

SMITH MOUNTAIN STRIPER CLUB FALL OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES
SATURDAY OCTOBER 3, 2015

1. This is a "Catch-Photo-Release", "Open" team tournament, one team per boat. Smith Mountain Striper Club members as well as members of the general public are eligible to participate. Teams may consist of all Club members, all non-members or a mix of Club members & non-members. The maximum number of team members on a boat is 4. Teams must obey Coast Guard passenger limits per boat.
2. Teams may not hire the services of a Fishing Guide for the day of the tournament. However, for clarification, a Guide may enter the tournament on his/her on behalf, along with a team of his/her choosing, as long as they are not being paid by clients for that day's fishing.
3. Applications, along with the entry fee of \$75.00, and optional Big Fish fee of \$25 must be submitted no later than the Mandatory Captain's meeting to be held on the evening of Friday, October 2nd as a part of the Club meeting - held at the Moneta Community Center on Rucker Rd, Moneta, VA. At least one member of each team must be present at the Captain's Meeting. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. All members of the team must be listed on the application.
5. The tournament will begin ("lines in") at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, October 3rd and end at 4:00 p.m. the same day.
6. All State Fish & Game laws apply. All contestants must have a valid Virginia fishing license.
7. Only contestants are allowed in a boat used to fish the tournament. Non-contestants are NOT allowed to fish or ride with contestants.
8. Only striped bass caught from Smith Mountain Lake and Leesville Lake, by a contestant, may be entered in this tournament. Fish caught by one team may not be entered by another team as its own.
9. Fish must be caught on a rod and reel. There is no limit as to the number of rods used. The use of live-bait or artificial lures is allowed as long as it is permitted by Virginia State Game laws.
10. All State Game Laws apply. Any team member cited for a game violation during the tournament will be cause for team disqualification.
11. Check-in Location :
 - The Captain's Quarters is the official headquarters for this tournament.
 - Weigh-in will be at Captain's Quarters located on Rt. 122 at Hales Ford Bridge, directly across from Bridgewater Plaza.
 - Check-in will be open at 3:30 p.m. and remain open until all teams are checked in. However, contestants must be present, in line at the check-in location no later than 4:00 p.m.
 - No team will be allowed to present photos for check-in after "last call" as made by the tournament director.
12. Check-in Rules:
 - Each team may submit photos for up to two (2) eligible fish. As this is a "Catch & Release" tournament, "virtual culling" is allowed - in that photos of multiple fish may be taken, but only two pictures may be submitted at Check-in.
 - Photos are to be submitted via "SD" memory card, or to be e-mailed to an e-mail address to be provided at the Captain's Meeting. If alternate arrangements are needed for delivery of the picture, you must discuss with the Tournament Director at the Captain's Meeting.
 - Photos of all fish must be taken with the Tournament Token Card, clearly visible in the picture. The full fish must be visible in the picture, on the approved measuring device.
 - Use of a provided, or approved measuring device must be used. If not using a provided measuring device, the measuring device must be brought to the check-in for review & approval by the Tournament Committee.
 - Photos of all fish must be in fresh condition: clear eyes, red gills. Any fish that was obviously sick, injured or dead when caught will be disqualified.
 - The tournament director will disqualify any photo that exhibits signs of altering by any means. The decision of the tournament director on a disputed measurement is final.
 - Fish will be measured to the nearest 1/4" - rounding down.

- The length of the largest fish will decide ties, with first submission serving as the secondary tie-breaker.
 - Anyone who presents a fish that was not caught by their team, as his own, or was caught outside tournament waters will be disqualified.
 - ANY PROTESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING WITHIN 15 MINUTES AFTER CHECK-IN.
 - The Smith Mountain Striper Club reserves the right to require a polygraph test of any money winner.
13. Prize money for any place not claimed will be returned to the club.
 14. The committee is empowered to impose additional restrictions, alter rules or reschedule the tournament due to bad weather. Tournament entrants are entitled to fish the new date. Entry fees are non-refundable.
 15. All State Safety Laws apply. The Smith Mountain Striper Club recommends the use of an approved floatation device at all times when participating in the tournament.
 16. All contestants and spectators participate at their own risk. The Smith Mountain Striper Club, Inc., will serve as the tournament and check-in host. The Smith Mountain Striper Club and any sponsors of the tournament will not be liable for any accident or injury to contestants, spectators or by-standers for any damage to property, or bodily harm. A contestant's entry into this tournament constitutes a release of liability to the Smith Mountain Striper Club, Inc., any other event sponsor, their successors and/or assignees for any such accident, injury, or property damage the contestants may be involved in. Each Member of a team must complete, sign & date the Tournament Application form in order to be eligible to participate.
 17. The Smith Mountain Striper Club by-laws prohibit the use of alcohol or drugs at Club sponsored events. Contestants appearing to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be cause for his or her team to be disqualified.
 18. Any entrant who willfully violates any rule will be cause for his or her team to be disqualified along with any contestant who witnesses and fails to report a violation. Any disqualified individual is subject to disqualification from Club Tournament for life, as determined by the Smith Mountain Striper Club's Board of Directors.
 19. The decision of the Smith Mountain Striper Club's Tournament Director will be final in ALL tournament matters
 20. For any questions, contact Tournament Chairman, Steve Nagle at (540) 493-2406, or Club President, Mike Ward at (336) 437-4114.
 21. Distribution of Entry Fees:

Allocation	Recipient
40%	1st Place
25%	2nd Place
10%	3rd Place
5%	4th Place
10%	Raffle Prizes
10%	Smith Mountain Striper Club for expenses

Prize monies and the Raffle Prize Pot will be awarded at the Awards Ceremony to follow the Check-In on the day of the tournament. All non-placing participants will be eligible for the Raffle Prize pot.

Optional Big Fish Pot will be 100% payout. Longest single fish as determined by submitted photographs will be used to determine winner. In the event of a tie (closest 1/4", rounding down), earliest time of submission will be used.

(End of SMSC Fall Open Tournament Rules)

SMITH MOUNTAIN STRIPER CLUB FALL OPEN TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM
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All team members which will be participating in the event must complete & sign the form below.

One representative from Team must be present at the Captains Meeting on October 2nd as a part of the SMSC Club Meeting to collect measuring device & token card

Registration Fee: \$75/Team / Optional Big Fish Pot: \$25/Team

Team Captain	Name	Cell-Phone	E-Mail
1			
Team Member(s)	Name	Cell-Phone	E-Mail
2			
3			
4			

By signing below, each team participant acknowledges that they have read and understand the "SMITH MOUNTAIN STRIPER CLUB FALL OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES" document. Each team member participates at their own risk. The Smith Mountain Striper Club and any sponsors of the tournament will not be liable for any accident or injury to contestants, spectators or bystanders for any damage to property, or bodily harm. A team member's entry into this tournament constitutes a release of liability to the Smith Mountain Striper Club, Inc., any other event sponsor, their successors and/or assignees for any such accident, injury, or property damage the contestants may be involved in.

Team Captain - Name **Signature** **Date**

Team Member 2 - Name **Signature** **Date**

Team Member 3 - Name **Signature** **Date**

Team Member 4 - Name **Signature** **Date**

Entry Fee Received: _____

Big Fish Pot: _____

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