

TOP GUNS Official Rules:

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR Jeremy Bass 228-327-5941

1. Every Angler Fishing the TOP GUNS is responsible for reading and following the rules. Failure to comply can result in disqualification.
2. Tournament director has the final say and can deny any team from entering the tournament no exceptions.
3. All State, local, Corp of engineers and Pride of the South rules/laws will be obeyed. All contestants must obey Alabama Water Safety Rules, Alabama Game and Fish Regulations. It's the Anglers responsibility to be knowledgeable of the rules. If your team is issued a ticket during any Pride of The South tournaments, you must notify the tournament director prior to weighing any fish. It's the tournament director's discretion to determine the penalty up to disqualification.
4. Life Jackets and Kill switches are to be worn during blastoff and anytime the boat is on plane. Must follow life jacket rules while fishing dams if allowed. No fishing while big motor is running or use big motor in current to fish.
5. Sportsmanship Rule: Any unsportsmanlike behavior during tournament hours will be grounds for disqualification from the tournament. This includes but not limited to behaviors like, someone hole sitting for you, reckless boat operation, intentionally snagging fish, etc....
6. Communication rule- During tournament hours the use of any communication device to seek guidance or fishing information is not allowed. The hiring of guides, non-eligible anglers, or non- membered anglers pre-fishing for you prior to any Elites event is not allowed.
7. Only 2 people maximum per boat.
8. All fish are to be caught during the hours of the tournament on the body of water the tournament is being held without leaving the boat or receiving fish from another team.
9. You must always stay inside the hull.
10. ON TIME CHECK IN- Each team is given two Key Fobs when you register in the morning. You are responsible to hang 1 Key Fob back on the board per the clock's time installed on the board before you due in time (Example 3:30 weigh in time (3:29:59-on time) (3:30:00 Late disqualified)). The 2nd Key fob bring with your fish to weigh in. If you choose to leave early or not weigh, please hang both back on the board so we know you are off the water.
11. Five fish 12 in or Lake Rule limit per boat. Must cull as you go only keep 5 fish in the live well at one time. No culling at the dock.
12. 1/4lb (4oz) per 1 dead fish. 1/2lb per 2 or more dead fish (Example: 1 dead fish .25 deduction 2 dead fish .75 deduction 3 dead fish 1.25lb deduction.) Lunker winning fish must be weighed alive. Short fish will be released immediately. Ties will be determined by the Lunker between the two teams. It is the team's responsibility to notify the weigh master that you want your

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- Lunker weighed. Any suspicious dead fish can be denied being weighed in per tournament director's discretion.
13. All fished weighed in will be released back. It's the tournament director's discretion to allow teams to trailer prior to weighing in.
 14. Artificial bait including A-rigs are allowed to be used. No trolling or live bait fishing. Only 1 rod allowed at a time. You must completely retrieve your line inside the boat prior to picking up another rod. Jigger poles are not allowed.
 15. All site fish must be caught inside the mouth. No snagging
 16. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs allowed during tournament. If you're subject to taking a polygraph no drinking after you weigh your fish until all places and prizes have been decided.
 17. Must abide by all "NO WAKE ZONES".
 18. Can leave the boat in an emergency only. No fishing allowed while not inside of the boat during an emergency.
 19. In the event you break down contact the tournament director @ 228-327-5941 for instructions. If you're trying to get back to weigh in you are allowed to ride in with another team as long as one team member stays with the fish.
 20. Any Boat is allowed to carry gas with you in an approved coast guard tank with quick disconnects. Handheld tanks are not allowed cannot leave boat to get gas on land. No one is allowed to bring you gas during the tournament.
 21. Live well check will be conducted during registration.
 22. An approved boat must be equipped with an Outboard Water-Cooled motor only. No jet foot motors, or go-devil style motors will be allowed to enter the tournament. Also working kill switch, working live well, working navigation, and running lights. Your motor Horsepower cannot exceed you manufactures plate. (Any questions call Tournament Director 228-327-5941)
 23. If a team has their trolling motor down FISHING, you must give that team a 50 YD courtesy distance unless both teams agree differently. If a team has their anchor out FISHING, you must give that team a 100 YD courtesy distance unless both teams agree. This does not mean you can block access to fishable waters by sitting in the entrance of a creek or lake. If a boat wants to gain entrance and you're fishing the mouth they are allowed to idle or troll past WITHOUT FISHING until they reach the courtesy distance.
 24. Anyone that fishes any of the pride of the south tournaments are fishing at their own risk and cannot hold anyone that is involved in the tournament responsible.
 25. Each event will have a mandatory polygraph test performed per the Tournament director's decision. A formal protest must be filed by the

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closing of the scales in person. Any obscene or vulgar gestures said at the event because of the protest will result in banning of the trail. This type of conduct will not be tolerated.

26. In case of a 1st place tie the team with the biggest fish in their limit wins the decision and the losing team of the tie will be considered 2nd place. Lunker ties will result in a 50/50 payout split.
27. W-9 FORMS are required before any team gets paid. All payments will be in form of a check.