

Percy Priest Hybrid and Striper Club Standing Rules and Regulations

Members

Returning Members

Returning members must submit their dues by the February Club Meeting, prior to the inaugural tournament of the year.

Voting by Proxy

Only active members may vote by proxy. They must compose and seal their ballot, then submit it to an executive officer before the meeting.

*Active Members are members who have attended six (6) meetings in the year.

New Membership Procedure

- A. To become a member of the Percy Priest Hybrid and Striper Club, individuals must submit a fully completed Membership Form.
- B. This procedure does not apply to members who have paid their dues annually and are in good standing.
- C. If a member leaves the club for one (1) calendar year or longer, they must be voted on by the club members to rejoin the club.

Meetings

Meeting Minutes will be recorded and made available to members.

Each meeting will include the following components:

Registration

All attendees—members and non-members—must sign in using the provided document.

Members who check in will accumulate Angler of the Year points.

Non-members who sign in may receive invitations to open tournaments and educational seminars.

Introduction

The President will welcome attendees, introduce guests, and provide a brief overview of the Club and its objectives. Members may make general announcements with the President's acknowledgment..

Fishing Reports

The President may invite members to share detailed accounts of recent fishing experiences.

Committee Reports

Committee Directors will present updates on activities since the previous meeting and discuss upcoming social events, seminars, conservation projects, and tournaments.

Bylaw Amendments

If the Board of Directors approves a Bylaw Amendment by a two-thirds majority, the Vice President will present it to the club at the next monthly meeting.

- Each proposal will be discussed for ten (10) minutes.
- It must receive a second and third endorsement to proceed to a club-wide vote.
- If approved by a majority vote, the proposal will be ratified and implemented promptly.

Active members who are absent may vote by submitting a sealed written ballot to an executive officer. To be considered active, members must attend at least six (6) meetings.

If a proposal is rejected, it will be suspended and returned to the Board of Directors.

Educational Seminar

The Education and Conservation Committee will present seminars when feasible. These may include demonstrations, member presentations, or guest speakers (e.g., cast net techniques or bait tank maintenance).

Tournaments

Regular Tournaments

From February to October, tournaments will be held on the Saturday following the third Thursday of each month. Updates will be posted on the Club Facebook page, website, and sent via email or text.

Participation in tournaments earns Angler of the Year points

Open Tournaments

- The Club will host one Open Tournament in May.
- The tournament is open to the public.
- It will be sponsored by the Percy Priest Hybrid and Striper Club.
- Fishing will be for Hybrid Bass and Striped Bass only.
- Payouts will be the same as all other tournaments.

The Fish-Off (Now known as “HERB ODUM MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT”)

- This is the final tournament of the year.
- Eligibility requires participation in:
 - A Minimum of two (2) regular club tournaments during the season
 - A Minimum of four (4) monthly club meetings
 - A Minimum of one (1) club function between December and September, such as:
 - Percy Priest Clean Up
 - Club Christmas Party
 - Christmas Parades (2)
 - Swap Meet Setup
 - Swap Meet
 - Club Fish Fry
- This applies to spouses and children covered by the membership bylaw.
- The Fish-Off follows the same rules as regular tournaments.

- The prize pot for the Fish-Off Tournament will consist of two components:
 - the standard tournament pot funded by the \$30 entry fee.
 - The cumulative Fish Off Pot, which has been contributed to from each of the nine regular tournaments held throughout the year.
 - A. The Fish Off Pot is a dedicated prize pool collected from tournament entry fees throughout the season.
 - It will be distributed among the top three finishers in the Fish Off Tournament as follows:
 - 1st place: 50%
 - 2nd place: 30%
 - 3rd place: 20%

Tournament Guidelines

Fees

- Each participant must pay a \$30 entry fee, allocated as follows:
 - \$2 to the Conservation Fund
 - \$2 to the Fish Off Pot
 - \$16 to the Main Tournament Pot
 - \$10 to the Big Fish Pot
- All prize payments will be awarded to the winners of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, as well as the winner of the Big Fish category, at the official weigh-in on the day of the tournament.

Pre-Registration

Members must pre-register by submitting entry fees by 6:00pm on Friday before the tournament.

