



MCBC TOURNAMENT TRAIL



TOURNAMENT TRAIL CREATED BY COLLEGE ANGLERS, FOR COLLEGE ANGLERS

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

WHERE	Lake Erie, Marblehead, OH
WHEN	July 13-14, 2024
RAMP LOCATION	East Harbor State Park Red Bird Trail, Lakeside Marblehead, OH, 43440
TAKEOFF/WEIGH-IN	6:00 am takeoff and 3:00pm weigh-in
ENTRY FEE	\$100 per boat. Optional \$20 big bass side pot. All paid in cash the morning of or at pre tournament meeting, unless you have talked with the Tournament Directors
PAYOUT	80% payback, and payout to top 20% of the field

Register online using the [google form link](#). Please complete registration form by May 23rd. Teams can register in-person, cash only during pre-tournament meeting if the tournament isn't full. Tournament morning registration is from 5:00am till 5:45am in the morning of the tournament. There is no limit on the number of boats each school may enter.

This event **DOES** qualify for Bass Pro Shops ACA School of the Year Points.

THE MCBC TOURNAMENT TRAIL HOPES TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL AND ENJOYABLE EVENT FOR ALL. WE HOPE TO FILL THE VOID OF THE LACK OF COLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION THROUGHOUT THE MIDWEST AND NORTHEAST. WE WANT TO GIVE A BIG THANKS TO KARL'S FISHING & OUTDOORS FOR BEING OUR TITLE SPONSOR FOR THE MCBC TOURNAMENT TRAIL. WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT ON THIS EVENT WITHOUT THE HELP OF THEM. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE MCBC TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AT MIDNORTHERNCBC@GMAIL.COM.

TOURNAMENT RULES

The following rules will apply to the tournament and remain unchanged throughout the event unless State or local laws are in conflict. Anglers must follow Ohio state laws at all times. The interpretation and enforcement of rules will be left to the Tournament Directors. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Directors will take appropriate action, and all matters are final.

OFF LIMITS

There is no off limit period leading up to the event. Competitors will be allowed to pre-fish for the event up until 3 pm July 12th. Pre-tournament meeting will be held at 5 pm at the Fisherman Central Parking Lot.

PARTICIPATION/ELIGIBILITY

Participation is open to college students who are enrolled full time in an accredited university and are members of the recognized fishing team/club. Proof of enrollment may be requested. There is no limit to the number of boats each university may enter in the tournament. Only two competitors will be allowed per boat. Individuals may fish solo with prior approval from Tournament Directors. All contestants must possess a valid Ohio fishing license.

TOURNAMENT HOURS

Blast-off is at 6am or safe light, and tournament ends at 3pm. Tournament check-in ends at 5:45am the morning of the tournament, if you are not checked-in by then you will be disqualified. No refunds.

TAKE-OFF & WEIGH-IN

Take-off will be held at the East Harbor State Park Boat Launch- Red Bird Trail, Lakeside Marblehead, OH 43440. Take-off positions will be determined prior to take-off. Live wells and kill switches will be inspected during take-off.

Weigh-in will take place at 3pm at same location as take-off (East Harbor State Park Boat Launch). No fish will be weighed in until 3pm. Bringing more than 5 fish to the scale will result in disqualification.

TAKE-OFF POSITION DETERMINATION

Boat numbers positions will be drawn randomly at tournament meeting night before. Boat numbers will be in reverse order on second day. Failure to attend tournament meeting without notice will result in last boat number both days.

PAYOUT & PRIZES

Each MCBC Tournament will have a payout of 80%, where the additional 20% will go to the hosting school to help cover expenses. MCBC will payout to the top 30% placing teams of each MCBC event. The exact amount awarded for each placing team in the top 30% will be based on how many teams register for the event. MCBC Tournament Directors will announce exact payouts prior to the MCBC event when we know the exact number of boats competing. Each MCBC event will have a side pot for big bass for that tournament day. This side pot will be \$20 CASH per team and will be collected the morning of the tournament. The entire side pot for big bass will be paid out to the angler that weighs in the heaviest bass for that tournament day. The bass must be alive to qualify for big bass. Additional prizes may be given out to top placing teams, and will be announced prior to the start of the tournament.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT

All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. When sight fishing, all bass must be hooked inside the mouth. Only artificial lures may be used. Only one fishing rod per angler may be used at a time. Additional rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, each cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is attempted or rod is used. Trolling, defined as moving the bait with the assistance of the combustion engine, as a method of fishing is not allowed. No strolling or long-lining will be permitted. All angling must be conducted from the boat. In accordance with Ohio state laws, you may only fish up to three hooks per line.

