

General Tournament Rules

1. ALL tournaments have a nine (9) rod limit, three (3) rods per person. DNR rules apply.
2. Everyone must be on time for weigh-ins.
3. Lake tournaments give you 1.5 hours and river tournaments give you 1 hour to be in line for weigh-ins after tournament ends.
4. Tournaments that are cancelled are scheduled for the following day weather permitting.
5. Lake Michigan and Lake Erie tournaments weigh in 10 biggest fish. Maximum catch is a 3 person limit per boat.
6. River tournaments are your 3 biggest fish. Maximum catch is a 3 person limit per boat.
7. First place trophies will be awarded to a Battle Creek Steelheader ONLY.
8. St Joe river boundaries from first bridge below dam to last bridge before Lake Michigan.
9. Lake Michigan tournaments must launch from either St. Joe or South Haven.
10. Lake Erie tournament boats may launch from Sterling State Park to Bolles Harbor.
11. Lake tournaments depart pier heads no earlier than 30 minutes before tournament start time.
12. Anyone onboard a boat fishing a tournament must be paid and entered into tournament. Except Kids under 17.
13. Tournament boats must monitor channel 71 for tournament information.
14. Entries in the Connie McGowan tournament must have a Battle Creek Steelheader Captain.