

# Percy Priest Hybrid and Striper Club Standing Rules and Regulations

## Members

### Returning Members

Prior to the inaugural tournament of the year, it is mandatory for returning members to submit their dues (by the February Club Meeting).

### Voting by Proxy

Paid members are the only ones who are permitted to vote by proxy. They are required to compose their ballot and seal it accordingly. Before the meeting, this vote should be given to an executive officer.

### New Membership Procedure

- A. To become a member of the *Percy Priest Hybrid and Striper Club*, individuals must submit a fully completed Membership Form. Upon receiving the form, the club will deliberate on the individual's acceptance into the club at the upcoming regular meeting. Membership in the Club will be granted to this individual, who will have complete access to all club benefits, upon receiving a majority "Yes" vote from the members present at the meeting.
- B. The request for membership will be denied if the majority votes against it.
  1. The previous statements does not apply to a Member who has paid their membership dues annually and is in good standing.
  2. A member's status must be re-evaluated through a vote to restore it after a one-year hiatus in membership fees.

## **Meetings**

The following components will be included in each meeting:

### **Registration**

The sign-in document supplied is mandatory for all attendees, regardless of whether they are Members or non-Members.

\*The Angler of the Year award points will be accumulated by members who check in.

\*Invitations to participate in "open" tournaments and educational seminars will be sent to individuals who are not members and sign in.

### **Introduction**

The President will welcome both members and any non-members in attendance, introduce them, and provide a brief overview of the Club and its objectives. Members who wish to make general announcements at this time may be acknowledged by the President.

### **Fishing Reports**

The President may request that each Member provide a detailed account of their most recent fishing experiences.

### **Committee Reports**

The President will invite the Director of each Committee to present a report on the Committee's activities since the previous meeting and to engage in discussions about upcoming social gatherings, educational seminars, conservation projects, and tournaments.

## **Bylaw Amendment and Tournament Rule-Making**

If the board of directors votes yes by a majority vote (2/3), it will then be presented by the Vice President to the club for a vote at the next monthly club meeting.

Each proposal will be available for discussion for ten (10) minutes. It must receive both a second (2nd) and a third (3rd) to be voted on by the entire club. If the club votes yes by a majority vote, it will then be ratified. The Proposal will be implemented promptly if the majority of ballots are cast in its favor.

Active members who are absent are still permitted to vote, provided that they submit their ballots in writing. In order to be considered active, these members must attend a minimum of six meetings. Their ballots must be completed and sealed in a manner that is appropriate. Prior to the meeting, this vote must be submitted to an executive officer.

In the event that the club rejects a proposal, it will be placed on suspension and subsequently returned to the board of directors.

## **Educational Seminar**

The Education and Conservation Committee will present an educational seminar whenever feasible. Educational seminars may include a demonstration, a presentation by a Member, or a guest speaker. For example, a presentation on techniques for casting a cast net or maintaining bait in a bait tank may be demonstrated.

## **Tournaments**

### **Regular Tournaments.**

From February to October, the Club intends to conduct consistent tournaments on the Saturday following the third (3rd) Thursday of each month. All necessary updates to the Tournament Schedule will be posted on the Club Facebook Page, the club website, and communicated to all members via email or text.

\*By participating in a tournament and/or a weigh-in, participants will accumulate points toward the Angler of the Year award.

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

The Fish-Off will serve as the year's final tournament.

A member must have participated in a minimum of four (4) club functions during the season, excluding fishing tournaments, in order to be eligible for the Fish-Off. Meetings are required for two (2) of those functions. This qualification must also be met by the spouse and children of members who are covered by the membership bylaw. The club organizes a variety of events, including the Swap Meet, the BBQ, and the fish fry, which are all examples of functions.

The fish-off will adhere to the same procedures and regulations as the regular season tournaments. The prize money for the fish-off will be equivalent to that of other tournaments.

### **Tournament Guidelines**

#### **Fees**

Each participant is required to pay a \$30 entry fee for the tournament. This equates to \$5 for the conservation fund, \$15 for the pot, and \$10 for the large fish pot.

#### **Pre-Registration**

It is required that members pre-register by tendering their entry fees by midnight prior to the tournament. Entry fees will be collected by the Treasurer or their designated representative at the meeting prior to the tournament or online.

#### **Start Time**

Lines must not be in the water until the designated start time, but members are allowed to launch at any boat ramp and be on the water before this time. (Only at the specified body of water).

#### **Weigh-Ins**

In order to guarantee qualification for the weigh-in, all tournament participants must arrive at the designated weigh-in location before the designated start time. The Treasurer or the Tournament Record Keeper will document the weights of each fish and team. In conformance

with the "Angler of the Year Points System for PPHSC," each Member who participated in the weigh-in will receive "Angler of the Year" points.

### **Late Arrival Penalty**

A penalty of one (1) pound of fish weight per minute will be imposed on the largest fish of a tournament participant who arrives late to the Weigh-In. This penalty will be calculated based on the time recorded by the Tournament Director or their designated representative. The catch of a tournament participant will be disqualified if they reach more than ten (10) minutes late.

### **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**

The Conservation Fund will receive twenty percent (20%) of the tournament entry fees. The remaining eighty percent (80%) will be distributed as follows: the first (1st) place winner will receive fifty percent (50%), the second (2nd) place winner will receive thirty percent (30%), and the third (3rd) place winner will receive twenty percent (20%). The payout will either be distributed at the weigh in, the next scheduled meeting, or sent via mail.

