



Tournament Rules Nov. 4, 2017

Prizes:

A) There are 5 tournament divisions – Speckled Trout, Redfish (Slot, pinched tail & one flip allowed), Flounder, Largemouth Bass, & 3 Fish Creel. For Redfish, if the pinch tail touches or crosses the 26” mark the fish will be disqualified. The Prizes are as follows:

1st Place: \$500 and a Yeti Cooler

2nd Place: 45 qt. Yeti Cooler and assorted prizes

3rd Place: Assorted Prizes

For Largest 3 Fish Creel (Trout) Division, the Prize is Winner Take All \$500.

***There is no 2nd or 3rd Place prize in this division.

By buying a tournament ticket, you are automatically eligible to win all of the above prizes. They are guaranteed.

B) Slam Divisions: – 1) \$50 2) \$75 3) \$100

Each slam division entry will be the combined total of the weights of a team’s biggest flounder, biggest slot redfish, and biggest speckled trout. This combined weight total will be the team’s Slam “score.” A team **must** have one of all 3 species to receive a score. No species substitutions or exceptions.

Participation in the Slam Division is OPTIONAL. You must enter to win. They are Team/boat awards.

Each Division is Winner Take All; **there are no 2nd and 3rd place payouts for the Slam. All 3 divisions are separate (with separate payouts).** **The Payout for the Slam is 90% of all monies entered into each; the other 10% is taken out for tournament expenses.

2. Ties:

In the event of a tie, the first fish (or 3 fish if there is a tie in the 3 fish Creel division) weighed wins, or takes the higher place. This is the rule for both the regular tournament divisions and the **Slam** divisions.

3. Tournament Entry:

This is a per boat / team tournament. All people in the boat (and each Kayak Angler) must have a **signed** tournament ticket. **If Angler is under the age of 18, entry must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Tournament tickets are \$40.** Participants **do not** need to enter the **Slam divisions to participate in the tournament, they are optional.**

Maximum 4 people per boat, Minimum 2 people per boat. Kayakers may form teams of up to 4 anglers and **MUST** stay in sight of one another. All entry fees (both tournament tickets and Slam entries) must be paid & **signed** by each Angler by 9:00 pm on Thursday, October 8th. Tickets may be purchased at the Captain’s meeting.

All Slam entries will be paid from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on site at the Blue Gill. There will be a designated table for this (and all) entries on the outside back deck of the Blue Gill.

4. Fishing Boundaries and Times:

Lines in the water will start at 5:00 am on the morning of Oct. 15th, 2016. All fishing is understood to be with hook & line. The weigh in is from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Blue Gill on the Causeway. You must check in with the weigh master at the Blue Gill on the Causeway (Battleship Pkwy, Spanish Ft., AL.) by 4:00 pm on Oct. 15th in order to weigh your fish. The official tournament time will be kept by the Marsh Madness tournament committee. This rule will be strictly enforced. The boundaries for this tournament are State waters of Alabama^{***}. You cannot launch from outside Alabama and cross back into Alabama waters to fish.

*****SPECIAL LARGEMOUTH BASS RULE - Fish to be weighed in this tournament can only be caught in navigable local waters of Alabama. FISH TO BE WEIGHED ABSOLUTELY CANNOT BE CAUGHT IN PRIVATE PONDS. Also as outlined below, all Largemouth Bass to be weighed MUST BE ALIVE.**

5. Regulations for Fish Being Weighed:

- a) Fish being weighed must be culled by anglers prior to approaching the weigh-in
- b) All fish must be caught on hook and line. No gigging, gill nets, or trammel nets of any kind will be allowed. Use of electric shock to stun fish is also not allowed. Hand nets for netting fish that are hooked by hook and line are allowed.
- c) All fish weighed are subject to being checked with a Torrymeter and/or physical examination.
- d) **All 1st place tournament winners & Slam winners will be required to submit to a polygraph test.**
- e) All fish being combined by anglers for the 3 Fish Creel (Trout) Divisions for an aggregate weight must be caught from the same boat, and by the anglers registered to be on that boat.
- f) Mutilated fish, as judged by the tournament committee, will be disqualified and shall not be weighed.
- g) All fish weighed must be legal length, and must meet Alabama State Regulations and the following criteria:
 - Speckled Trout.....14 inch Minimum
 - Flounder.....12 inch Minimum
 - Redfish.....16-26 inches (Max Tail Length)
 - Largemouth Bass.....12 inch minimum. **All fish weighed MUST be alive^{***}**

6. Cheating:

Cheating will not be tolerated by the Marsh Madness Fall Fishing Classic. If the weigh master and/or tournament committee determines that an angler or anglers have cheated during the tournament in any way, all anglers on the boat (and all fish weighed) will be disqualified. A protest may be made for \$250 and is non-refundable if not overturned by Marsh Madness Fall Fishing Classic tournament committee. **Protests must be in writing by 4:30 pm on Oct. 16th.** All participants are subject to a polygraph examination.

7. Rescheduling / Weather:

The Marsh Madness tournament committee reserves the right to reschedule the tournament due to inclement weather and entry fees ARE refundable in this case. The date for the rescheduled tournament will be decided by the tournament committee. If there is a small craft advisory for 8 hours prior to the 5:00 AM start time, the tournament will be cancelled or postponed, and all monies will be refunded upon request.

8. General Rule Interpretations:

All rule interpretations shall come from the Marsh Madness Fall Fishing Classic Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee is not liable for typos within the rules and reserves to right to amend the rules upon its discretion.