

TSA STRIPER TOURNAMENT ON LAKE WHITNEY

July 16, 2011

- 1) ELIGIBILITY** - Texas Striper Association members pay a reduced entry fee. Each contestant must hold a valid Texas fishing license or lake license (if applicable). There is no limit as to the number of contestants in each boat; however the Captain must comply with all State boating regulations. MEMBERSHIP FORMS AVAILABLE AT REGISTRATION.
- 2) FEES & REGISTRATION** – Entry fee is **\$100 per boat for TSA Members / \$135 per boat for Non-TSA Members**. On-site registration will be as posted. No registrations will be accepted after the official starting time of tournament. All persons aboard a competing boat must be registered with tournament officials.
- 3) OPTIONAL BIG FISH POT** - An optional \$20.00 per Team will be collected at registration for the Big Fish pot. This is a side pot and is separate from the main competition. Only those participating in the Big Fish Pot will be eligible to win the pot contents. This big fish pot is 50% pay back and 50% to year end Big Fish.
- 4) TOURNAMENT HOURS** – Tournament starts at 6:00 am with a Captain’s meeting at the registration site to discuss the tournament rules and answer any questions, there will be a 1min late 1 pound deduction from total weight at weigh in for being late, disqualified for no-show. Captains will be released immediately following the meeting. An orderly release of boats or a weather delay may be required by the Tournament Director to ensure safety. The Tournament will end promptly at 3:00 pm.
- 5) WEIGH-IN LOCATION** - Weigh-in will be at the registration site there will be 1 min late 1 pound deduction from total weight in the event of being late for weigh-in.
- 6) TIES** - In the event of a tie, the payout for the position that is tied and the next position down will be split equally between the two teams involved.
- 7) FISH** - All fish remain the property of the contestants, and are subject to inspection by TSA officials. Fish submitted at the weigh-in must be ‘fit for the table’, i.e., they must have red gills, clear eyes, and firm flesh.
- 8) POLYGRAPH** – A polygraph test may be given to the winners. Contestants who refuse to take the polygraph will be disqualified and forfeit their entry fees. Failing the polygraph test will result in disqualification and possible suspension from future TSA events. In the event there is a contest of a team. It will be done way from contestants and crowd and only brought to the tournament director.
- 9) PROTESTS** – All protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director within 10 minutes of the end of the weigh-in. The Tournament Director will then consult with participating TSA officers prior to making a decision. The decision of the Tournament Director is final.
- 10) RULES:**
- Meeting Attendance** - Failure of a team representative to attend the Captain’s meeting will disqualify that Captain and his boat, there will be a 1min late 1pound deducted from your total weight.
 - Boat Inspections** – The Tournament Director, at his option, may have boat inspections performed during the Captain’s Meeting.
 - Culling** - Any fish kept in possession for more than one minute cannot be culled or released. Any fish that does not swim away immediately upon release must be kept. Fish kept alive by any means are considered in possession.
 - Equipment & Lake** - Fish must be taken on rod and reel only. Live or artificial baits are permitted. Fish must be caught in the tournament lake, on the tournament date, and only during tournament hours. Bank fishing is prohibited.
 - All contestants must wear Coast Guard approved life jackets**, any time the boat is moving faster than trolling speed.
 - Pre-Tournament Practice** – lake is open.
 - Weigh-in** - The Captain of the competing boat must weigh in the boat’s fish. All captains must be in line by 3:00 pm. A maximum of two fish per competing boat may be brought to the weigh-in site to be considered for the cash prize winnings. The tournament scale shall not be used to cull fish. There will be 1 min late 1 pound deduction of total weight.
 - Personal Conduct and Sportsmanship** – Contestants will conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the Texas Striper Association, its sponsors, and its members. All local, state, and federal laws and regulations must be obeyed. Possession or use of alcohol or illegal mind altering substances during tournament hours is prohibited. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. The decision of the Tournament Director regarding these matters is final.

ENTRY FORM

Entry Form must be accompanied by cash or check payable for full payment.
Make checks payable to Texas Striper Association

Captain: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP: _____ Cell: _____

Team members in boat _____

Of Youth Anglers (< age 16)? _____

Team Name: _____

Fees:

TSA Member Entry Fee	\$100	
Non-TSA Member Entry Fee	\$135	
Big Fish	\$20	
TSA Membership	\$35	
Total:	\$	

Completion of and signature on this form certifies that the contestant has read and agrees to abide by all rules and conditions of the tournament. The contestant agrees to waive all responsibility on the part of any tournament participants, officials, sponsors, the Texas Striper Association and its members as to injury and / or damages which might occur in connection with the tournament. The contestant agrees to accept the decisions of the Tournament Director as final and is willing to take a polygraph test if requested by the Tournament Director.

SIGNATURE:

(NO ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PROPER NAME ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE)