



2026 Michigan Spearfishing Tournament

Michigan Spearfishing Association is excited to announce our annual spearfishing tournament! This will be a fun event for spearfishing anglers to meet one another and share their experiences. Expect to have a fun time meeting your fellow anglers and great diving in beautiful Northern Lake Huron. This year, target species include Lake Trout, Walleye and Northern Pike!

Locations/Schedule:

- Friday, June 26th, 5pm | **MANDATORY** safety, rules briefing and sign-in at **Alpena Marina Building located 400 E Chisholm St, Alpena, MI 49707.**
- Saturday, June 27th, 2026 | Tournament Day.
- The starting location this year will be the competitor's choice! No shotgun start. All areas on the body of water known as Lake Huron are open. Don't be late for weigh-in!
- 6:30am Divers in water, tournament begins.
- 3:30pm, weigh-in at the **Alpena Marina Fish Cleaning Station.**
- 3:30-5pm, weigh-in / fish cleaning (at competitors discretion)
- 5pm, competitor dinner, award ceremony and raffle at the **Marina building**

Tournament Rules:

- All Michigan Marine Safety laws and fishing regulations in the 2026 Fishing Digest **MUST** be followed!
- This tournament will take place on the body of water defined as Lake Huron. This means no inland lakes, rivers or tributaries.
- This is a FREEDIVE only tournament.
- All divers must attend the June 26th Safety briefing in-person or via zoom call.
- Teams are composed of 2 divers. You may have a boat captain (Captains are prohibited to dive).
- Must be within 100 feet of dive flag at all times per MMSL.
- Placement of a diver-down flag shall not restrict boater navigation. (Pg.16 of guide)

- MSA highly recommends the 1-up | 1-down diving safety strategy.
- Shore diving and all watercraft are permitted.
- No fish can be left dead in the water.
- Fish disposal is the responsibility of the competitors
- All species specific size and bag limits SHALL BE followed. This includes boundaries for gamefish. (See 2026 fishing guide)
- Any legal underwater spearing equipment allowed: rubber-propelled spear, spring-propelled spear.(spearguns, pole-spear, sling-spear)
- No sharing of fish. This includes trading fish between teammates.
- Divers and fish must be at the **Alpena Marina Fish cleaning station** by 3pm. **Any diver not registered by 3:05pm will not qualify for weigh-in.**
- All rules will be in accordance with Michigan Spearfishing Association Rules (Any conflict of rules between MSA and State laws will be resolved at competitors briefing.)
- Competitions must be fully submerged when attempting to harvest fish.
- All competitors must present a valid Michigan fishing license and underwater spearfishing e-license to be eligible to compete.
- Questions and concerns regarding tournament rules and state laws to be discussed during the Mandatory Safety briefing.
- Violation of any tournament rules or state laws will result in automatic disqualification
- If you receive a citation of any form while diving, it will result in an automatic disqualification.

Entry:

- The Entry fee for a two person team will be \$130 (\$65 each person)
 - tournament Tee-shirt included.
 - Dinner provided at the award ceremony.

Scoring:

- One point per pound
- One point per fish
- Game Species (Lake Trout, Walleye and Burbot) totals will be multiplied by 5.
 - EX. (5 walleye at a total of 24 lbs) = 5+24=29x5 for a total of 145 points
- Trash clean up: 1 point per lb of trash collected underwater.

Teams:

- Teams will consist of 2 competitors.
- Teams may be made up of any combination of men/women/juniors.

Awards:

- Highest Team score. (1st through 3rd)
- Highest individual score. (1st through 3rd)
- Biggest fish overall. (by weight)
- Most underwater trash collected.

Disqualification:

- Any infraction of the tournament rules.
- Diver caught discarding any fish including excess fish.
- Divers breaking any existing State law.
- Trading fish between other divers.
- Verbal/physical abuse of any tournament official.
- Any citations given by Conservation Officers.