Fees may be paid in cash at the meeting on Thursday night prior to the Tournament or by card online.

Start Time

Lines may not enter the water before the designated start time. Launching is allowed earlier, but only at the specified body of water.

Weigh-Ins

- Members who weigh in will earn Angler of the Year points.
- Separation of Weigh In Duties
 - The individual calling out weights during weigh-ins may not be the same person who is recording weights.
 - These responsibilities must be assigned to different individuals to maintain accuracy and accountability.
- Close Weight Verification
 - If the total catch weight (whether 1 fish or 2 fish) is within 0.25 pounds of another competitor's total weight, the entire catch must be weighed a second time.
 - On the second weigh-in, both fish must be weighed together at the same time (if two fish are part of the catch).
 - The second weigh-in must be conducted by a different individual than the one who performed the initial weigh-in.
- Big Fish Verification
 - If the big fish weight is within 0.25 pounds of another competitor's big fish, that fish must also be weighed a second time.
 - The second weigh-in must be read by a different individual than the one who reads the first weight.

Late Arrival Penalty

Participants must arrive at the weigh-in location before the designated start time.

A penalty of one (1) pound per minute will be deducted from the largest fish of any participant arriving late. After ten (10) minutes, the catch is disqualified. This penalty will be calculated based on the time recorded by the Tournament Director or their designated representative.

Prizes

In the overall weight category, each boat is permitted to submit its two (2) largest fish for weighing. Prizes will be granted for the first (1st), second (2nd), and third (3rd) positions. Every participant in the tournament who is enrolled in the big-fish pot has the opportunity to exhibit their largest fish for weighing in the big-fish pot.

Payout

20% of entry fees go to the Conservation Fund. The remaining 80% is distributed:

- 1st place: 50%
- 2nd place: 30%
- 3rd place: 20%

Payouts are made at the weigh-in, next meeting, or via mail.

Family of a Member

Spouses, children, and grandchildren under 16 may participate in tournaments with the member, but must pay tournament fees.

Non-Members

Non-members may participate in one (1) members-only tournament as a guest if accompanied by a member. They may also join open tournaments.

Bait

Both artificial and live bait are allowed. Chumming during the tournament is permitted, but pre-tournament chumming is prohibited and will result in disqualification.

Bank Fishing

Bank fishing is allowed at the tournament reservoir.

Tournament Rescheduling

Tournaments may be rescheduled due to dangerous weather. Entry fees will be refunded or credited. The Tournament Committee will vote on this decision.

Minimum Boat Requirement

A minimum of three (3) boats must register for a tournament to be official.

- If fewer than three register, the event may be postponed, canceled, or held informally without standings or prizes.

Fish Conditions

Fish presented at weigh-in must be in good condition—on ice or submerged in water. Poor condition results in disqualification.

This will be strictly enforced!!

No Fish Rule

If no fish are weighed in, entry fees roll over to the next tournament.

Tournament Disqualification

Violations of tournament rules, Club rules, or state game laws will result in disqualification.

Grievances Procedures

- B. Any member may submit a grievance regarding tournament practices, procedures, or results.
 - Grievances must be emailed and include details of the issue and any rule or law violated.
 - Grievances may be submitted even if no rule or law applies.
- C. Grievances must be submitted to the Tournament Director within 24 hours, starting one hour after weigh-in begins.
- D. The Tournament Committee will meet before the next monthly meeting to evaluate the grievance using Club rules and state laws.

- E. The Committee will determine appropriate action or no action. If a rule change is needed, it will be submitted to the President.
- F. The Committee's decision is final and will be announced at the next meeting..

Tournament Disclaimer

The Club, Executive Officers, Board of Directors, and members are not responsible for injuries, theft, or property damage. Participants are responsible for their own conduct.

The Tournament Rules and pertinent laws must be followed by all tournament participants.

Video Catch and Release Guidelines

The following guidelines must be adhered to by all fishermen who intend to conduct a video and release of a fish. The fish being filmed will be disqualified if the procedures outlined below are not adhered to.

