Striper Kings, Inc.
2017 REGULAR POINT’S TOURNAMENT RULES

1. STRIPER KINGS, INC. will not be liable for any accident or injury to contestants or spectators or any damage to property. A contestant's entry into an event constitutes waiver of the rights to sue STRIPER KINGS, INC., its successors and assignees, for any such accident, injury, or property damage.
2. Contestants who violate any tournament rule are subject to disqualification. The decision of the tournament committee members present at the tournament will be final in all tournament matters.
3. All contestants must have a valid fishing license as required by the State of South Carolina. All State game and fish laws must be obeyed. Coast Guard safety rules apply to all boats. As recommended by the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, all contestants are encouraged not to fish alone.
4. Any contestant showing signs of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or who demonstrates the public consumption of alcohol, or who operates a boat in a manner which might endanger others, will be disqualified.
5. There are only two normal registration opportunities. Contestants may pre-register and pay their entry fee at the club meeting prior to the tournament, or they may call the tournament director by 9:00pm the night before any day tournament and up to 4:00pm the evening of a night tournament to register and entry fee can be paid at the weigh in when you check in. Refunds for emergency reasons will be given to persons who have pre-registered providing you call prior to the “lines in the water” start time (you must speak to a TWC MEMBER). Registration will end approximately 1 hr. before the “lines in water” time for each event. Late arrivals are accepted by exception only and are not considered entered in the tournament until they have contacted a tournament committee member and made payment of all entry fees. A boat check may be done at the discretion of the tournament committee member involved. All Tournaments will be Lines-in/Lines-out with a Check-in Deadline. To be eligible to weigh-in fish, a boat must be checked in, entry fees paid and pick up their weigh-in slips at the designated weigh in location no later than 4:00PM for day tournaments and 7:00AM for night tournaments. Non-contestants are not allowed to ride or fish with contestants.
6. Each contestant must be an active member of STRIPER KINGS, INC. (as defined in the club Bylaws Ill Section 1. a. and b.) or registered guest of an active member fishing in the same boat with the member. A guest is allowed to fish in only two (2) Regular point's tournaments per tournament year.
7. Children 15 years and under, may fish in tournaments free, and are exempt from the 2 tournament limit stated in rule #6 above. The Youth Division will be divided into two separate divisions. Sr. Youth division will consist of a youth 12-15 years of age. The Jr. Youth division will consist of a youth 11 years of age and under. The youth team member fishing from the boat that places the highest, will win their respective division.
8. Stripers, Hybrids, and White Bass may be weighed in on lakes where they are normally stocked. Fish entered must be caught only from the designated tournament area, which is the lake proper. All fish (Hybrid, Striper, and White Bass) from Lake Hartwell and Lake Thurmond must be at least 18 inches long. Fish on Lake Murray must be at least 21 inches long. All fish must be caught with rod and reel and must be in fresh condition or the entry will be disqualified. Fresh condition will mean clear eyes, red gills, firm flesh, etc. ALL FISH MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SCALES IN A COOLER, LIVE TUBE, FISH BAG OR OTHER ENCLOSED DEVICE, or fish will NOT be weighed - in.
9. Tournament judges reserve the right to inspect any or all boats and/or tow vehicles before or after a tournament. Any team exceeding the legal creel limits will be disqualified. NOTE: Hartwell and Clarks Hill have a creel limit of only 3-fish over 26-inches per angler.
10. Total weight of the first 3-fish weighed in per boat will determine winners for regular point’s tournaments and the TWT. The first 3-fish weighed in will be used to calculate the Open tournament winner. In cases of a tie for any cash prize, the money will be divided equally between those tied. However, for point’s determination, the largest fish in the boat will determine the place the boat will receive. Plaques will be awarded to 1st place winners and to the Youth winners in all regular tournaments. Cash prizes will be divided as follows:
   a. Point’s Tournaments: $20 per person will pay 80% to 3 places with 20% going into the CIT fund. Prize money will be split with 1st place = 50%, 2nd place = 30%, 3rd place = 20%
   b. OPTIONAL $30/Boat TWT: $5 of each entry will go to the General Fund to cover trophies and other Point’s Championship prizes with the remaining $25 going to the TWT winner.
   c. Optional Big Fish Pot: $5 per person Big Fish 100% pay out. (NOTE: If one person in the boat pays to enter, everyone in the boat must pay except Jr, Youth age 11 and under.)
   d. Door Prize: The $5 door prize ticket is not optional and is included in the $20/person Point’s Tournament entry fee. The $5/person will be a 50/50 split with 50% going to the contestant drawn and 50% going to the CIT Fund. Only paid entries are automatically included in the drawing, however youth may enter by paying the $5 door prize portion of the entry fee at the time of registration. Must be present at the weigh in location at time of drawing to be eligible to win.
11. Point’s will be awarded to members as follows:
   a. Points per Place the boat finished (See breakout for specifics.) for all boats weighing in fish during each Point’s tournament;
   b. 25 points for each participant if no fish are weighed in
   c. 20 points for attending each meeting;
   d. 100 points for participating in the kids tournament;
12. Fish must be caught from the same boat. It’s the Captains responsibility for picking up their weigh-in slip prior to the deadline and for weighing in/or making arrangements for their fish to be weighed in prior to last call. No fish will be accepted for weigh-in after last call. Last Call is final NO Exceptions! The tournament scale will not be used for culling. Only the first three fish presented to the scale will be used to calculate the total weight for the boat.
13. Any prize winnings are income to the recipient and must be reported on the recipient’s income tax return. STRIPER KINGS, INC. will report all prizes to the Internal Revenue Service and the South Carolina Tax Commission.
14. The Tournament and Wildlife Committee (TWC) reserves the rights to, as limited by the Club Bylaws, use incentive programs to promote tournaments including but not limited to Tournament Sponsors, door prizes, bonus points, VIP Guests, Media coverage, etc. Changes to the published rules and schedule may be done only for safety concerns per Bylaw XII Section 1.a.(2).
### Striper Kings Youth Division Rules

