

“2016-17 PRIDE OF THE SOUTH” CENTRAL DIVISION OFFICIAL RULES:

1. This is a private event. Tournament director has the right to refuse participation to any person or team he deems necessary to preserve the integrity of the trail.
2. **OFF-LIMIT PERIOD WILL BE OBSERVED BEFORE EACH EVENT STARTING AT 6:00PM THE SUNDAY PRIOR TO THE EVENT ENDING FRIDAY MORNING AT 4:00AM THE DAY BEFORE THE EVENT. MUST OBEY.**
3. Tournament director has the final say no exceptions.
4. All teams must follow Alabama state and local laws. It's your responsibility to know and follow the rules.
5. Must notify the tournament director of any tickets received during tournament hours prior to weighing in. Failure to comply will result in disqualification and or banning from trail.
6. \$50 membership fee per person is required prior to fishing any events. This includes the 1 allowed alternate. Excludes anyone under the age of 16.
7. Entry fee is \$110 per tournament- includes \$10 Lunker fee. Places paid 1 in 7 boat entries (see payout scale for further details.) Championship Entry Fee is \$200 a boat includes \$20 Lunker Fee. The top 60 teams in points and winning teams from each tournament are eligible for the Semi Final. The top 35 teams plus the winner of the Semi Final and the winners from the 8 qualifiers will advance to the Grand Championship. The points leading team after the final qualifier will get free entry into the championship and free entry to each event the following season and will be boat #1 the whole year.
8. Only 2 people maximum per boat.
9. If you're late to weigh in it will result in disqualification. **MUST CHECK IN. Must use the Weigh-in bags that will be provided. Prefer to weigh-in fish while boat is still in the water to help keep fish alive.**
10. Five fish 12 in limit (15" at Guntersville) per boat. Fish measured with a Golden Rule. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass can be weighed in.
11. Will be given floating key chain with boat number must have to weigh in. If you leave early, leave it at the weigh in site.
12. All fish are to be caught during the hours of the tournament on the body of water the tournament is being held without leaving the boat or receiving fish from another team.
13. You may weigh one dead fish as a part of your five-fish total; a one-pound penalty will be assessed to your total weight for the day. No dead fish will be weighed for big fish.
14. All fished weighed in will be released back.
15. A legal catch is any measurable fish caught in the mouth using artificial bait only during tournament hours on the body of water the tournament is be held. No trolling or live bait fishing. Only 1 rod allowed at a time. (A-RIGS are legal). All site fish must be hooked inside of the mouth (no snatching, no trolling, no live bait).
16. No alcoholic beverages or use of illegal drugs allowed during tournament.
17. No culling at the dock. Only 5 fish allowed in live well at any time.
18. Must follow all water safety rules. Life jacket while big motor is running.
19. Must abide by all "NO WAKE ZONES"
20. Must obey any posted signs, bouys or cables treat the area referenced like a wall do not fish or cast in these areas.
21. Fishing private waters is not allowed.
22. Can leave the boat in an emergency situations. Cannot leave the boat to gain access to a fishing area or for any other reason other than shelter from bad weather or emergency. Must notify tournament director if you left your boat prior to weighing in so that he is aware of the situation.
23. Live well check will be conducted during registration.
24. Anyone that fishes any of the pride of the south tournaments are fishing at their own risk and cannot hold anyone that is involved in the tournament responsible for any damages
25. To protect the integrity of the Pride of the South Tournament series and our anglers, all winners will be subject to an on - site polygraph exam before the prizes are distributed at each event. Contestants must pass the polygraph exam at the tournament site to receive prize money, awards, and points for the event. The tournament director reserves the right to waive any violation of these rules disclosed to him before the polygraph exam, at his sole and absolute discretion.