



**October 1st – December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Trout Fishing TOURNAMENT RULES:**

- Entrants must sign up at either location of Neuse Sport Shop, over the phone by an official weigh master or on Neuse Sport Shop's website, [www.nssnc.com](http://www.nssnc.com). Official weigh master is any employee of Neuse Sport Shop and the Tournament Director is Spencer Hodges.
- Entry fee of \$50.00 per boat, paid by cash entry with 80% payout to Angler and 20% to Western Carteret County Fire Association.
- Entrants must have a valid fishing license. It is the entrant's responsibility to obtain license prior to fishing in the tournament.
- There is no sign-up deadline – you may enter at any time from NOW until - December 21st.
- This is a boat format tournament – each boat entered will have to designate an official Captain and Co-Captain (optional) for each boat entered. One of the two has to be present to weigh a fish and to sign off on boat weigh sheet to be kept on file at Neuse Sport Shop as the official weigh card for that boat.
- Each boat entered can only be registered once.
- There are no restrictions as to the number of people allowed aboard each boat during the competition hours.
- Any official weigh master reserves the right to refuse entry from any applicant, if needed.
- Entrant must abide by official guidelines set by NC Marine Fisheries on minimum length requirements to be eligible.
- Fish must be caught in North Carolina waters. No boundaries.
- Entrant must have entered 5 days prior to weighing in a fish.
- Prize money will be awarded solely on the basis of weight. Entrant may weigh in additional fish to replace prior weight.
- Entrant can win only one prize within the payout.
- In the event of a tie; winner will be determined by the following: weigh master will log fish by date, weight; earliest weigh in time will be winner.
- Fish must be weighed by official weigh master at either Neuse Sport Shop location. Weight will be logged and initialed by weigh master and registered entrant.
- Fish will be weighed on a certified tournament pro hanging digital scale.
- Fish must be caught on rod/reel, hook and line only, no spear fishing or free gaffing allowed.
- Entrant can fish anytime during challenge dates, October 1st-December 31st.
- Live or artificial bait is allowed.
- Weigh master can disqualify fish due to net marks, spear marks, etc.

- Fish must be freshly caught (24-hour limit) to weigh fish in. The weigh master will cut the tail of the fish when weighed in.
- Fish can only be caught by one boat entered in the event. Cannot weigh in fish caught by someone else. (NO EXCEPTIONS).
- Violation of any rule may result in automatic disqualification. The weigh master shall be the sole judge and their decision is final. The weigh master reserves the right to examine internally and externally any fish weighed. Fish will be gutted if any questions by weigh master.
- Top five places will be subject to lie detector test or polygraph by certified tester.
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to make the sole determination as to whether any of the challenge rules have been violated. Any questions concerning the rules and regulations should be directed to Spencer Hodges, Tournament Director. Tournament Director has the right to change any rule at any time if needed.
- Scales will be open during regular business hours. (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- Decisions of the Tournament Director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal and are not reviewable by any court of law.