

TOURNAMENT RULES PACKAGE



NNAC TOURNAMENT USING IANGLER

1. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:

Tournaments are only open to NNAC members. Any registered participant that is not a paid club member will be disqualified from the tournament.

There is no fee to register for the tournament. Although there is no fee for registering, iAngler does charge a small fee for each participating angler for each tournament. **It is highly recommended that you only register for the tournament(s) that you plan to participate in.**

Registration is through iAngler system only.

All tournaments are strictly recreational, and no fish entered in any tournament may be sold or offered for sale. Fish may be retained by the angler for personal use only if it meets state and federal fishing regulations. Please take extreme care when handling fish to minimize stress and release fish as soon as possible if not keeping the fish.

Phone or digital camera is required for recording a catch. The iAngler mobile app is the only method used to score a fish. If you do not have a smart phone, you can still take a picture of the fish on the measuring device and send it along with the required information to the club email address. Your information will be manually entered into the system.

A valid Fishing License is required for all participants based on state laws.

Official tournament times will be 6AM – 8:00PM eastern time unless otherwise specified.

The Club may at its' discretion postpone, reschedule, or cancel any tournament for any reason.

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There must be at least 3 registered participants with at least 1 scored catch each in a tournament to be an official tournament. If < 3 participants have scored fish, no awards will be issued for the tournament, and the tournament will be considered canceled.

Fish must only be caught by the angler on rod & reel hook & line tackle in a sporting manner and in compliance with tournament rules and State and Federal fishing regulations.

Live and artificial bait are allowed.

At some point prior to the start of a tournament but no later than the night before, you will be provided with a Tournament Identifier that must be displayed in the photo of any fish you want to be scored. Failure to include this code in the photo will result in rejection of the catch.

2. Tournament Scoring

Fish will be scored by length up to the nearest quarter inch with partial quarter inch rounded down. In the event of identical lengths in **single fish** tournaments, the earliest fish entered will be declared the winner. In all other multi fish tournaments, winners will be based on the combined scores for the longest fish in each species.

Points are determined by the length of each entered fish. Points will be awarded to each member that logs a valid fish during a tournament. The points will determine the finishing order of the tournament participants.

3. Permitted Fishing Zones

Fishing can be performed from land or sea. Fishing from a dock is permitted. Fishing from a charter boat is also allowed.

Fishing boundaries for all tournaments, unless altered for a particular tournament, will be:

- a. Tangier Sound
- b. The Chesapeake Bay from Hooper Island Light to New Point Comfort/Cape Charles

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- c. The Potomac River from the Governor Harry Nice Memorial Bridge (Rt. 301) to Point Lookout.
- d. The Rappahannock River from Rt. 360 Bridge in Tappahannock to Windmill Point
- e. The Piankatank River
- f. All tidal bays, creeks, rivers between these points unless otherwise specified.

4. PRIZES:

Gift cards in an amount approved by the Board of Directors will be awarded for first, second and third place winners for each tournament species. An angler is eligible for only one gift card award per species during each tournament. A tournament participant is eligible for only one place per species during each tournament.

Gift card prizes are awarded to the top 3 finishers unless otherwise noted.

Gift Card distribution is as follows unless otherwise noted:

1st Place= \$100 + Plaque

2nd Place=\$75

3rd Place=\$50

5. SAFETY:

Safe boating will always be observed. **DURING COMPETITION, EACH CONTESTANT IS REQUIRED TO FOLLOW U.S. COAST GUARD BOATING REGULATIONS.**

All registered anglers must agree to the club's Liability Statement, or a signed liability statement must be on file.

Weather conditions for fishing are at the anglers' discretion to determine whether to fish or not and anglers accept full responsibility for the safety and comfort of themselves and of their respective boats, crews and guests. Anglers are responsible for keeping informed about the weather conditions.

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6. TOURNAMENT TIMES:

All NNAC Tournaments times will be determined for each tournament. All participants wishing to enter fish must submit their catches within the approved times for each day. All times are Eastern Standard Time.

7. LATE REGISTRATION:

You may register for a tournament at any time up to the last day of the tournament without penalty.

8. COMMUNICATIONS:

The use of mobile communication is allowed.

