



# SALMON MASTERS TOURNAMENT 2019 RULES

**01/**Prize money will be awarded for chinook salmon only.

**02/**The Tournament will take place simultaneously at two Haida Tourism locations: The Lodge at Englefield Bay (46 guests/23 teams) and Ocean House at Stads K'uns GawGa (24 guests/12 teams).

**03/**The Tournament trip will take place June 5 to 9 2019. Days of tournament fishing will be June 6 to 8, 2019.

**04/**Two anglers will be assigned to every participating boat in the tournament.

**05/**Anglers will not be allowed to change boat partners during tournament fishing hours. Original boat pairings will remain intact throughout the entire tournament.

**06/**Daily prize winners will be announced at each lodge during the evening of each tournament day.

**07/**Prizes are not split by lodge location. All 70 anglers compete for the Daily (6x3) jackpots and Overall (3x1) jackpot, and all 35 teams compete for the Grand Champion Team (1x1) jackpot.

**08/**Daily prizes awarded (top six fish of all 70 anglers) are as follows:

- 1st Place - \$10,000
- 2nd Place - \$8,000
- 3rd Place - \$5,000
- 4th Place - \$3,000
- 5th Place - \$2,000
- 6th Place - \$1,000

**09/**In the case of an exact tie, the prize

money will be split evenly. For example: If the two fish are tied for second place for a daily prize, the prize money for both second and third place will be split evenly between the two. The prize money for fourth place would then go to the angler who caught the third largest fish etc.

**10/**Should the situation arise where there are not enough fish registered to claim all of the daily prizes, the unclaimed prize money will be split evenly amongst the winners that did win a prize that day.

**11/**In the unlikely event that no fish are registered during a tournament day at any location, the daily prize money for that location will be divided up equally amongst all of that location's participants.

**12/**The Tournament Champion prizes awarded will be as follows:

- 1st Place - \$12,000
- 2nd Place - \$10,000
- 3rd Place - \$7,000

**13/**The Overall Tournament Team Grand Prize will be awarded to the TEAM who has the most combined weight made up of each of the two contestants largest two fish (for a total of four fish):

- \$35,000

**14/**Tournament Champion prizes and the Team Grand Prize will be announced on the last evening of the tournament, June 8, 2019.

**15/**All prize monies, including Calcuttas, will be paid in the form of a cheque in Canadian dollars and will be distributed to the winners at the airport upon their return to Vancouver.

**16/**An angler may register up to two chinook salmon in one tournament day as long as he is within his legal limits set forth by The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

**17/**Immediately after a fish has been retained the guide must tag it accordingly with the appropriate identification tag supplied to each guide for that day of the tournament.

**18/**The guide must attach the tag tightly through the jaw and then clip the excess

tail of the tag to within 1 cm of the connection point.

**19/**Identification tags will be issued each day to the guides. Unused tags must be returned at the end of each tournament day.

**20/**Fish will not count as registered if brought to the lodge by a boat other than the one it was retained in. An exception will only be made in the case of a boat switch due to mechanical or structural failure.

**21/**A fish is considered registered once it has been weighed, recorded and deemed eligible by a Tournament Official.

**22/**All fish must be weighed in and registered at the official Tournament Scale located at the Englefield Bay lodge location. Registrations will not be accepted at Ocean House.

**23/**A catch receipt, stating the official weight of the fish, will be issued to each angler once the fish has been registered. Upon signing the receipt the angler acknowledges the stated weight as final.

**24/**Registered fish will be posted on the fish board at Englefield Bay at the time of its registration.

**25/**All prize-winning fish will be posted daily online and at each lodge at approximately 7:30pm.

**26/**There will be a radio announcement each day at approximately 10:00am and 3:00pm stating the leading fish of the tournament and the leading fish registered so far that day.

