

“We are our best sales people”

2007

Tournament Rules

1. **Notice:** There is one tournament that is a **No Lake Trout** Tournament. Be sure to check the dates on the schedule. This is a point’s tournament and all rules apply.
2. Fish must be caught by the method of trolling only. No jigging, no still fishing, and no casting from shore.
3. Fishing, and fish being weighed, may only be on or from the body of water that is designated for that tournament. Creeks, streams, canals, tributaries, etc., are not included.
4. All N.Y.S., D.E.C. rules must be followed. The Captain & Crew will be immediately disqualified from a tournament, and their entry forfeited, for violating N.Y.S., D.E.C., FLTA Tournament, and/or Coast Guard rules and regulations.
5. In addition to N.Y.S. laws, **all** fish being weighed **must** be a minimum of 16” long as measured on the FLTA gauge. FLTA gauge will be available prior to weigh in.
6. 5 baits per rod.
7. Only 20 lures per boat are allowed in the water.
8. **No** cancellation of tournaments.
9. All fish will be measured for length. If a fish is placed on the scale & does not meet the FLTA requirement for length, the Captain and Crew will be disqualified. If a fish that is being weighed fails to meet N.Y.S. regulations, the Captain & Crew will be disqualified.
10. All fish being weighed will be weighed together in a container provided by the club. In the event you may have a fish in contention for Lunger, or largest species, you must weigh that fish first. It is your responsibility to notify the tournament Chairperson that you want to have a fish in contention weighed.
11. Once the weight of your catch has been read, and the fish have been removed from the scale, the fish may not be placed back on the scale. It is the Captain’s responsibility to be in agreement with the Chairperson, on the total weight being read.
12. The Captain must be a club member, one Captain per boat.
13. Each Captain may weigh a legal one-person limit of Trout & Salmon.

14. All participants must register prior to weighing fish. Registrations can be completed at Seneca Marine Bait & Tackle, Watkins Glen, at any meeting prior to the event, or at the scale prior to receiving a weigh slip. Prepayment for multiple tournaments is encouraged
15. Entrants that are pre-registered, but choose not to fish in that tournament, must notify the Treasurer within 48 hours after that tournament date, that they did not fish. Failure to do so will result in the loss of your entry fee. The Treasurer can be reached at (607)-594-3963 or (607)-254-1666.
16. Start time for all tournaments is 5:00 a.m. **Note:** you do not have to launch at 5:00 a.m.
17. Weigh-in time is 1:30 p.m. It is the Captain's responsibility to get a weigh slip from the weigh master who will be stationed at the scales. Failure to do so will result in a disqualification. Captains must get a weigh slip even for "No Fish Caught".
18. There will be no designated launch sites.
19. Four people will be picked to be Chairperson for each tournament. One of the four must be a member of the Tournament Committee. All four Chairpersons will be picked at the meeting prior to the event.

Note: Each tournament Chairperson will have a different responsibility. Be sure to get your instructions from the Tournament Committee member that is in charge, prior to the weigh-in.

20. Total weight will determine the winners.
21. In the event of a tie, the money and the points for the appropriate places will be added and then split. For example: there is a tie for third, the points and money for third and fourth place will be added together and then split.

22. Entry Fee: \$25.00 PER BOAT

Entry Fee is split as follows:

\$6.00 goes towards total points payback

\$19.00 goes to tournament payback as follows:

1 st	33%
2 nd	23%
3 rd	19%
4 th	15%
5 th	10%

* \$200.00 per tournament from the club will be added to the payout schedule as long as the club is financially able to do so.

Lunker prize will be awarded each point tournament as a \$40.00 check.

End of the year total points payback is as follows:

1 st	\$300.00
2 nd	\$250.00
3 rd	\$225.00
4 th	\$200.00
5 th	\$175.00
6 th	\$150.00
7 th	\$125.00
8 th	\$100.00
9 th	\$75.00
10 th	\$50.00

23. The point system is based on 50 points. First Place is 50 points, 2nd Place is 49 points, 3rd Place is 48 points, etc.
24. Captains entered and competing in a tournament and not weighing fish may call for “No Fish Caught” this will grant them last place points which will be determined by the number of weigh slips handed out. This is for points only and no money will be awarded. The Captain must compete in the tournament and be present at the weigh in.
25. In the event that all five places are not filled the remaining money will go to the club.
26. All tournaments including the Seneca Challenge are point’s tournaments.
27. There will be nine point’s tournaments. At the end of the tournament season, you will drop your two lowest scores. Final points will be based on the seven best tournaments.
28. In the event that our tournament coincides with another major tournament, and a contending fish is kept; FLTA will honor a signed and dated weigh slip from their weigh station.
29. When a fish is brought to the boat, the fish is to be immediately put on ice or released. Fish not on ice, or brought to the weigh-in not on ice will be disqualified.

30. A reasonable amount of care should be used, to preserve quality condition fish being weighed. Any fish with snatch marks, clouded eyes, white gills, or gaff marks, will be subject to disqualification.
31. The Seneca Challenge tournament has a different set of rules. Be sure to check the amendments for this event.
32. All protests must be filed with a member of the Tournament Committee that is in charge of that tournament, at the time of the infraction or prior to, but not at, the next club meeting. The Committee member must then file in writing within three days, the protest to the rest of the Tournament Committee. The Committee will then meet, and their decision will be final. No decision will be made at the weigh-in.
- 32a. In the event of a member of the Tournament Committee files a protest, or has a protest filed against them, they will be removed from the Tournament Committee for that protest.
33. Club Champion will have a choice of either an embroidered jacket or Trophy. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places will receive plaques. There will also be plaques for largest Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Salmon that are caught in the Finger Lakes, for the entire season. A plaque will also be presented for the largest one-day total weight for the season.
34. Officers, Committee members, Chairpersons and Club members, of the Finger Lakes Trollers Association may not be held liable for any losses at a club function.
35. To qualify for any type of funding from the club for the banquet, you must make at least a combination of 9 meetings, tournaments, and/or club functions.