9. SPORTSMANSHIP:

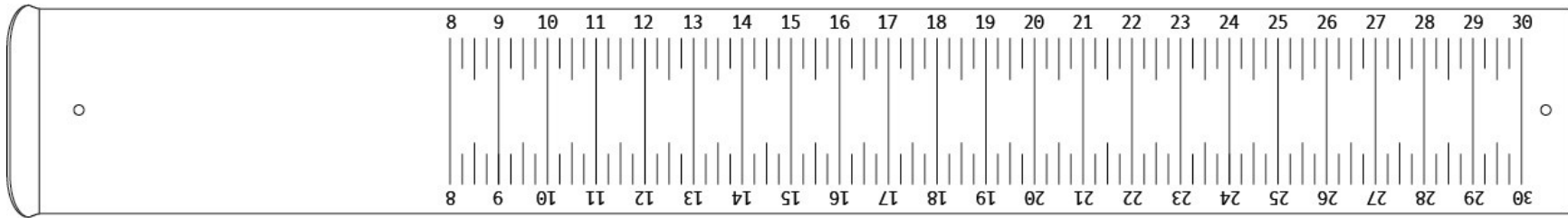
All participants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. Participation in any criminal activities, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules, NNAC membership rules and the law are grounds for disqualification and/or rejection of any applicant from participation.

In the event of any violation of these rules or the applicable fishing regulations, the entries will be disqualified. Disputes that arise regarding the interpretation of NNAC rules will be resolved with a decision by the Board of Directors.

10. MEASURING FISH:

Each participant is recommended to have a commercially available measuring “stick” (device) that includes a lip bump or fence. An additional tape style measure may also be used in conjunction with the “stick” in the event a fish exceeds the length of the stick. The numbers on any measuring device must be clear enough to be seen in the photo. Do the best you can to get a side profile of the fish on the measuring device. If you do not use a device with a bump lip or fence, please do your best to make sure you place the fish with the lip starting at zero. Discretion is the Tournament Director’s option.

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11. PROHIBITED:

It is strictly prohibited to keep any fish that does not meet state or federal fishing regulations.

It is prohibited to snag, snatch or hook a fish in the body rather than the mouth.

12. DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY:

Each participant must use their own Smart Phone or digital camera for recording/scoring fish.

All photos shall be uploaded into the iAngler Tournament program or application on the same day they are caught and during the daily tournament hours. Those that use digital cameras and not smart phones are required to email your catch data the same day the fish is caught otherwise it will be rejected.

No photos accepted after the end of the tournament or outside tournament hours.

No other means of entering photos will be accepted unless approved by the tournament director.

13. PHOTO STANDARDS:

Digital photographs of fish submitted to judges for scoring must meet the following criteria:

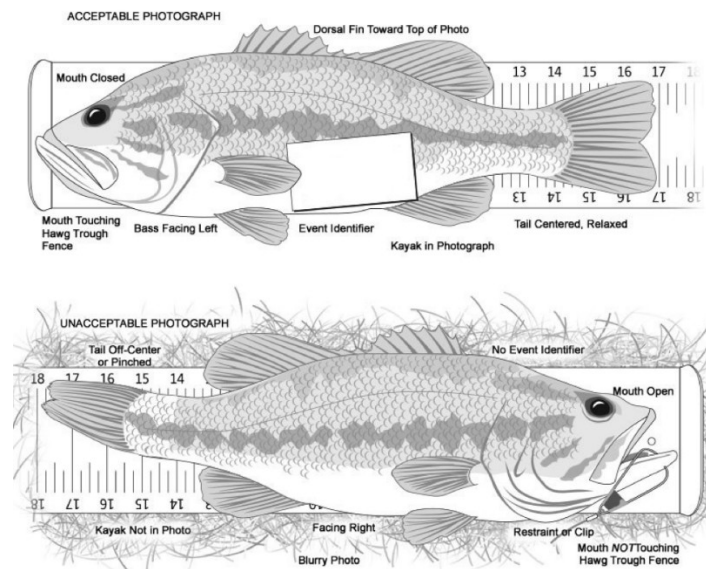
The photo must be clear enough to read the tournament identifier, including required ID codes and marks, and judge the length accurately. After carefully examining photo details and cross-referencing other photos submitted for scoring by the

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same angler in the same event, if the event judge is NOT able to verify with 100% confidence that the Identifier Form and ID Codes or Marks in the photo are valid for both the event and the participant, then the photo will be rejected.

