

2019 Club Championship Series

Official Tournament Rules



1. Dates and Times

- a. This is a derby style tournament that will be run over two days. The tournament dates are as follows:
 - **June 8 & 9, 2019**
 - **July 13 & 14, 2019**
 - **August 17 & 18, 2019**
 - **August 31 & September 1, 2019**
- b. Registration and entry fees may be paid to Mike Taylor (Boatre Dame), slip number 711 at Washington Park Marina or Jeff Carlin (Reel Dirty), slip number F10 at Marina Shores (Portage) prior to the fishing start time each date.
- c. Boats will be allowed to fish out of **East Chicago, Michigan City, New Buffalo, Portage, or St. Joseph**. Leaving from another port on either day will result in disqualification. **The point of the championship series is for everyone to compete and have fun on home water.** Boats may leave the dock any time after 12:00 AM Saturday. Scales will be open from 3:00 PM until 4:00 PM both days at the fish cleaning station in **Washington Park Marina, Michigan City**, Indiana, and at the fish cleaning station at **Marina Shoes, Portage, IN**. All times are CST. Fish may be weighed on either or both days of the tournament period.

2. Eligibility

- a. All captains must be a member of the Hoosier Coho Club and be a minimum of 18 years of age. All non-members may join the club at any time for \$25 annual dues.
- b. Captains must fish three out of four events to be eligible to win club champion.
- c. Tributary fishing will be allowed in teams of a maximum of four people. The four-person team will designate a "Captain". Allowable Tributaries are located between St. Joseph, MI and East Chicago, IN.
- d. Any boat fishing by boat one day, and tributary the next (or vice versa) must designate their team and have it approved by the tournament committee prior to fishing.

3. Entry Fees

- a. The entry fee for each event is \$50.
- b. Big fish entry fee for each event is \$25
- c. Overall series Big fish for the entire year is \$50. This pays out for all Salmon / Trout species.
- d. All entries fees must be received prior to the starting fish time of each tournament.

4. Scoring

- a. Winners for individual tournaments will be determined by a total accumulation of points based on a maximum of 5 fish weighed in total for the two-day fishing period. For example, if you weigh 3 fish Saturday, you may only weigh 2 fish on Sunday.
 - i. One point per pound (nearest hundredth pound) total weight plus:
 - ii. Bonus Points: **5 pts Brown Trout, 4 pts King Salmon, 3 pts Steelhead, 3 pts Coho, and 1 pt Lake Trout.**
- b. The team accumulating the highest number of points in each individual tournament will be the winner, followed by the team with the next highest accumulation, and so on.
- c. Club Champion scoring will utilize a points system based on your placement in each tournament. For example – 1st place - 1 point, 2nd - 2 points and so on. 11th place and higher will receive 11 points.
- d. At the end of the season, the boat with the least points is crowned club champion. If a tie occurs, largest “Big Fish” will be used as a tie breaker.
- e. Your top three (out of four) events will be used to determine club champion scoring.
- f. Big fish for each event the largest of your 5 fish weighed and will be species specific for each individual tournament. This big fish must be part of your 5 fish weighed for the tournament.
- g. Overall Big fish for the entire series (separate \$50 entry for the year) will pay out for each species (Coho, King, Brown, Steelhead, Lake Trout). You may weigh any of these big fish at each event separately. They do not have to be a part of your 5 fish bag for each tournament.

5. Prizes

- a. Individual Contests will payout 100% to the top three places (60%, 30%, 10%).
- b. Big Fish for each event will pay back 100. 70% for first and 30% for second.
- c. Big fish for the entire series will pay out for each species (Coho, King, Brown, Steelhead, Lake Trout). **Guaranteed minimum payout of 1st - \$350, 2nd - \$150 for each species.**
- d. All winners will receive trophies / plaques and cash prizes. Trophies, plaques, and winnings will be awarded at the September HCC meeting / awards ceremony.
- e. At the conclusion of all four events (September HCC meeting) the overall winner be named **Club Champion**.

6. Fishing Rules

- a. All DNR state laws and regulations apply while fishing within that states jurisdiction. Minimum size species is 14 inches. Certified boards will be used at the weigh-in station. **DNR rules will apply.**
- b. You may NOT exchange fish with any other boat or weigh fish caught outside of the tournament period.

7. 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 will result in disqualification.

8. 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.

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Registration Form



Captain Name: _____

Boat Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

_____ June 8 & 9	\$50.00	_____ Big Fish	\$25.00 (King)
_____ July 13 & 14	\$50.00	_____ Big Fish	\$25.00 (Steelhead)
_____ August 17 & 18	\$50.00	_____ Big Fish	\$25.00 (Lake Trout)
_____ Aug 31 & Sept 1	\$50.00	_____ Big Fish	\$25.00 (King)

_____ Overall Big Fish for the year \$50 - Pays out for all Salmon /Trout species.

****For any questions please contact:**

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