

2017 Holland Steelheaders Spring Challenge

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Rules & Information

Tournament Date: May 20, 2017

This is meant to be a fun tournament and a way to meet fellow MSSFA members. The Holland Steelheaders Board has worked hard to make this a better event for all MSSFA members.

Member of MSSFA: This tournament is promoting the MSSFA. It is required that you have one member of the MSSFA on board your boat during this event. You can become a member by signing up at www.hollandsteelheaders.org or you can sign up with your local chapter.

Captain's Meeting: There will be a non-mandatory Captain's meeting. It will be held at 7:30 on May 19, in the parking lot of the DNR fish cleaning station. We will go over rules and answer questions.

Entry Fee: The Entry fee for this tournament is \$80 per boat.

Entry forms and fees will be accepted online until 5:30pm on May 19 and at the Captain's Meeting, until 7:30pm. You can register online at www.hollandsteelheaders.org or send entry form and check to our PO Box.

There will be \$10 optional side pot. For every fish you catch, you will receive a raffle ticket for a 50/50 split pot.

Fishing Period: The tournament will start as a shotgun start at 6:30am; **there is no run time.** You must stay within a quarter mile of the Holland Pier heads before the start time. Tournament Control will make the announcement that you can start to fish at 6:30am. You must be in line at the weigh in no later than 1:30pm. The weigh in will be located near the DNR fish cleaning station, across Ottawa Beach Road from the boat launch.

Tournament Control/Weather: Tournament Control will be on **channel 06**. Any tournament information/calls will be announced on this channel. If there are questionable weather conditions, an announcement will be made at 5:45am if the lake is fishable or not. If the tournament is shortened due to weather, 2 hours will constitute a complete tournament. If cancelled due to weather on May 20, we will try again on May 21, and if not fishable the tournament will not be rescheduled. Entry Fees minus 15% to cover costs will be refunded by mail or PayPal if no tournament.

Mechanical Trouble: If you experience any type of mechanical trouble prior to fishing, contact tournament control. We will refund your entry fee if you could not fish due to a mechanical trouble. If during the tournament you experience trouble, contact tournament control. They can help you get a tow back to port safely. We ask that you don't ask a friend to help you or we will have to disqualify both boats from the tournament. We will not allow the disabled boat to weigh in because it had assistance returning to port.

General Rules: Catch 15, weigh 10 fish – NO MORE THAN 6 LAKE TROUT.
This tournament is a 9-rod limit. You can weigh a fish outside your biggest 10 trying to go for one of big species fish prizes. Species are limited to Salmon and Trout. All DNR rules apply. You must stop fishing after your first 15 legal fish, no sorting allowed.

Weigh In: You must have your 10 fish ready to be weighed at the scale. There will be no sorting at the scale. Excess water must be removed from your cooler prior to coming to the scale. The weigh in will be located near the fish cleaning station, across the street from the DNR boat launch. At 1:30pm the line will be cut off.

Payouts: One hundred percent of the entry fees will be paid out in winnings. Payouts are determined by boat participation. Payouts will be for overall winners in each division, big fish and biggest fish of the other three species.

Disqualifications: Actions that may lead to disqualifications are as follows: Fishing before the 6:30am start time, running gunnel to gunnel with boats, fishing too many rods and arriving late to the weigh in. All final decisions rest with the Holland Steelheaders Board.

Sportsmanship: We expect outstanding sportsmanship at all times. This is to be a **FUN** tournament and un-sportsmanship will not be tolerated. Please respect the ones around you and the grounds that we are allowed to use.

Hospitality: There will be food for the participants at the weigh in.

Awards: The awards will be presented at approximately 2:00pm following the weigh in.

Please visit us online at www.hollandsteelheaders.org for more information.

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