### **Family of a Member**

Without paying membership dues, spouses, children, and grandchildren under the age of eighteen (18) of a member are permitted to participate in tournaments alongside the member; however, they are subject to Tournament Fees.

### **Non-Members**

When accompanied by a member, a non-member is permitted to participate in one (1) "members-only" tournament as a guest. Non-members are permitted to participate in any "open" tournament in conjunction with a member.

## **Bait**

Artificial and live lures are both permissible. Chumming is permissible. Attempting to attract fish to a location by chumming prior to a tournament is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.

## **Bank Fishing**

The reservoir where the tournament is held is open to bank angling.

## **Tournament Rescheduling**

A tournament may be rescheduled, when available, if the anticipated weather is dangerous on the day of the event. The entry fees will be refunded or credited toward the next tournament in the event of a tournament cancellation. This decision will be made by a vote of the Tournament Committee.

## **Fish Conditions**

The fish that is brought to the weigh-in must be in great condition at the time of the weigh in. Any fish that is intended for the weigh-in, must be maintained on ice or submerged in water. Without exception, any fish that is displayed in an unsatisfactory condition will be disqualified.

**This will be strictly enforced!!**

## **No Fish Rule**

The entry fees for all participants will be transferred over to the next tournament if no fish are weighed in.

## **Tournament Disqualification**

The individual may be disqualified if they are discovered to be in violation of the tournament's regulations, the Club's rules, or state game laws.

## **Grievances Procedures**

- A. A grievance may be submitted by any member with respect to the practices, procedures, or results that occur prior to, during, or following a tournament.

1. This grievance must be submitted by email and should explain the wrong or hardship that was experienced, as well as any club rule or law that may have been violated.
  2. Nevertheless, grievances may be submitted regardless of whether regulations or legislation are applicable.
- B. The grievance must be submitted to the Tournament Director by the member who filed it within twenty-four (24) hours. The time commences one (1) hour after the weigh-in begins on the day of the tournament. Only grievances will be entertained during this twenty-four (24) hour period.
- C. To evaluate the grievance in question, the tournament committee will assemble prior to the upcoming monthly meeting. The tournament committee will examine all current regulations and State marine and wildlife laws in order to make a decision during the meeting. If there are no other applicable violations, this settlement may include common sense and previous practices.
- D. This settlement should either specify the actions that will be taken or indicate that no action will be taken in response to this grievance. If the tournament committee determines that a rule change is necessary, it will be submitted to the President in accordance with the Club's By-Laws.
- E. The tournament committee has the authority to resolve the grievance. The tournament committee's decision is definitive and will be disclosed at the upcoming meeting.

### **Tournament Disclaimer**

Any injuries, larceny, or damage to your property, yourself, or individuals in your boat are not the responsibility of the Club, the Executive Officers, the Board of Directors, or its members. All 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. The video must start while the fish is being removed from the net that was used to transport it to the boat. It is strongly recommended that the fish be brought in using a net.
  3. The fish must be set on the scale immediately upon the start of the video, and the individual filming must prominently display the current tournament code (letter and number).
- B. The Catch and Release Code must be included in the video. (For example, F1)
  1. 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. 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.
  1. To ensure that the weight is clearly visible in the video, the camera should be held on the fish for 5 to 10 seconds, or until the weight stabilizes for an accurate measurement.
- D. The fish should be observed swimming away in the video after being released.
  1. After you have obtained a weight measurement, it is imperative that you document the fish being returned to the water. The video is unable to stop during the reviving procedure, if it is required. The fish must be the primary focus of the entire video.
  2. The fish must be capable of independently swimming away. You are prohibited from pushing or forcing the fish underneath when it is released. Additionally, it is prohibited to return the fish to the the water by throwing it.



A. The following is the steps to take for a proper fish release:

1. 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.
2. 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. Calibration is required for scales upon initial use and subsequent equipment modifications.

1. Batteries, scales, and any other apparatus necessary to secure fish during the weighing process are included in this.
2. Tare should no longer be employed on the scale that is allocated for fish weighing.
3. During the tournament weigh-in, any object that is used to weigh the fish—whether it is held by the fish or between the fish and the scale—will be weighed and excluded from the weight recorded on camera.

B. If the weight is within three tenths ( $3/10$ ) of a pound, a scale certification is required.

C. A check may be requested by any tournament participant at the weigh-in.

D. The fish is disqualified if the previously mentioned regulations are not adhered to.

## ***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 watch all videos from start to finish.

2. In the event of any discrepancies, a member of the tournament committee will review the footage with the other committee members. 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. The treasurer 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:

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** receives one point less than 1<sup>st</sup> place,

**3<sup>rd</sup> place** receives one point less than 2<sup>nd</sup> place,

**4<sup>th</sup> place** receives one point less than 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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. Establishes equitable opportunities for the Old Hickory and Percy Priest Tournaments.
2. Allows for the implementation of a measurement system for Old Hickory tournaments, if desired.
3. Encourages participation in weigh-ins.
4. Guarantees that each tournament is of equal importance, thereby establishing the Angler of the Year as a genuine year-long accomplishment.

## **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.)