

## Tournament Rules Feb Nov 2, 2019

### 1. Prizes:

A) There are 4 tournament divisions – Speckled Trout, (slot, pinched tail & one flip allowed), Redfish (slot, pinched tail & one flip allowed), Largemouth Bass 3 Fish Creel, & Speckled Trout 3 Fish Creel. For Redfish, if the pinch tail touches or crosses the 26” mark or the fish will be disqualified. For Speckled Trout (individual and Creel divisions), if the pinch tail touches or crosses the 22” mark, the fish will be disqualified. The Prizes are as follows:

### Main Tournament

**1st Place:** \$500

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

**3rd Place:** Assorted Prizes

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

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

### Young Angler Tournament (anglers 16 and under)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$100 cash and champion trophy

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$50 cash and assorted prizes

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$25 cash and assorted prizes

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

### 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. We have added a new bank fishing feature for Young Anglers (see below). 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.**

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 must be paid & **signed** by each Angler by 9:00 pm on Wednesday Oct. 30. Tickets may be purchased at the Captain’s meeting.

**New Feature:** Young Angler Bank Fishing for those who do not have access to a boat. Fishing is not limited to any particular species, but to be eligible for the Young Angler Tournament only Redfish, Bass and Speckled Trout will be weighed. Young anglers 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. A parent/guardian or adult over the age of 21 must register with each child.

Fishing can be from the bank, pier or bridge. All participant parents/guardian must attend the Captains’ meeting for t-shirt and rules on Wednesday, Oct 30. Hook and line is the only allowed fishing method. **NO NETS** – unless they are landing nets. Fishing begins on Saturday November 2, at daylight and ends before 4pm. You must check in with the weigh master at the Blue Gill on the Causeway (Battleship Pkwy, Spanish Ft., AL.) by 4:00pm. Fish must be weighed-in at The Bluegill on The Causeway.

#### 4. Fishing Boundaries and Times:

Lines in the water will start at 5:00 am on the morning of November 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 and Bass) 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.....15-22 inch (Max length...pinched tail)
  - Redfish.....16-26 inches (Max Tail Length...pinched tail)
  - Largemouth Bass.....12 inch (total length pinched tail) minimum All fish weighed MUST be alive\*\*\*
- h) Explanation of 3 Fish Creel Categories
  - 1) Speckled Trout-all 3 fish in the creel must be between 15-22" long total length, pinched tail. This is a team award, so it's the 3 largest caught by that team.
  - 2) Largemouth Bass- all 3 fish in the creel must be at least 12" long (total length). This is a team award, so it's the 3 largest caught by that team weighed alive.
- i) Weigh master decisions are final.

#### 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 November 2<sup>nd</sup>. All participants are subject to a polygraph examination.

#### 7. Rescheduling / Weather:

The Marsh Madness tournament committee reserves the right to reschedule the tournament or cancel 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 may 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 the right to amend the rules upon its discretion.