



is proud to present

The 2026 Erie PA Sport Fishing Association “SUMMER SLAM”

Open Division Rules

One or Two-Day Competition

2-day overall division winner

Saturday July 25th and Sunday July 26th, 2026

Captains meeting: Friday, July 24th, 5:00 PM at FishUSA-6960 West Ridge Road-Fairview, PA

Weigh-ins will be held at:

FishUSA-6960 West Ridge Road-Fairview, PA beginning at 3:30 pm

90% of all entry fees will be paid back in cash prizes

For more information or to enter visit <https://epsfa.com/summer-slam/>

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Questions? Call George at (814) 434-1462

2026 "SUMMER SLAM" Open Division Rules:

1. **Membership in the EPSFA is not required** but is encouraged. Individuals that have had their membership terminated or suspended by the EPSFA are unable to compete in this event. Teams that compete with a suspended or terminated member will be disqualified without refund.
2. **Entry fee:**
 1. **Main event:** Participants have the option of fishing Saturday (for \$300), Sunday (for \$300), or \$600 for both days. Entry Fee(s) must be paid prior to the start of tournament. Big Fish entry of \$10.00 per team, per day, is included and will be paid out in full. Big fish will be determined by weight.
 2. **Online Payment for the main event is due by 11:59 pm Friday, July 24th, 2026.** Payments must be made online at <https://epsfa.com/summer-slam/>. No online entries will be accepted after July 24th, 2025. There will be no refunds (unless cancelled due to weather and 100% of the entry fee is returned). **Late entries will be accepted at the captain's meeting, at 5:00pm, Friday July 24th, 2026.**
3. An optional \$600 cash only "double down" Calcutta is also available. You must fish both days to be in Calcutta. This is a 100% cash payback Calcutta. Combined points from Saturday and Sunday will determine placement. You must "RSVP" on <https://epsfa.com/summer-slam/> by 11:59 pm Friday July 24h, 2025. The "Double down" cash payment is due at the captains meeting. Any "RSVP" not paid at the captains meeting is cause for disqualification. Double Down entries wil be accepted at the captain's meeting. There will be no refunds (unless cancelled due to weather and 100% of Calcutta returned).
4. **This is a 90% payback tournament.** The EPSFA retains 10% to pay for equipment rental, processing, and administration fees. The remaining entry fees will be paid out in the form of checks. The top 20% of paid entries will earn a check with a limit of 10 checks distributed. Example: 16-20 boats pay 4 places, 21-25 boats pay 5 places, 26-30 boats pay 6 places, 31-35 boats pay 7 places, 36-40 boats pay 8 places, 41-45 boats pay 9 places, and 46 boats and up pay 10 places.
5. **Captains meeting** will be held at 5:00 pm "sharp" on Friday July 24th at FishUSA. All Captain's or a competent crew member must attend. The remainder of the Team does not need to attend.
6. Each team must fill out their **disclaimer form** completely, take a picture of the disclaimer and send it to the tournament director, Candie Wright at 814-602-8436. The picture must be received and readable prior to the start fishing time of 6:00 AM. Please do not text disclaimers prior to 4:30 a.m. each morning of the event. Disclaimers will be accepted between the hours of 4:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. only. **Team disclaimer pictures not sent to Candie by 6:00 AM will be disqualified for that day.**
7. **Random boat checks:** morning and afternoon, may be randomly conducted by EPSFA officials on the day of the tournament. Random coolers may be collected by EPSFA officials upon returning to the listed departure point on disclaimer. They will be sealed and transported to Bayfront Park and Ride weigh-in by EPSFA officials. **Any team refusing the random boat/cooler check will be automatically disqualified for refusal.**
8. All boats may leave the dock at whatever time they choose. Unless a weather delay has been announced.
9. **Weigh in location:** FishUSA 6960 West Ridge Road; Fairview, PA 16415
10. **Start Time:** No fishing lines may enter the water until 6:00AM. The EPSFA will use satellite time (from GPS or cell phones) when determining start and end times. Planer boards can be deployed, and electronics used prior to 6:00AM. There is no stop fishing time. Coolers must be in the weigh-in line by 3:30 pm at the designated weigh in location or that team's catch is disqualified for the day.
11. This is a trolling tournament only.
12. **Points** will be awarded as follows: 10 points per fish and 1 point per pound.
13. **Fish must be 18"** or larger for this tournament. Squeeze the tail to get the longest measurement. Short fish will be disqualified, and your team will be assessed a 10-point penalty.
14. **A maximum of 9 legal fish: walleye, steelhead, brown trout, or salmon** (no Lake Trout) can be brought to the weigh in. There will be a **25-point penalty** for bringing more than 9 fish to weigh-in. Pick your 9-best fish, of which no more than 3 trout/salmon are allowed and bring those fish to the weigh-in site. Tournament boats can keep their legal limit of Walleyes and trout per licensed angler if they choose to do so. Teams can choose to let fish go if they are unharmed. **However, once a fish is kept, placed in cooler or livewell, that fish cannot be replaced.**
15. The maximum rods allowed to be fished in this event will be (9) if there are (3) licensed anglers on board. At no time will teams be allowed to place more than (9) rods in the water at one time. PA Fish and Boat Commission fishing laws apply to this event. A valid PA license and applicable permits are required.
16. This is a "NO Communication" tournament. Teams cannot use cell phones, VHF radios or any other form of communication for this event. All participating boats must be equipped with an operational VHF radio. Tournament control will operate on Channel 88. All teams must monitor channel 88 until 6:00am, in case of delays or changes. All boats are required to monitor channel 16, except when directed to Channel 88 for communication. After being directed to channel 88, all teams must return to channel 16. **channel scanning is not permitted.** Cellular phones may be present on the boat. However, prior to the 6:00 start time, all devices must be turned off or put in airplane mode. Devices shall not be used (except in the case of emergencies) until the returning boat is secured in docking slip or trailered.
17. **Bad Weather:** If there is a delay it will be announced at 4:45 am, the next announcement will take place at 5:45 am and so on until teams are **released from port**, or that day's tournament is cancelled. If that day's tournament cannot begin by 10:00am due to weather, that day will be cancelled. In the event of questionable weather or rough water conditions, the Captain will ultimately be responsible for making the Team's decision whether to fish that day or not once released.