The identifier as specified on iAngler will be displayed where it does not cover the fisheye or prevent measurement verification. An image of the unique identifier on a smart phone or other electronic devices is not acceptable.

Fish, as depicted below:



Facing left on a measuring device, left side of the fish visible, dorsal fin toward the top of the photo

Mouth completely closed with jaw and/or lips touching the “fence.” Position camera lens directly over the center of the fish’s body to aid judges in determining that fish’ mouth is in contact with the fence. Tail centered and its tip in contact with the measuring device.

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Photos judged to have been taken deliberately at an angle to make the fish appear longer may be scored at the Tournament Director's discretion.

To confirm that the fish is alive, the fish's eye must be uncovered in the photo. Photos of fish that appear to be dead, mutilated, frozen or similarly damaged will be rejected without scoring. Photos of fish that appear to have been mangled, mashed, mauled or otherwise altered in ways that increase their length will be rejected or approved for scoring at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

14. SCORING:

Fish length is determined by its tail touching or crossing a quarter-inch line on the measuring device. If it falls short of a line, the length is rounded down to the nearest quarter inch mark that the fish' tail touches or crosses. Angling the fish to achieve additional length will not result in a higher score and may result in deduction in length. If a fish is submitted and rejected, it cannot be resubmitted. The judge's decision is final and not subject to debate.

In the event of an exact tie in aggregate score, ties will be broken according to the time that the competitors' last fish photo was officially checked in by the Judges. Should the last fish photo submission times be identical, then both Competitors' longest single-fish score will be compared, and the higher score will determine the outcome. If both Competitors' highest single-fish score, too, is identical, the 1st place prize is split between the 2 participants.

Grading criteria: the following standards in approving or rejecting photos, and in accepting or adjusting lengths.

Category	Criteria	Penalty
PHOTO	Blurry photos will be scored at the highest mark of which there is no doubt	None
PHOTO	Too blurry to judge at all	Rejected
PHOTO	Appears to be second-generation photo (photo of a photo)	Rejected
PHOTO	Submitted before or after event date and time limits	Rejected
PHOTO	Duplicate	Rejected
PHOTO	Submitted out of tournament "permitted waters" zone	Rejected

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PHOTO	Multiple photos unintentionally submitted of the same fish	Rejected
ORIENTATION	Fish is positioned with the head pointing to the right	Rejected
ORIENTATION	Fish is positioned with dorsal fin at bottom of photo, pelvic and anal fins upward	Rejected
IDENTIFIER	Tournament Identifier missing or incorrect for the event or competitor	Rejected
MOUTH	Fish lip or mouth clearly not touching measuring device fence (LIP)	Rejected
MOUTH	Unable to ascertain with certainty that fish lip or mouth is touching measuring device fence	Rejected
TAIL	Tail lifted off the measuring device; fish flapping tail so its tip is not in contact with the board	Rejected
FISH	Any other fish than the species or varieties approved for the tournament	Rejected
FISH	Fish appears to have been snagged, snatched, or hooked in the body rather than mouth	Rejected
FISH	Fish appears to be dead, mutilated, frozen, mangled, or otherwise damaged so that it may not to have been taken according to the rules, or eye is covered so the condition of the fish cannot be ascertained	Rejected
FISH	Fish appears to have been mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered to increase its length	Rejected

Logged catches will be scored as quickly as possible. However, there may be times when tournament judges are unavailable to score the catches immediately. Therefore, pending catches will be scored no later than the end of the following day after the fish was submitted.

15. RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

When registering for a tournament, you will be required to agree to a liability/release statement.

16. RULE CHANGES:

Rule interpretation will be left exclusively by the NNAC Tournament Committee; all decisions are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.

The Tournament Director or Tournament Committee may propose changes to the rules, structure and content of any tournament or add or deduct tournaments for approval by the Club Board of Directors.