**27/**Tournament Officials will use digital scales supplied by Westcoast Resorts to weigh eligible fish.

**28/**All anglers must comply with the rules and regulations set forth by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. A complete copy of the regulations is available for reference at each lodge. Please note that legal limits are subject to change by the DFO without notice, which is beyond the control of the tournament holder.

**29/**All boats must fish within the area defined by the tournament committee.

**30/**The guide may not touch a rod at any time while a fish is on, including setting the hook.

**31/**Passing a rod with a fish on the line from one boat to another is not permitted.

**32/**Only three rods are permitted to be fishing at any given time in a boat. This applies whether there are one or two anglers in the boat. The angler(s) in each boat will determine how the third rod will be shared.

**33/**Tournament Officials will be patrolling the fishing area at all times during the tournament hours.

**34/**An announcement by radio must be made immediately after a fish has been retained. This announcement must include the boat number of the angler that has retained the fish. This announcement must be acknowledged by an answer from a Tournament Official.

**35/**In the event of a malfunctioning radio, the angler must locate another boat immediately to make the announcement.

**36/**Any boat is subject to an inspection of fish, tackle, etc. at any time by a Tournament Official.

**37/**Should a Tournament Official inspect a boat and find an untagged chinook salmon aboard, all occupants of the boat will be disqualified from the tournament.

**38/**Any fish brought in for registration is subject to an examination (including innards) by a Tournament Official.

**39/**Anglers may supply their own rod and reel but must comply with the tournament rules.

**40/**Any reel supplied by the angler must be spooled with line not in excess of 30-lb. test.

**41/**Leader length may not exceed 12 feet in length.

**42/**Mainline is restricted to a maximum of 30-lb. test but leader line has no strength limitations.

**43/**An angler may use any legal bait or lure of his or her choice. However, hooks must be supplied by Westcoast Resorts. Any lure that has its own hooks must be replaced with the hooks provided by Westcoast Resorts. Any lure that is designed in a way that the hooks cannot be replaced is eligible to use only if the barbs on the hooks are FILED off, not pinched down.

**44/**There will be a shotgun start at **each location** at 5:00am each tournament day.

**45/**The cut-off time each day will be at 6:30pm. This will be signaled by a radio announcement made 45 minutes prior.

**46/**All boats with **unregistered fish** must pass through the **Englefield Bay gate** marked by two buoys located approximately 200 yards from the dock prior to the cut-off signal.

**47/**Any unregistered fish on board a boat not in compliance with rule #46 will be deemed non-eligible. An exception to this rule will be made only if the delay was caused by a mechanical breakdown that prevented the anglers from returning to the **Englefield Bay** dock in time to beat the signal. This delay must be recognized and verified by the Tournament Officials at the time of the mechanical problem.

**48/**The Tournament Committee **headquartered at Englefield Bay** will be responsible for making any boundary restrictions brought upon by weather conditions.

**49/**The Tournament Committee **headquartered at Englefield Bay** will determine if a violation of the rules has occurred on a case-by-case evaluation and the committee will determine appropriate consequences that could include disqualification from the tournament.

**50/**Any protests must be made in writing and signed by the protesting party. They must be presented to the Tournament Committee **headquartered at Englefield Bay** no later than 9:00pm on the day of the alleged violation.

**51/**All decisions by the Tournament Committee are final.

**52/**Anyone disqualified from the tournament will forfeit any prize monies they have earned including prizes that may have been won on days prior to the violation leading to the disqualification. This will also result in the immediate dismissal of the guide. Disqualification is solely up to the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

**53/**Any forfeited prize money will be split evenly between the tournament's 2019 recipient charity.

**54/**Each angler will be required to fill out and sign a photo/video release form and agrees to have their picture taken and published by Westcoast Resorts.

**55/**Prize money and Daily amounts are based on 100% occupancy (**70 anglers/35 teams**). If not sold out 100% prize money will be adjusted accordingly to guest numbers. The Team Grand prize is kept constant and remaining prize money proportionate to total entries and not proportionate to any individual lodge.



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