18. **In case of a boat failure**, and a tow is required. The towed boat's day's catch, and one team member, may be transferred to another team's boat to make the weigh-in deadline. However, the tournament committee (or tournament director **Candie @ (814) 602-8436**) must be notified on channel 16 or **via cell phone** in advance, prior to ship-to-ship contact. The towed team's cooler must still be in line by 3:00pm, no exceptions.
19. **All contestants must fish from a boat**. All boats must have a registered length of 18ft. or larger, have a working marine radio, and all necessary US Coast Guard approved safety devices on board.
20. **All teams must depart from any Pennsylvania port**. All teams MUST return to their original departure point, with their entire cooler of fish. There will be no exception to this rule. (unless seeking shelter from inclement weather or dangerous seas). However, the tournament committee (or tournament director **Candie @ (814) 602-8436**) must be notified on channel 16 or via cell phone in advance, prior to docking. The team's coolers must still be inline by 3:00 pm, no exception.
21. **Fishing is prohibited outside of Pennsylvania waters**. If you are caught fishing outside of the PA water boundaries, your catch will be disqualified.
22. **Weigh in and award ceremony** will be held at the designated weigh in location. Weigh-ins will begin at 2:00 pm. **Cooler must be in line by 3:30pm or your catch will be disqualified**. The day's catch must not leave the boat under any circumstance until the day's fishing is over (exception rule 16) and the boat is docked or trailered. At least one team member must remain with the day's catch until it has been weighed in. All coolers brought to the scale shall be free of foreign objects, loose ice cubes and water. Block ice, bag ice or frozen containers is acceptable. A 25-point reduction penalty will be assessed against teams that violate this rule. It is the Captains responsibility to ensure that fish are free of ice or any foreign objects prior to being brought to the weigh in. Fish will be checked for any foreign objects or ice in mouth.
23. **Big Fish Overall each day**: All teams must mark their **big fish** with a colored zip tie. The largest fish by weight will be used.
24. **Tie breakers**: If a tie occurs, first tie breaker is big fish weight, second tie breaker is big fish length, 3rd tie breaker will result in a coin flip.
25. Anyone caught **cheating** or in violation of these rules may be disqualified. No entry fees will be returned, and that Captain may be banned from any future EPSFA fishing competitions. Furthermore, anyone caught cheating in EPSFA tournaments, or any other fishing related competitions will be banned from entering any EPSFA events.
26. **All protests** must be made within 15 minutes after the last team has weighed in and voiced to a member of the EPSFA rules committee or Tournament Director. Protests must be accompanied by a \$100 fee. Protests are only refundable if the protest is won by the protesting Team.
27. All decisions made by the tournament director or rules committee are **final**. It is the intention of the supporters to provide an honest, sportsmanlike event. In the interest of good sportsmanship, contestants are reminded that the "spirit of the rule" will prevail in all judgement cases. Competitors may be disqualified for any violation of the tournament rules, with no refund.
28. All points leaders must be willing to submit to a polygraph examination. All winning fish may be tested for time in possession. All fish weighed in must remain in a designated area until the winners have been determined, and the coolers have been released. EPFSA reserves the right to randomly cut fish.
29. **Misconduct**: Any inappropriate, improper, or abusive conduct by any participant towards any tournament official, volunteer, or fellow participants shall be deemed a violation of the rules and may be subject to disqualification as determined by the tournament committee.
30. **Liability**: Every reasonable precaution will be taken by the tournament committee to protect persons and property during the contest. However, neither the sponsors mentioned, nor tournament committee, judges, officers, directors, volunteers, or employees of the same are responsible for the safety of persons or property of participants regarding accidents, theft, fire, vandalism, drowning or any other cause. The tournament committee is not responsible for emergency assistance. All participants further understand and agree to hold harmless members and previously mentioned groups and individuals by signing the liability disclaimer before the tournament begins.
31. **Fish disposal and drop off**: Any fish found deposited into dumpsters, marinas, or other areas where they will be deemed as unsightly or as trash may lead to prosecution. Those individuals will be excluded from future tournaments being held by the EPSFA. The EPSFA will accept all unwanted fish and will provide a fish drop off cooler at the event.



