

2027 MSA TOURNAMENT

TERMS & CONDITIONS • PARTICIPANT WAIVER

Please review these terms carefully before registering. By registering for, participating in, attending, or otherwise taking part in the 2027 MSA Tournament, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agreed to these Terms & Conditions.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

Spearfishing, freediving, diving, swimming, and boating involve inherent risks, including serious injury, permanent disability, and death. Participants voluntarily assume these risks to the fullest extent permitted by law.

DINNER PACKAGE REQUIREMENT

A separate Dinner Package ticket must be purchased to receive a dinner wristband. Tournament registration alone does not include dinner. A valid dinner wristband is required to receive dinner package benefits.

1. Eligibility & Registration

Participants must complete all required registration information and meet any eligibility requirements established by MSA. Registration is personal to the participant and may not be transferred without prior approval. MSA reserves the right to refuse, suspend, or cancel participation when reasonably necessary for safety, rule enforcement, fraud prevention, or other legitimate Tournament-related reasons.

2. Assumption of Risk

Participation involves inherent risks, including spearfishing, freediving, swimming, diving, boating, hypoxic events, shallow-water blackout, drowning, equipment failure, entanglement, marine life, weather, waves, currents, cold water, slippery surfaces, collisions, and other natural or man-made hazards. Participants voluntarily assume all known and unknown risks associated with participation, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

3. Spearfishing, Diving & Safety

Spearfishing is an inherently dangerous activity. MSA and its organizers, officers, directors, employees, volunteers, sponsors, affiliates, judges, contractors, and representatives (the "Released Parties") are not responsible for injuries, illness, property damage, disability, or death arising from or related to a participant's spearfishing, freediving, swimming, boating, diving, or other water-related activities, except to the extent liability cannot legally be waived. Participants are solely responsible for determining whether they are physically and mentally capable of participating safely and for using properly maintained equipment.

4. Advice, Information & Recommendations

Organizers, volunteers, judges, sponsors, participants, or other representatives may provide information, opinions, recommendations, locations, diving suggestions, equipment recommendations, weather observations, or other advice. Such information is provided for general informational purposes only. Participants are solely responsible for deciding whether to follow it. MSA and the Released Parties are not responsible for injuries, losses, or damages resulting from a participant's decision to rely upon, follow, interpret, or act upon information or advice provided in connection with the Tournament.

5. Laws & Participant Responsibility

Participants are solely responsible for knowing and complying with all applicable federal, state, provincial, and local laws and regulations, including fishing, boating, diving, licensing, conservation, size, possession, seasonal, and spearfishing requirements. Participants are responsible for their own safety decisions, equipment, physical limitations, and compliance with applicable laws.

6. Tournament Rules, Judging & Disqualification

Participants agree to follow all official Tournament rules and instructions issued by MSA. MSA reserves the right to establish, modify, interpret, and enforce Tournament rules when reasonably necessary to operate the event fairly and safely. Judges' decisions regarding scoring, fish identification, measurements, photographs, submissions, and disqualifications are final unless an official appeal process is provided. MSA may disqualify entries that violate Tournament rules, applicable law, or the spirit of fair competition.

7. Catch Verification

All catches must comply with applicable law and Tournament rules. Participants may be required to provide photographs, videos, measurements, identification information, or other evidence to verify a catch. MSA may reject any catch that cannot be adequately verified or that appears inconsistent with Tournament rules or applicable law. Participants are responsible for ensuring that submitted catches are legally harvested and accurately reported.

8. Weather, Emergencies & Changes

MSA may delay, modify, shorten, relocate, postpone, or cancel any portion of the Tournament when reasonably necessary because of weather, water conditions, safety concerns, government restrictions, emergencies, venue issues, or circumstances beyond its reasonable control. Participants understand that conditions may change rapidly and that MSA cannot guarantee favorable or safe conditions. In an emergency, participants authorize reasonable efforts to obtain emergency assistance when necessary. Participants are responsible for their own medical expenses and insurance.

9. Release & Waiver of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each participant releases and agrees not to hold MSA and the Released Parties liable for claims, demands, causes of action, damages, losses, expenses, or liabilities arising out of or relating to participation in the Tournament, including claims arising from ordinary negligence. This includes claims relating to spearfishing, freediving, diving, swimming, boating, Tournament activities, equipment use, travel to or from Tournament activities, information or advice provided by Tournament personnel, weather or environmental conditions, actions of other participants, property loss, personal injury, illness, disability, or death.

10. Non-Waivable Liability

Nothing in these Terms is intended to waive or release liability to the extent such liability cannot legally be waived under applicable law, including liability for gross negligence, willful misconduct, or intentional misconduct where such liability is non-waivable.

11. Dinner Package & Wristbands

A separate Dinner Package ticket must be purchased when required by the Tournament registration process. Only participants who have purchased a valid Dinner Package ticket are eligible to receive a dinner wristband. Tournament registration or entry confirmation alone does not entitle a participant to dinner. A valid wristband must be presented to receive dinner package benefits. Wristbands may not be transferred unless expressly authorized by MSA. Lost, damaged, duplicated, altered, or unauthorized wristbands may be refused.

12. Conduct, Alcohol & Removal

Participants may be removed or disqualified for unsafe or reckless behavior, harassment, fighting, cheating, falsifying catch information, violating law or Tournament rules, interfering with judges or officials, misuse of spearfishing equipment, or conduct that creates a significant safety concern. If alcohol is served or permitted, participants are responsible for drinking responsibly, following venue policies, and arranging safe transportation. Removal may result in disqualification without refund.

13. Prizes, Refunds & Personal Property

Registration does not guarantee prize eligibility. Prizes are subject to official Tournament rules and verification. Registration fees, Dinner Packages, merchandise, and other purchases are subject to the refund policy published at purchase and may be non-refundable after applicable deadlines. MSA is not responsible for lost, stolen, damaged, or misplaced personal property or equipment.

14. Photography & Media Release

By participating, participants grant MSA and its authorized representatives permission to photograph, record, and otherwise capture their image, likeness, voice, name, and participation in connection with the Tournament. MSA may use such media for Tournament-related purposes, including advertising, social media, websites, promotional materials, publications, and future Tournament promotion, without additional compensation.

15. Indemnification, Severability & Governing Law

To the fullest extent permitted by law, participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless MSA and the Released Parties from claims, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, and reasonable expenses arising from the participant's negligent or wrongful acts, violation of Tournament rules, violation of law, or participation outside the scope of Tournament rules. If any provision is found invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions remain in effect. These Terms are governed by the laws of the jurisdiction specified by MSA in the official Tournament registration materials.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT & ACCEPTANCE

By registering for or participating in the 2027 MSA Tournament, I acknowledge that I have read and understood these Terms & Conditions; understand the inherent risks of spearfishing, freediving, diving, swimming, and boating; voluntarily choose to participate; accept responsibility for my own safety and decisions; understand that MSA does not guarantee my safety; understand that advice or information provided by MSA is not a guarantee of safety; understand that a separate Dinner Package ticket is required to receive a dinner wristband; and agree to comply with all Tournament rules and applicable laws.

Participant Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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