

TOURNAMENT RULES

TEAMS

- A team shall consist of not more than 6 members, with one acting as captain. No substitutions of team members are allowed.
- 2 vehicles in designated fishing area per team.

RESTRICTIONS AND FISHING GEAR

- One rod and reel per member with not more than 2 hooks per member. For example: 6 members, 6 rods, or 3 members, 3 rods, etc.
- Artificial lures with hooks, according to manufacturer's specifications, are permitted. No line will be permitted in the water prior to start time and all lines must be removed at stop time. All fish hooked prior to stop time will be scored at the beach.
- One team member shall act as captain and be responsible for correct scoring of fish. Each angler is responsible for keeping his/her fish separate from those caught by other team members.
- All fishing shall be done in a conventional method only. No kites, balloons, launches, kayaks, boats or chumming.
- All teams shall fish within the boundaries chosen. Designated fishing areas will be south of the bullpen. There will be numbers posted on the dune line and you will fish north of your assigned number. If you see your number, you are in your spot.
- Fish shall be measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.
- No participant shall assist another fisherman in landing his/her fish until the fish is beached. This means that it is impossible for the fish to swim away.
- Each team must complete a Mortality Report as required by the National Park Service.
- No one shall cast, bait, hook, or remove fish for anyone.
- In case of ties, the following shall prevail: (1) Total of fish caught, (2) Flip of a coin, (3) Highest card – Ace will be the high card.
- All fish must be from surf only.
- All fish must be measured before leaving your assigned fishing area.
- All vehicles on the beach must hold a valid Assateague Island National Seashore OSV beach permit.
- All anglers must have a valid Maryland Saltwater fishing license.
- Each captain will receive 3 score sheets. You are responsible for filling out the score sheets during each fishing session. Judge will collect filled out score sheet at the beginning of each fishing session. Judge keeps possession of score sheet during fishing sessions. At end of each fishing session, the judge for you assigned area will sign off on your team's score sheet. Each captain will receive a copy. It is the responsibility of the team's captain to insure the correct scoring of fish before the score sheet is signed. No protest for a team's score will be permitted after the score sheet has been signed by a captain unless he writes "under protest when signing". If a captain leaves the beach during or after any session without signing score sheet, it will be deemed score sheet unacceptable for points or protest.
- National Park Service requires that participant ID be hung from the mirror during all fishing sessions.
- The official scoreboard will be located at the AMSA property. National Park Service encourages this to be a "catch and release tournament". Only live fish will be judged. AMSA reserves the right to inspect any and all coolers a team has in its possession during a fishing session.
- The use of cast nets is not allowed during your session.
- After fishing session is over, you must leave your station and go to the next assigned station.
- No fishing allowed during lunch break.

SCORING

ONLY LEGAL SIZE FISH WILL BE SCORED

1 POINT FISH - Croaker, Kingfish, Bluefish

- 11 inch minimum length
- Each additional full inch over 11 inches gets 1 point per inch up to 20 inches
- Over 20 inches gets 3 points per inch

4 POINT FISH - Trout, False Albacore / Bonita

- 14 inch minimum length
- Each additional full inch over 14 inches gets 1 point per inch up to 20 inches
- Over 20 inches gets 3 points per inch

6 POINT FISH - Flounder

- 16 ½ minimum length
- Each additional inch over 16 ½ inches gets 1 point per inch up to 20 inches
- Over 20 inches gets 3 points per inch

Black drum

- 16 inch minimum length
- Each additional inch over 16 inches gets 1 point per inch up to 20 inches
- Over 20 inches gets 3 points per inch

8 POINT FISH - Red drum

- 18 inch minimum length, and up to 27 inches maximum length
- Each additional inch over 18 inches gets 1 point per inch up to 20 inches
- Over 20 inches gets 3 points per inch

34 POINT FISH - Rockfish

- 28 inch minimum length, and up to 38 inches maximum length
- Over 28 inches gets 3 points per inch

CATCH AND RELEASE –

- 1 additional point awarded for each fish released alive

AWARDS

\$3500 IN PRIZE MONEY AWARDED

\$2000 FIRST PLACE

\$1000 SECOND PLACE

\$500 THIRD PLACE

3 Session Winners – Trophies

Most Fish Male – Trophy

Most Fish Female - Trophy

Largest Fish Overall – Trophy

****Prize Clause:**

Prizes and prize money are based on a minimum of 15 teams participating. AMSA reserves the right to adjust prizes and prize money at their discretion.