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ITS EVERY ANGLERS RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND FOLLOW THE RULES!!

Every Anglers Responsibilities

In the state of Alabama, anyone born after April 28th 1954 is required to obtain an operator's license. Effective October 1, 2024: Nonresidents may operate a vessel upon the waters of this state only after obtaining a valid boater safety certification or vessel operator's certification issued in his or her home state or country, or after obtaining a Nonresident Alabama Boater Safety Certification upon examination and certification under the same terms and conditions as Alabama residents.

During the hours of the tournament all Anglers are expected to treat safety with the highest priority. Make sure to always wear life jackets, kill switches, and keep running lights on when required. Stay focused while driving your boat watching out for any dangers in the water or other vessels. Obey all posted no wakes zones.

Working Navigation Lights-Navigation lights help you and other boaters determine which is the give-way vessel when encountering each other at night. These lights must be displayed from sunset to sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility, such as fog.

1. Tournament director has the final say and can deny any team from entering the tournament no exceptions. The Tournament Director will be allowed to participate in the tournaments.
2. 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....
3. Communication rule- During tournament hours the use of any communication device to seek guidance or fishing information is not allowed.
4. 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
5. All State, Corp of engineers, local and Pride of the South rules/laws will be obeyed. 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.
6. GOLD Members must have your contingency shirt at weigh in. Failure to have shirt will disqualify your team from getting the prize money. If your team needs pictures for another contingency program, you will be allowed to change shirts and take the necessary pictures to qualify.
7. Only 2 people maximum per boat. An eligible team is either solo, boater and non-boater.
8. No leaving the boat to push into any place. If you become stuck, you can push out but not allowed to continue to push forward to gain access.
9. The influencing or requesting any operation of a spillway outside it normal schedule operating times will be disqualified. (Example Olin basin)
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



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11. All site fish must be caught inside the mouth. No snagging
12. Seven fish limit per boat. Must be a min 12".
13. 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. 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 Lunker weighed. Any suspicious dead fish can be denied being weighed in per tournament director's discretion.
14. All fished weighed in will be released back. You must weigh in before trailering your boat.
15. Artificial bait only. No trolling or live bait fishing. Only 1 rod allowed at a time. (A-RIGS are legal). You must completely retrieve your line inside the boat prior to picking up another rod. Jigger poles are not allowed. No fishing while big motor is running.
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. No culling at the dock. Only 7 fish allowed in live well at any time.
18. Cannot relocate fish prior to an event. Meaning catching them somewhere else and releasing them in a different area with the intent to catch during any event.
19. Each team is allowed (1) alternate for the season to keep the points. Any team using a 4th person for their team the Boater and the 4th person will create a new team. The alternate cannot fish alone and must have either the boater or non-boater in the boat to be eligible to fish. An alternate must fish at least 1 regular season event to be eligible for any championship. Cannot use an alternate for the first time in a Championship. You will have to fish solo if you partner can't fish.
20. Points will be based on a 100 points scale. The winner gets 100 points plus weight and goes down 1 point per place. If any teams that has entered the tournament and competes but does not weigh in or zeroes, they will receive 1 point less than the last place team that weighed in. If you pay for an event and do not compete you will receive 25 points less than the last place team weigh in. No dropped tournaments.
21. Must follow all water safety rules. Life jackets and kill switches during blast off and while boat is on plane.
22. Must abide by all "NO WAKE ZONES". This includes blast off at live oak. Upper and Lower Bryant's on Tensaw must obey buoys. Even if the buoys are missing due to high water.
23. Can leave the boat in an emergency only. No fishing allowed while not inside of the boat during an emergency. If a team member must leave early you are allowed to drop him off at the dock. Once a person leaves the boat, they are not allowed back in the boat to fish anymore in that tournament. The angler staying must remain in the boat the entire time.
24. Off limits are determined by state laws. No fishing in ponds or private waters during high water levels. No casting into a private or off limit waters even if your boat is not sitting in the off-limits waters. Cannot leave the boat to gain access to fishable waters. You are allowed to lock through Dams. The following are OFF-LIMITS DOCTOR LAKE, HELLCAT LAKE, BOYKIN LAKE, FLAG LAKE, GREEN LAKE, BEAR LAKE, CHOCTAW LAKE, OLIN BASIN, BIG CHIPPEWA LAKE, AND LITTLE CHIPPEWA LAKE. GRAVEL PIT MILLERS FERRY.





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25. Must obey all posted signs this includes dams. (Section 220-6-19 it shall be unlawful to fail to comply with any restrictive sign, buoy, or marker as approved by the Director of the Alabama Marine Police Division). Treat the sign like a wall do not cross nor cast past the posted sign or the area the sign is referencing this includes private ponds or off-limit areas. **THE DISTANCE YOU MUST MAINTAIN FROM DAMS IS 800 FT. DO NOT CAST NOR HAVE YOUR BOAT IN THIS AREA. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHERE 800 FT MARK IS AT.**

26. Any team fishing in 3-mile creek on mobile river, you must obey the “idle only” designated areas. During Alabama Waterfowl season idle only in Bay Grass, Big and Little Bateau Bay.

27. 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. Plan accordingly if you run out of gas you must make it back on time in your boat. If you ride back your catch will be disqualified.

28. Live well check will be conducted during registration.

29. 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 live well, navigation and running lights. (Any questions call Tournament Director 228-327-5941)

30. No team can block access to fishable waters. If a team has their trolling motor down FISHING, you must give that team a 50 YD courtesy distance on that bank (opposite bank does not apply) that is being fished unless both teams agree differently. Any team fishing smaller creeks or tighter areas has to choose which bank if there first to allow another team to fish opposite unless it's impossible for two boats to fish at the same time. If a team has their anchor out FISHING, you must give that team a 100 YD courtesy distance unless both teams agree.

31. 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.

32. Each event will have a mandatory polygraph test performed per the Tournament director's decision. A formal protest must be filed by the 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.

33. 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.

34. In case of an AOY Points tie. The two teams will be given a 2-hour fish-off after the last event to break the tie. They will be allowed to bring 1 fish back and the largest fish wins.

ANGLERS OF THE YEARS

TEAMS- The highest team in points after the 5 events with no drops will receive Free entry to 2026-2027 winter series as boat 1 and a \$500 bonus

Classic Eligibility-Must have finished in one of the following. Top 25 or fish 4 OUT of 5 events. TOP 5 in points get free entry to classic.



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