



**TOURNAMENT & FESTIVAL  
RACINE, WI**

# 2007 General Rules

Saturday, July 14 (12:01 a.m.) – Sunday, July 22 (11 a.m.)

1. The Evinrude E-Tec Big Fish Bash (formerly known as Salmon-A-Rama) has **Shore, Boat, Kayak, and Youth** Divisions.
2. All fish must be caught by hook and line, by an individual possessing a valid Big Fish Bash registration ticket for the division to be entered, at the time the fish is caught. All fish must be caught between 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2007, and 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 22, 2007. No fishing is allowed by any participant 3 hours prior to the official start of the contest.
3. All Big Fish Bash tickets sold after noon on Saturday, July 14, 2007, shall include a \$3 late-registration fee for all divisions. In addition, such tickets will be stamped with the time and date of purchase. **NO FISH** will be eligible for registration on the ticket within 24 hours of the time indicated on the ticket.
4. Big Fish Bash contestants must comply with State, Federal, Local, and other pertinent fishing and boating laws and regulations.
5. All fish entered must be caught in the waters of Lake Michigan or its tributaries up to the first bridge crossing the tributary. There are no city or state boundaries.
6. All fish must be registered at the Official Big Fish Bash Weigh-in Station, which will be open only during the following times:
 

July 14, 15	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
July 16	10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.
July 17–20	10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.
July 21	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
July 22	8 to 11 a.m. (contest-ending time)
7. In case of a tie by weight, the first fish registered will be awarded the prize.
8. At the discretion of the tournament officials, the three largest fish in each division and category may be displayed during the week of the contest and must be available for this purpose.
9. Any contestant issued a citation for violating any fishing laws during the tournament will be disqualified from the Big Fish Bash. No refunds will be made.
10. The contestant, upon purchasing a Big Fish Bash ticket, agrees to the following:
  - a. To take a polygraph test as required by tournament officials.
  - b. The polygraph test is mandatory for all designated Grand Prizes.
  - c. The required polygraph tests must be taken within 3 full days after the close of the contest.
  - d. Failure to pass or take the required polygraph test would result in forfeiture of all prizes. Tournament officials will award prizes to the next-place winner, who will in turn be required to take the polygraph test.
  - e. In consideration for being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work for, or for any other purpose participate in any way in the event, each participant for himself, his personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin:
    - i. Hereby releases, waives, discharges, and covenants not to sue the promoters, other participants, operators, officials, any persons in any restricted area, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the event and each of them their officers and employees, all for the purposes herein referred to as “releasees,” from all liability to the participant, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin for any and all loss or damage and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the participant, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise while the participant is competing, officiating in, observing, working for, or for any purpose participating in the event.
    - ii. Hereby agrees to indemnify and save and hold harmless the releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to the participant competing, officiating, observing, or working for, or for any purpose participating in the event and whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise.
    - iii. Hereby assumes full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death or property damage due to the negligence of releasees or otherwise while competing, officiating, observing, or working for, or for any purpose participating in the event. Each participant expressly acknowledges and agrees that the activities could be dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. Each participant further expressly agrees that the foregoing release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law of the State in which the event is conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
    - f. To abide by all the rules established by the Big Fish Bash committee.
    - g. To provide their Social Security number prior to picking up any prize. Failure to comply with this rule will result in forfeiture of prizes.
    - h. Any person who has failed a lie detector test during prior years is not eligible to participate in the Big Fish Bash.
11. Any person wishing to protest any fish registered in any division for a violation of any contest rule, must submit the protest in writing (plus \$100 in cash only, protest fee) to a member of the Big Fish Bash Tournament Officials (posted at the Big Fish Bash headquarters) between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. The protest must state the rule violated and facts known to the protestor. All protests must be submitted either within 24 hours of the time the protested fish was registered or by noon on the last day, whichever is earlier. Tournament Officials will review all protests. If a protest is denied, the \$100 protest fee will be forfeited by the protestor and given to the alleged violator.
12. If a person possesses both a Shore AND a Boat registration and catches fish in accordance with the rules of the Shore Division, that fish may be entered in either the Shore or the Boat Division, but not both. The participant must declare which division the fish is being entered in at the time the fish is registered and prior to it being weighed. The declaration cannot be changed once the fish is weighed.
13. Major prizes may be awarded for the largest fish by weight in each category. Shore categories include Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Steelhead/Rainbow Trout, and Brown Trout. Boat Division categories include Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Steelhead/Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Lake Trout. Youth Division and Kayak Division prizes will be awarded based on the largest fish caught in these divisions and not by fish species.
14. The individual who caught the fish must register the fish.
15. All eligible fish must be kept fresh (never frozen) prior to weigh-in.

## Family Divisions

16. A Boat Family Division registration consists of a husband and wife ticket for the Boat Division and tickets for up to three children 15 years and under for the Youth Division. If a Youth intends to register fish in the Boat Division, he/she needs to purchase a Boat Division ticket.
17. A Shore Family Division registration consists of a husband and wife ticket for the Shore Division and tickets for up to three children 15 years and under for the Youth Division. If a Youth intends to register fish in the Shore Division, he/she needs to purchase a Shore Division ticket.

