

## Club Ongoing Fishing Contest Rules – 2026!

1. All fish entered must have been caught in Lake Michigan or its connecting waters and must be registered by the angler who caught the fish. Species, weight and date caught must be verified by a witness and weighed on an official, state certified scale. While at the scale, the registrant will fill out and the witness will sign the Club's official entry form. The original copy will be deposited in the writing desk by the scale at the McKinley Marina Cleaning Station, and the carbonless copy will be kept by the member. Please keep this copy as it is your proof of catch. Altered forms will not be accepted. Fish entered in sanctioned contests (see #10) will be allowed when the member furnishes a copy of the entry form. This form must be signed by the official weighing the fish. It is the member's responsibility to get his or her copy to the GLSF contest chairperson or have it placed in the collection box at McKinley Marina within 48 hours of making the catch. All final decisions are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
2. Prior to the opening of the Cleaning Station at McKinley Marina, the "Official Weigh-In Station, you will need to use the Temporary Rules that follow:
  - During the month of April, the weighing of fish you want to enter is your responsibility. You must use an electronic fish scale that can clearly measure in pounds and tenths of a pound, pounds and ounces that can be mathematically converted to tenths of a pound. You must send a picture to the Chairman, Jay Mathwick via text to (414) 702-5078. The picture needs to clearly include the fish being registered, and the weight being displayed on the digital scale. In the accompanying text message, make sure to include your full name, date, fish species, weight, and the category you wish to register.
  - After the McKinley Marina Cleaning Station opens, all fish need to be weighed on the certified fish hanging scale inside the Cleaning Station. Forms, sometime pens, are found in the writing desk by the GLSF freezer. After fish is weighed and the form is filled out completely, they need to be deposited in slot for the holding box under the writing top, within 48 hours of the catch.
3. If a fish is being weighed at a sanctioned contest according to rule #10, the weigh-in form and contest verification must be turned in within 48 hours of the catch. For simplification, fish registered at a GLSF Fish In can be registered in the Ongoing Contest by filling out the additional Ongoing Form available at the Fish In weigh-in table, at the time of the weigh-in.
4. Awards will be given according to weight. In the event of a tie, the award will be given to the entrant with the earliest registration date.
5. The contest will officially run from April 1st through October 31.
6. Minimum Size limits for Individual Prizes and Fisherman of the Year

Species	Adult	Junior
Chinook Salmon	19 pounds	12 pounds
Coho salmon	7 pounds	5 pounds
Broun Trout	6 pounds	3 pounds
Lake Trout	10 pounds	5 pounds
Rainbow Trout	8 pounds	5 pounds

7. Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place for the adult and junior divisions. The junior division is for member's minor children, not grand-children, 17 years of age and younger. Persons 18 years and older must compete in the adult division. No one will be eligible for more than one award in each category. Awards will consist of money for adults and trophies for juniors.
  - Juniors are not eligible to compete in Fisherpersion of the Year, Grand Slam, Captains' Catch, Fish of the Month, or Big Fish of the Month!
8. The " Fisherpersion of the Year" award of \$50 will be given to the person who registers the highest combined weight of the five-different species and minimum weights above, of salmon and trout. These fish can be accumulated throughout the course of the contest, for a single person, regardless of where they were caught.
9. The "Grand Slam" award of \$50 will be given to the fisherpersion who registers the heaviest weight of all five species that are caught and registered all on a single fishing trip and registered at the same time. There is no minimum weight requirement for this category.
10. The " Captain's Catch Award" of \$50 Dollars will be given to the captain who registers the highest total using the heaviest of each of the five species, registered as Captain's Catch.
  - One captain per boat will be allowed to register. The person who will register as the "Captain" should be determined at the beginning of the contest and remain so for the entire season.
  - To register for this award, place the name of the person who caught the fish on the "witness to catch" line and indicate in the proper box.
  - This registration does not prevent a member from using their personal catch for their own personal awards. A separate registration form should be used for this.
  - Charter Captains while fishing with charters are ineligible for this award.
11. A monthly award will be given for the biggest fish of the month in weight, for the current month. The Captain of the boat can include that fish in their Captain's catch, or you can register that fish as an individual. The winner of the Fish of the Month and the Biggest Fish of the Month cannot "Double Dip" and win both of those awards.
12. An Adult monthly award will be given for the "Fish of the Month." The Award of will be given for the largest of the species registered during the month assigned.

### Fish of the Month Species

<b>April</b>	Brown Trout	<b>May</b>	Brown Trout
<b>June</b>	Coho	<b>July</b>	Rainbow Trout
<b>August</b>	Lake Trout	<b>September</b>	Chinook
<b>October</b>	Chinook		

13. Sanctioned contests are tournaments held by other clubs or organizations and are open to the general public and take place on Lake Michigan and its connecting waters.
14. A fish will be considered a "Club Record Fish" if it exceeds the weight of the existing fish and was officially registered in the 'Club Fishing contest under all contest rules. The fish must have been weighed at an official weigh-in station or at a sanctioned contest, and a complete registration form, along with good picture of the fish in the hands of the fisherpersion is provided to the contest chairman for publication in the "Tightline." All final decisions are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.