



Join us Friday, November 29!

# 2024 RULES & PAYOUTS

All Proceeds benefit:



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**INFO**



# RULES

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:** There will be entries available for a maximum of 50 boats in this trout tournament. Entries will open on-line for the first 50 boats to register on June 1, 2024. Registration will close at such time as 50 boats are registered. Registration must be completed in full. Blatant attempts entered with incorrect information to advance entry will not be accepted. Tournament committee reserves the right to review and deny entry to anyone.

Each individual spot in the tournament is owned by the captain that originally registered for it spots are non-transferable

**ENTRY FEES:** The entry fee for each boat is \$500 and must be paid in full by November 1, 2024 at 12:00 pm eastern time. Entry fee after November 1st is \$750. All entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Tournament is a captain's choice. In the event of "extreme" weather the tournament committee has the right to adjust the schedule or postpone.

**FISHING BOUNDARIES:** No checkout, no boundaries, all boats must launch from NC waters.

All trout must be weighed in at Sturgeon City, Jacksonville, NC and must come by boat to the weigh in. A member of the fishing party may be dropped off to pick up a truck and trailer, so boaters do not have to travel in the dark back to their home launch. If a member is dropped off the tournament committee must be notified by phone, Floyd Nealey 910-333-2159 prior to drop off.

Fishing Times: No lines in the water prior to 6:30 am.

Boats weighing fish must be checked in by 4pm. Boats failing to meet this deadline will be EXCLUDED from the competition. There will be a check in boat under the Wilson Bay Bridge in the New River. You must show your boat number to be checked in and to weigh fish!

Once a boat has checked in at a checkpoint, boaters must proceed to the official weigh station at sturgeon city Jacksonville, North Carolina Common since single file fashion without land stops.

All fish must be weighed-in from the boat from which they are caught. No trucking or overland transported fish. Fish must be offloaded off the boat at the designated area ONLY. Any fish not off-loaded from the boat at the designated area will be disqualified.

All fish must be caught by rod and reel. With either live bait or artificial bait

Weighed fish become property of the tournament. All live fish will be released by the tournament officials.

Each boat MUST be represented at the captains meeting. Each captain is responsible for knowing any changes that may be announced at the captains meeting.

In the event two or more fish are the exact same weight, the fish entered first shall be declared winner.

For safety purposes all boats entered must adhere to USCG regulations for their size.

A boat may be replaced, due to verified mechanical failure, after completion begins, with the Rules Committees approval. Any changes made after registration must be approved by the Tournament Committee.

Prizes to be awarded to the boats with the heaviest six trout.

All checks will be mailed to winners within seven days following the awards presentation.

All winners are subject to polygraph examination the Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect all boats entered in the competition at any time.

This is a one-day competition therefore, NO trout shall be on any boat before competition hours begin. Any violation of this rule will result in automatic disqualified.

Any two or more boats coming together for any reason after a boat begins competition and before weigh-in, may be disqualified. The competition officially begins for a boat once their fishing line are put in the water.

As safety is of primary importance permission may be granted for exceptions by committee boats or tournament headquarters.

All fish must be brought to the weigh station by the boat on which they were caught under its own power.

Boats are to proceed in an orderly fashion to weigh station. One member of the crew must remain with the fish to verify weigh in. boats will not be tied up in designated off-loading area and crew must depart immediately after off-loading fish.

This is a 4 fish tournament. All categories (lady, military, junior) must weigh a separate fish for that category. Minimum size of all trout is 15” any captain that weighs short fish will be disqualified from that day of competition.

Once officially registered all entry fees are NON REFUNDABLE!

Any tournament official or tournament sponsor entering the tournament in compliance with the tournament rules is eligible for any and all prizes.

All tournament participants consent and authorize the tournament committee and their advertising/ public relations agencies to use and reproduce names, voices, and/or photographs- whether taken or recorded- and circulate the same for any and all purposes of publicity and advertising of all kinds and description in any and all media formats.

Any protest must be made in person to a tournament committee official by 4pm on the final fishing day accompanied by a \$600 NON REFUNDABLE protest fee.

All participants must follow local, state and federal recreational fishing rules and regulations. If any participant is ticketed during that persons tournament time than it will result in automatic disqualification for that fishing day. All participants must possess a valid North Carolina fishing license for the waters they were fishing.

The tournament rules committee shall determine the solution to questions, situations or protests and its judgment SHALL BE FINAL.

# **PAYOUTS**

**1st: \$6,000**

**2nd: \$3,000**

**3rd: \$1,000**

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