

RULES, REGULATIONS AND CONTRACT

12—WEIGH – IN: All boats must return to the tournament site to bring their catch to the scale to be weighed. Any team removing their boat from the water prior to weighing their catch will be disqualified. **In the event of equipment failure, there are 2 ways to have your catch recorded:**

A) Being towed by water leaving the catch in the live well.

B) Being transported by a pre-approved individual with the catch (one team member remains with the boat).

Late penalties will apply also.

13- LATE PENALTY: Competitors who are not in the official check point area at the appointed time will be penalized at the rate of one (1) pound per minute late; to be deducted from the total weight for the day. Any competitor more than 15 minutes late will be disqualified. One (1) pound per minute will also apply to the Big Bass Competition.

14—SCORING: Largemouth, Smallmouth, Shoal and Spotted Bass will be weighed. The limit will be five (5) fish per boat. Culling will begin as soon as the sixth fish is caught. Any team found to have more than the five (5) fish limit will be disqualified. All fish will be measured on a Gator Grip Golden Rule Tournament Board, (flat) with the mouth closed and by moving the tail side to side. A penalty of three (3) pounds will be assessed for each short fish brought to the scales. In addition, that fish will not be weighed and that team will be disqualified from the Big Bass Competition. Any team bringing more than one short fish to the scales will be disqualified from competition for that day. A four (4) ounce (.25 pound) penalty will be assessed for each dead fish brought to the scales. The four (4) ounce dead fish rule will also apply to the Big Bass Competition. There will be no courtesy length checks at the weigh-in site. In accordance with the Georgia Law, DEAD FISH MAY NOT BE CULLED. Any culling at the weigh-in site will result in disqualification. All live fish will be released at the weigh-in site. THE LENGTH LIMIT OF THE FISH MUST COMPLY WITH EACH LAKE'S LENGTH REGULATIONS.

15—PROTEST AND POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION: Protests may be registered at two times during a tournament:

1-After the early morning briefing and before "ooze off."

2-After the weigh-in and before the awards presentations.

All protests must be registered personally with the Tournament Director and must be accompanied by \$100 cash. After the awards presentations the results of the tournament will be final. Any competitor (who has not registered a formal protest) found or heard accusing another competitor of a violation of the rules will be exhibiting unsportsman like conduct and will be disqualified from that tournament and future tournaments. All contestants agree that, in the event of a dispute or protest of any kind, or if requested to do so by the Tournament Director; both team members will submit to a polygraph examination. Contestants further agree that the results of the polygraph examination will be accepted without appeal and will be the final decision in said tournament.

16—POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION: Polygraph examinations may be required for any contestant at any tournament at the Tournament Director's discretion. All contestants understand and agree that all prizes and awards will not be presented until such polygraphs are administered. The polygraph must be PASSED at the tournament site on the day of the tournament. INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS ON A POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION WILL BE CONSIDERED TO BE A FAILURE TO PASS AND WILL BE ACCEPTED AS SUCH BY THE EXAMINEE. Failure to pass a polygraph examination will result in disqualification from all future tournaments. Anyone who has been disqualified for failure to pass a polygraph examination will not be allowed to participate in any tournament.

17—RULES INTERPRETATION: Interpretation of these rules shall be left solely to the Tournament Director. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final in all matters. Infractions of these rules could result in disqualification from this and future tournaments.

18—CONSERVATION: This should be a primary concern for all competitive fishermen. Adequate live wells are mandatory on each boat and must provide aeration to maintain fish in good condition. We recommend the use of chemical live well additives that promote the healthy return of fish to their natural habitat.

19—ANGLER OF THE YEAR: **To qualify a team must fish 5 tournaments together.** The total weight of all 8 tournaments will determine the winner.

20—CLASSIC: **The Tournament waters will be off limits Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday prior to the classic.** The Classic will be a two day tournament. A team must be represented by one or more members in 5 of 8 tournaments. A team member can fish alone or have an alternate . The entry fee for the Classic is **\$220.00** per boat which includes Big Bass. The top 3 teams (based on cumulative weight) will fish the Classic free. The cumulative weight will be based on all 8 tournaments. **Alternates cannot be used in the Classic.**

21—RIGHT TO REFUSE: The Tournament Director reserves the right to deny registration to any Angler wishing to participate in the trail.