



Multiple Dates, 2025 Official Tournament Rules

1. Dates and Times

- a. The tournament dates are as follows:
 - May 10, 2025
 - June 21, 2025
 - July 26, 2025
- Registration and entry fees may be paid to Sean Coffer "Angler Issues" (219) 369-3360, at Washington Park Marina or Jeff Carlin "Lady M" (219) 682-5575, at Marina Shores (Portage) prior to the fishing start time each date.
- c. Boats will be allowed to fish out of **Portage or Michigan City**. Leaving from another port will result in disqualification. The start time is 5:30 a.m. CDT. You must not depart a one-half mile radius from the pier heads until the announcement of the start of the fishing period. There is no stop time. A crewmember with the fish to be weighed must be in line at the weigh in station by 3 p.m. each day.
- d. Scales will be open at the fish cleaning station in **Washington Park Marina**, **Michigan City**, **IN** and at the fish cleaning station at **Marina Shores**, **Portage**, **IN**. All times are CDT. You may weigh your fish at either location.
- e. In the event of poor weather, a blow day to Sunday may be considered. The tournament committee will decide the morning of the tournament.

2. Eligibility

- a. All captains must be a member of the Hoosier Coho Club <u>and</u> 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 two out of three events to be eligible to be titled Club Champion.
- c. Tributary or Kayak fishing will be allowed in teams of a maximum of four people. The four-person team will designate a "Captain". Teams must remain within visible sight of each other. Allowable Tributaries are Salt and Trail Creek.
- d. Teams may NOT combine boat and tributary 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 Salmon / Trout species subsequently noted.
- d. All entries fees must be received prior to the starting fish time of each tournament.

4. <u>Scoring</u>

- a. Winners for individual tournaments will be determined by a total accumulation of points based on a maximum of 5 fish weighed in for the fishing period. A one man DNR limit is allowed 3 Lake Trout max.
 - i. One point per pound (nearest hundredth pound) total weight plus 10 points per fish:
- 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. If a boat does not weigh, they will be assigned the lowest possible position based on entries.
- d. Your top two (out of three) events will be used to determine club champion scoring.
- e. At the end of the season, the boat with the least points is crowned club champion. If a tie occurs, the total weight sum of each boat's top two scoring tournaments will be used as a tie breaker.
- f. Big fish for each event will be the largest of your 5 fish weighed. 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 of the following species: Coho Salmon, King Salmon, Steelhead Trout, Lake Trout, and Brown 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, Steelhead, Lake Trout, and Brown Trout). **100% payout for each species. 70% for first and 30% for second.**
- d. 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 three 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 state's jurisdiction. Minimum size for all 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 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 or 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.



Registration Form

Captain Name	:	 		
Boat Name:		 		
Cell Phone:		 		
e-mail:		 		
Captain's Signature:		 	Date:	
May 10	\$50	 Big Fish	\$25	
June 21	\$50	 Big Fish	\$25	

- ____ July 26 \$50 ____ Big Fish \$25
- Overall Big Fish for the year \$50 Pays out for Coho Salmon, King Salmon, Steelhead Trout, Lake Trout.

**For any questions please contact:

- Sean Coffer (219) 369-3360
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