

2017 Baltimore Metro Reservoir Anglers, Inc

Tournament of Champions Rules and Regulations

1. The 2017 Tournament of Champions (T.O.C.) team is automatically qualified for 2017 T.O.C.
2. Should the 2017 Champions not qualify via the Angler of the Year (A.O.Y.) points standing, they must pay a \$100 entry fee to fish the tournament.
3. All teams in the top fiftieth percentile (50%) of the A.O.Y. points standings qualify for the 2017 T.O.C.¹
4. A team that wins one of the six (6) Qualifying Tournament Trail tournaments but does not qualify via points for the T.O.C. will receive a berth in the T.O.C. provided they had entered all six (6) of the qualifying tournaments for the year.
5. T.O.C. positions for defending champions and tournament winning teams that do not earn a berth via points will have no effect upon the amount of teams that qualify via the point system.
6. A "team" shall be defined as that pair of members registering together at the beginning of the season - you along with the person that you listed as your partner as indicated on the membership application.
7. T.O.C. positions are the property of the team that registered for the tournament and cannot be split between those members (thus creating two qualifying positions for one team).
8. If two partners decide to break the team during the season and cannot agree as to who has control of the teams points, the boat owner partner (owner of boat used in majority of tournaments fished as team) will be deemed to control the team. Should there have been equal use of a boat owned by each partner, control of the team will be decided by a random draw.
9. In the event one of the two members of an eligible team is unable to participate in the T.O.C., the other member can:
 - a. fish with a substitute that had fished with **that** team earlier in the year,
 - b. draw for a partner from a pool of all regular members (not substitutes) who are not otherwise participating in the T.O.C., or,
 - c. fish alone
10. Should a team decide not to fish in the T.O.C., their position **will not** be filled by another team.
11. There is no entry fee for the T.O.C.², however there are optional \$20 per boat - per day/per pool lunker fees plus an optional \$20.00 per team "1st Day Leader Pool" (\$100 total). These lunker and Leader Pool fees are payable in cash the first morning of the T.O.C. only.
12. If no qualifying fish for a lunker pool is caught on Day 1, the lunker fee will be added to the second day lunker pool (for the same pool). If there is no qualifying fish for a lunker pool caught on Day 2, a random drawing will be held from all entrants in that pool and the selected team shall be awarded the prize. There will be no refunds.
13. First round starting positions for the T.O.C. is determined as follows:
 - a. 1st Wave: Top 5 teams in A.O.Y. points
 - b. 2nd and each subsequent wave: Next 5 teams in A.O.Y. points.
 - c. Final Wave: All non-point system qualifiers
14. Second round starting positions will be determined by Day 1 results as follows:
 - a. 1st Wave: Top 5 teams by total weight – Day 1
 - b. 2nd and each subsequent wave: Next 5 teams by total weight – Day 1.
15. For teams fishing in the Tournament of Champions, Liberty Reservoir is off-limits from Wednesday, October 21, 2017 until the Tournament.
16. All M.R.A.I. members not participating in the Tournament of Champions may not fish, and/or be in possession of a rod and reel on the T.O.C. lake during the time between the off-limits period through the conclusion of the T.O.C.
17. All other rules and regulations of the Metro Reservoir Anglers, Inc. tournament trail apply.

¹ - If 20 boats then top 10 boats, if 21 boats then top 10 boats, if 22 boats then top 11 boats, etc.

² - See rule #2 for exception