Summer Slam Disclaimer Form

By signing below, we agree to the following:

1. This form must be **printed and completed by all captains and team members**. NO EXCEPTIONS
Failure to report to Captains meeting on Friday July 24th, 2026, or not providing picture of signed disclaimers for the entire team by 6:00 AM each morning of the tournament-to-tournament director (**Candie Wright 814-602-8436**), will disqualify your team. No REFUNDS
Please do not text these prior to 4:30 am each morning of the event. These will be accepted between the hours of 4:30 am and 6:00 am only.
2. We have received, reviewed, and understand all tournament rules and will abide by them.
3. We will not hold the Erie PA Sport Fishing Association, its volunteers, sponsors, members, staff, or officers responsible or claim that they have any legal or financial liability for any type of accident, incident, Act of God, or event which may cause injury, death, or any type of loss or harm to any Captain, team member, or non-team member.
4. We agree to take a polygraph test if required by the EPSFA rules committee.
5. We agree to allow our boat, cooler and catch to be inspected anytime by a designated EPSFA official upon request. The EPSFA reserves the right to cut open any fish to look for intentional watering or tampering. Random coolers may be collected by EPSFA officials upon returning to the listed departure point on disclaimer. They will be sealed and transported to weigh-in by EPSFA officials.

Date: _____

Team Name: _____ Departure Location (Marina): _____ Slip number: _____

Boat make: _____ Model: _____ Colors: _____

PRINT NAME HERE (required)

SIGN HERE (required)

Team Captain: _____ Signature Required _____

Team Member 1: _____ Signature Required _____

Team Member 2: _____ Signature Required _____

Team Member 3: _____ Signature Required _____

Team Member 4: _____ Signature Required _____

Team Member 5: _____ Signature Required _____

Team Member 6: _____ Signature Required _____

Team Member 7: _____ Signature Required _____

Team Member 8: _____ Signature Required _____