishing for Kids, Firefighters Fishing for Kids committee members, State of Michigan DNR, the sponsors of this event, its agents, representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries suffered by me at said event, or which may arise out of traveling to, participation in and returning from these events. I also authorize Firefighters Fishing for Kids officials to utilize any photographs and videotape of my participation in Firefighters Fishing for kids for any and all purposes, accordingly.

Persons Fishing _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

Signature _____

T-shirt size: Child 10-12 S M L XL XXL XXXL T-Shirt Child 10-12 S M L XL XXL XXXL

Please mail this application and make checks payable to: Firefighters Fishing for Kids

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**Additional T-Shirts will be available for \$10 each
Deadline for entry is May 18th, 2012**