## Individual/Family Boat Division

*The following rules (18–20) apply only to the Individual/Family Boat Division.*

18. Daily prizes may be awarded for the largest fish in each of the five major species in the Individual/Family Boat Division.
19. The largest fish by weight of the five major species, caught by an individual possessing either an Individual or a Family Boat Division registration ticket, will win the grand prize.
20. Persons possessing a Boat registration ticket may fish either from a boat or from shore. However, the fish may not be entered in the Shore Division unless the person also possesses a Shore registration ticket and the fish was caught in accordance with the Shore-Only category rules. The fish can be entered only in one division.

## Individual/Family Shore Division

*The following rules (21–24) apply only to the Shore Division.*

21. A Big Fish Bash Individual or Family Shore ticket is required to enter a fish in Shore Division.
22. At the discretion of the judges, appropriate documentation of any or all “Shore Only” catches may be required. This may include a witness who saw you catch and land the fish.
23. All fish entered in this division must be caught from Shore only (not fishing from a boat or flotation device). Shore is defined as the shoreline of Lake Michigan including wharfs, jettys, piers, and breakwaters attached thereto. Fishing from islands serviced by public transportation is considered Shore.
24. The “Largest Fish” by weight of the following major species caught by an individual possessing an Individual registration ticket will win the grand prize for the Shore division: Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Brown Trout, and Rainbow Trout.

## Youth Division

*The following rules (25–30) apply only to the Youth Division.*

25. The Youth Division is open for all children ages 6 through 15.
26. Youth Division anglers can purchase either a Youth Division registration or fish under a Family Boat or Family Shore ticket.
27. Youth Division anglers are eligible to be on the leader board only once. If a Youth Division angler registers a fish that weighs more than the Youth's previous entry, the larger fish will be added to the leader board and the smaller fish will be removed from the leader board. This does not apply to daily prizes.
28. Youths possessing a Youth Division ticket can fish Shore or on a Boat.
29. Youths possessing a Youth ticket can enter a fish only in the Youth Division unless they possess a Boat or Shore Division ticket. In this case, the participant is eligible to enter the fish into only one division must choose which division.
30. Participants in the Youth Division can purchase a Boat or a Shore Division ticket. In this case, the participant must follow the specific division rules and choose into which division they intend to enter the fish.

## Kayak Division

*The following rules (31–41) apply only to the Kayak Division.*

31. The Kayak Division is open to all participants, at least 16 years old, possessing a Kayak Division ticket.
32. A Kayak Division angler is eligible to be on the leader board only once. If a Kayak Division angler registers a fish that weighs more than the angler's

previous entry in that given category, the larger fish will be added to the leader board and the smaller fish will be removed from the leader board. This does not apply to daily prizes.

33. This division is open only to kayaks, paddleboards, canoes, or any other manually propelled vessels (hereafter referred to as “kayak”). The interpretation of a kayak is up to the discretion of Big Fish Bash officials.
34. All fishing must be done from a kayak.
35. No electric or combustion motors or sails are allowed on the kayak.
36. No assistance can be made from a motorized vessel except in the case of an emergency.
37. A participating kayak angler must comply with all Big Fish Bash general rules.
38. Prizes will be awarded to the 3 largest fish caught in the Kayak Division. All fish species listed in the general Big Fish Bash rules are eligible.
39. A kayak angler possessing only a Kayak Division ticket may enter fish only in the Kayak Division contest.
40. A kayak angler possessing only a Boat Division ticket may enter fish only in the Boat Division.
41. A kayak angler possessing both a Boat Division AND a Kayak Division ticket may enter his/her fish in either the Kayak or Boat Division, not both. The angler must decide into which division to enter the fish prior to weighing the fish.

## Shore Division Master Angler Award

42. Anglers must catch all Shore Division-eligible fish species to be qualified (Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, King Salmon, and Coho Salmon).
43. If no one angler catches all of the eligible species, the Shore Master Angler Award will not be awarded.
44. Prizes will be awarded to the angler who catches the largest total accumulated weight of the four eligible Shore Division species over the duration of the tournament.
45. In case of a tie, the angler who weighs in first will be awarded the prize.
46. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
  - 1st Place – \$250
  - 2nd Place – \$100
  - 3rd Place – \$50

## Boat Division Master Angler Award

47. Anglers must catch all Boat Division-eligible fish species to be qualified (Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, King Salmon, and Coho Salmon).
48. If no one angler catches all of the eligible species, the Boat Master Angler Award will not be awarded.
49. Prizes will be awarded to the angler who catches the largest total accumulated weight of the five eligible Boat Division species over the duration of the tournament.
50. In case of a tie, the angler who weighs in first will be awarded the prize.
51. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
  - 1st Place – \$500
  - 2nd Place – \$250
  - 3rd Place – \$100

## Awarding of Prizes

52. Prize list will be in print and available at Contest Site Headquarters after noon on the first day of contest, and will be available upon request. Contest prize list is subject to revision as late prizes may be contributed and may be slotted according to policy as set by the Big Fish Bash Prize Committee to enhance the prize list. Daily prizes will be awarded the following day. Prize ceremonies will be held on the closing Sunday starting at approximately 3 p.m. All winners are responsible for picking up their prizes either at the prize ceremony or from the offices of Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce (RAMAC) at 300 Fifth St., Downtown Racine. Any prizes not picked up by October 1, 2007, will be forfeited.
53. The official daily standings will be determined at the end of each day. The Big Fish Bash Web Site ([www.bigfishbash.com](http://www.bigfishbash.com)) has the official standings.