BOATS AND MOTORS

All boats must be a minimum of 14 feet in length. No cumbersome crafts will be allowed. All boats must be equipped with wheel steering; no other steering device will be permitted. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard required safety equipment. Boats must contain a properly aerated live well capable of maintaining alive a limit of bass. Each boat is required to have a working kill switch. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in the Tournament may not to exceed the horsepower set forth on the "Maximum Capacities" placard in the boat. No platforms may be used during tournament competition to gain a height advantage. Fuel may be carried only in factory-installed (built-in) fuel tanks. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public.

SAFETY

Watercraft liability insurance will be the responsibility of each angler. It must have the minimum coverage that the state requires and is mandatory of all contestants participating in the tournament. MCBC Tournament Trail or it's Directors/Hosting Schools are not liable for any accident associated with this event. Safe boating practices must be followed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a fastened, USCG approved personal flotation device any time the combustion engine is running. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition shut off device that must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation. In the event of severe weather forecasted, trailering instructions will be given ahead of time or at registration, at the sole discretion of the Tournament Directors.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS

Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters that are determined by Tournament Directors and accessible by boat, except areas designated as "Off-Limits", "No Fishing", "No Boats", "Boats Keep Out", etc. by local, state or federal officials. Fishing is not permitted within 50 feet of a competitor's boat. Competitors cannot leave the boat at any time unless it is at the official checkpoint, or in the case of an emergency. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. The tournament boat must remain in tournament waters during the tournament day. In the event of equipment failure, a competitor may bring his fish to weigh-in in another competitor's boat as long as the fish are bagged in a separate bag. Must have appropriate fishing license for water being fished.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Each competitor is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship. The use of mobile communication devices such as cell phones is prohibited during the event except in an emergency. Any observed infraction(s) will result in disqualification. Please contact the tournament director if an emergency situation arises. All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, their school, event sponsors, the sport of fishing and the MCBC Tournament Trail. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards

include, but are not limited to, the following: Violation of or failure to comply with any of the official rules for the Tournament. Consumption and/or possession of any alcoholic beverages or any kind of mind-altering substance during practice days, registration/check-in, the pre-tournament meeting or during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in are strictly prohibited. Conviction of a felony within the past 36 months. Suspension/disqualification from any fishing tournament or organization. In other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and compliance with tournament rules, or which fail to comply with the standards set forth in this paragraph. Disqualification both for the college/university fishing club and anglers committing the violation is possible from future MCBC events for failure to abide by these rules. The determination of the tournament directors is final in these rulings. In case of any conduct not complying with the standards, the Tournament Directors shall have the right to refuse any application or to deny a confirmed application.

SCORING

Only largemouth or smallmouth bass may be weighed in. Minimum length is 14". Five (5) fish limit per boat. Teams may not have more than five (5) bass in the livewell at any time unless actively culling. Culling must be done immediately. Fish will be measured with mouth closed and tail fanned to longest position. Ties for total weight will be determined by biggest bass weighed.

PENALTIES

All boats must check-in to the designated check-in location. Late penalty is one (1) lb per minute up to 15 minutes, after 15 minutes that boat will be disqualified. Any competitor weighing in a bass under 14" will result in disqualification of fish along with an additional 1 (one) pound penalty. The official measuring board for the MCBC Tournament Trail will be of the Tournament Directors choosing prior to the event. Any dead bass presented for weigh-in will result in a (1) lb penalty per dead fish deducted from the total weight. No dead fish will be allowed to weigh for big bass. Contestants are not allowed to cull dead fish for any reason. If a dead fish is weighed in, that fish then becomes the property of the respective team that weighed it in.

SCHOOL OF THE YEAR POINTS

Bass Pro Shops School of the Year points will be given at three MCBC Tournaments each season. School of the Year points is based upon the ACA Points System. The breakdown of awarded School of the Year points for each particular event will be announced prior to the start of the MCBC Tournament. This tournament will be counted for ACA School of the Year points.

PROTESTS

A protest or complaint may be filed in writing before the weigh-in scales close. The situation will be given consideration and ruled on by the Tournament Directors. All decisions will be final.

LAUNCH FEES

Anglers are responsible for any and all applicable launch fees on the dates of the tournament .

EMERGENCIES

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911 FIRST, THEN CONTACT THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.

In the event of equipment failure or emergency, there are 3 permitted methods of returning to weigh-in:

- a. Both competitors remain in their boat and being towed by water
- b. One competitor stays with the boat while the other enters the boat of another team with their daily creel
- c. Both competitors enter a rescue boat so designated by the tournament director

Under these three (3) conditions, the teams' catch may be counted without penalty, except for late penalties outlined in the tournament rules.



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