

Nevada Striper Club: Official Tournament Rules

I. Eligibility and Participation

1. **Membership Status:** All participants must be Nevada Striper Club members in good standing at the time of the event.
2. **Non-Member Rules:** Non-members are welcome to join and must pay for tournaments using one of the following methods:
 - **Online:** Pay dues and fees at nevadastriperclub.org.
 - **In-Person:** Payments are accepted at the club meeting held the Thursday prior to the tournament. Meetings take place in the Second Floor Conservatory Room at Bass Pro Shops (8200 Dean Martin Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89139).
 - Participation is also open to one-time guests via the official Buddy Program.
3. **Tournament Fees:**
 - **Club Members:** \$45.00 entry fee.
 - **Non-Members:** \$55.00 entry fee.
 - **Big Fish Pot (Optional):** \$20.00.
 - **Payment Deadline:** Fees must be paid either online via the club website or in person at the Thursday meeting prior to the tournament. No payments will be accepted at the weigh-in station.
4. **Legal Compliance:** All contestants must possess a valid fishing license. You are required to follow all Nevada Striper Club and Nevada Division of Wildlife regulations. Receiving a citation during tournament hours is grounds for immediate disqualification.
5. **Permits and Waivers:** Contestants must understand and adhere to the National Park Service's special use permit conditions. A club-provided acknowledgement document must be signed prior to the tournament start.
6. **Inspection Rights:** By entering, all participants agree to have their creel inspected by the Tournament Director or a designated official at any time.

II. Safety and Conduct

1. **Safe Operation:** Unsafe operation of any boat or flotation device will not be tolerated. Reports of safety violations will be investigated by three Board Members, whose decision on disqualification shall be final.
2. **Substance Policy:** Any participant convicted of operating a vessel under the influence of drugs or alcohol during tournament hours will forfeit their club membership for the remainder of the season.
3. **Sportsmanship (The Golden Rule):** Our tournaments operate on the honor system. High standards of sportsmanship are expected. We are here to have fun and enjoy the sport—conduct yourself accordingly.
4. **Authorized Passengers:** Only contestants are permitted on participant boats. An exception is made for children who do not yet require a fishing license. Any other non-contestant passengers must receive prior approval from the Tournament Director or a Board Member.

III. Tackle and Methods

1. **Gear Restrictions:** Fish must be caught using conventional rod and reel only. Netting or spearing of fish is strictly prohibited.
2. **Bait Regulations:** Netting or fishing for shad is prohibited inside all marina and harbor markers.
3. **Bait Sharing:** Sharing bait (live or dead) is permitted only between active tournament contestants. Bait may only be given to non-participants after you have officially left the water.
4. **Moorings:** Contestants are prohibited from tying off to marker buoys, anchor buoys, or tires. Vessels must use their own anchor lines. *Exception:* Contestants may tie their boats together for social fishing/company.

IV. Catch Management and Marking

1. **Fish Marking:** Every fish held as a catch must be marked with the specific identifier assigned to the angler at the time of entry. This applies to solo anglers and teams alike. Each person in a group must use a distinct mark to identify their individual catch.
2. **Transfer of Fish:** Exchanging fish with anyone is strictly forbidden and will result in immediate disqualification.

- 3. Quality Control: All fish must be stored on plenty of ice. The Tournament Director reserves the right to reject any fish that appear old, discolored, or poorly preserved. The Director's decision on fish quality is final.**

V. Scoring and Weigh-In

- 1. Tournament Limits: Participants may present up to four (4) fish for weigh-in. The "Big Fish" entry is included in the total weight calculation; an angler is eligible to win both the Total Weight and Big Fish categories.**
- 2. Deadlines:**
 - o Lines/poles out of the water: All participants must have fishing lines and poles out the water by 10:00 a.m. Sunday.**
 - o Sign-In: You must be physically signed in at the weigh-in station by 11:00 a.m. Sunday.**
 - o Failure to meet these times results in disqualification and forfeiture of fees, at the Director's discretion.**
- 3. Location: The official weigh-in is held at Broadbent Park (1301 5th Street, Boulder City, NV 89005), unless otherwise specified by the Tournament Director.**
- 4. Tie-Breakers: By weight- the winner will be decided by the largest fish between the tied tournament contestants.**

VI. Governance

- 1. Protests: Any protests regarding rule infractions must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director or a Board Member prior to the start of the weigh-in. A committee of three Board Members will review the protest to determine eligibility and potential disqualification.**
- 2. Schedule: Tournament dates and specific times are set by the Club Officers and Board. These will be communicated via the official newsletter, the club website, or during monthly meetings.**

Tournament Director's Final Word: These rules are designed to ensure a fair, safe, and competitive environment. When in doubt, prioritize safety and sportsmanship.