I. Steps of Catch and Release

- A. Start video while removing the fish from the net.
- B. Immediately place the fish on the scale and display the tournament code (e.g., F1).
 - The letter and number that the tournament committee assigned to you on the morning of the competition must be displayed on your scale. The fish will be disqualified if it is not visible in the video or is unreadable. Speaking the letter and number are not permitted.
- C. Show the full fish from head to tail.
 - After the fish has been caught, it is necessary to present the entire fish, all the way from the scales and the bottom of the fins. To accomplish this, position the camera along the entire length of the fish. This ensures that the fish's tail is not impeded by any object.
- D. Hold the camera on the scale for 5–10 seconds until weight stabilizes.
- E. Show the fish swimming away. Do not push or throw the fish.

- The individual who releases the fish must transport it from the boat to the water and physically hold the fish in the water. Holding grippers in one hand and the other hand beneath the fish's midsection or toward the rear of its tail is the most effective approach. The fish must swim away independently, without any assistance, such as being pushed below the surface.
- The Club requires that you retrieve a fish if it swims off and then drifts back to the surface after being released, or if it does not swim away at all. It is imperative to weigh this fish in as one of your captures at the weigh-in.

II. Scales

- A. Scales must be calibrated after initial use or equipment changes.
- B. Tare is not allowed.
- C. Any object used to weigh the fish must be excluded from the recorded weight.
- D. If weight is within 0.3 lbs, scale certification is required.
- E. Any participant may request a scale check.
- F. Non-compliance results in disqualification.

III. Catch and Release Weigh-in Guidelines

- A. Upon arriving at the weigh-in site, captains must inform a member of the Tournament Committee that they have a video release to submit for weigh-in. (If no Committee members are available, the video must be viewed by the President or Vice President.)
 1. The Committee Member will review all videos from start to finish.
 2. In the event of any discrepancies, the entire Tournament Committee will review the footage. They will determine the legality of the video.
 - A. If the video is determined to be illegal, the club member has twenty-four (24) hours to contest the Tournament Committee's decision.
 - B. Following this, the Executive Committee will evaluate the decision.

- a) If the club member is a member of the Executive or Tournament Committees, they will not be involved in the decision-making process when they submit an appeal.
- B. One of the Tournament Committee Members will declare the weight of a Video Weigh In.
- C. Another Tournament Committee will restate the weight.

Club's Name and Likeness

1. The Club's name (e.g., Percy Priest Hybrid and Striper Club), its logo, its Facebook page, and its webpage are not to be used for personal profit or business promotions.
2. The trademark for the Club's name and likeness will be protected.

Angler of the Year Point System

Based on the total number of vessels participating in each tournament, the following distribution will be used to award points:

1st place is determined by the total number of boats in the tournament. (10 Boats = 10 Points)

2nd place receives one point less than 1st place,

3rd place receives one point less than 2nd place,

4th place receives one point less than 3rd place,

and so on, continuing this pattern down to the last place.

Note 1 - If only one boat catches fish during a tournament, the boat will receive reward money for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. However, the boat will only receive *Angler of the Year Points* based on the total number of boats participating in the tournament.

Note 2 - Each individual who participates in the fishing tournament will automatically receive one point.

Note 2 - Each individual who attends the weigh-in of a tournament will receive one point.

Note 3 - The entry fees will be transferred over to the next tournament if no fish are captured during a tournament, and there will be no payout. Each participant in paid tournaments will continue to earn 1 point for the tournament and an additional 1 point for attending the weigh-in.

Benefits of the Points System

1. Ensures fairness across Old Hickory and Percy Priest tournaments
2. Allows for measurement-based scoring at Old Hickory
3. Encourages weigh-in participation
4. Validates Angler of the Year as a year-long achievement.

End of the Year Awards

During the year's final meeting, plaques or trophies will be awarded.

The Awards are:

1. **“THE HERB ODUM MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT”** Plaque (1st Place in the Fish Off)
2. Big Hybrid - Percy Priest Lake
3. Big Striper - Percy Priest Lake
4. Big Striper - Cumberland River
5. Angler of the Year

(The individual(s) who accrue the highest total points throughout the year will be recognized with the Angler of the Year award.)