1. All applicable STRIPER KINGS, INC. Regular Tournament Rules apply to the youth tournaments.
2. Youth participants must fish in a boat with an adult active Striper King who is at least 18-years old and must have permission of their parents.
3. Children 15 years old or younger may fish in tournament free and they are exempt from the two tournament rule (rule #6 of the regular tournament rules). The Youth will be divided into two divisions, Jr. Youth 11 years old and under and Sr. Youth 12-15 years old.
4. The winner of each youth division will be determined by where the boat they fish out of places. The winning youth will receive a wall plaque with his or her name inscribed on it. Youth Division points will be determined by boat placement (same as adult points).
5. Youth will accumulate points, however youth points are not considered in the CIT tournament standings. **Youth who fished with an adult Striper King in the regular tournaments may fish in the CIT with that Striper King if that adult Striper King qualifies for the CIT.**

### Striper Kings Special Yearly Recognitions

1. **Point’s Champions:** The Top three Team’s with the highest over-all point’s total will be the 1st Place Point’s Champion, 2nd Place Point’s Champion and 3rd Place Point’s Champion and will be recognized at the December meeting with a Trophy and check for $300, $200, and $100 respectively.

2. **Big Fish of the Year:** The team catching the heaviest fish in any tournament will be recognized at the December meeting with a trophy and a check for $100.

3. **Youth Angler-of-the-Year:** The Youth Point’s list will be a combined list of all youth participating and earning points for the year. However, there will be a Sr. Youth and Jr. Youth Point’s Champion which will be based on the division the youth is in based on their age on the last tournament of the regular Point’s Tournament year. If a youth turns 16 during the tournament year, they will be considered an adult and be included in the CIT points. Both the Sr. Youth and the Jr. Youth ending the year with the most points will receive a $100 US Savings Bond (or **$75 check**) to encourage saving for college.

4. **CIT Champions:** The team members that win the CIT will be recognized at the December meeting and receive a trophy.
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2. Contestants who violate any tournament rule are subject to disqualification. The decision of the tournament committee members present at the tournament will be final in ALL tournament matters.

3. All contestants must have a valid fishing license as required by the State of South Carolina. All State game and fish laws must be obeyed. Coast Guard safety rules apply to all boats. As recommended by the SCDNR, all contestants are encouraged not to fish alone.

4. Any contestant showing signs of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or who demonstrates the public consumption of alcohol, or who operates a boat in a manner which might endanger others, will be disqualified.

5. Contestants must pre-register and pay their entry fee at the club meeting preceding the tournament. All contestants must leave from the designated tournament site with Blast-Off according to the highest ranked team at intervals of 30-seconds between boats. Any boat leaving prior to the appropriate time will be disqualified. "Trailering" will not be allowed. Non-contestants may not ride or fish with contestants, with the exception of children who qualified with a member. Late arrivals are not considered entered in the tournament until a tournament official is notified and a boat check has been completed. A boat check is required for all late arrivals.

6. No boat, except that of the judges on official tournament business, shall come within 100 feet of another boat. This includes both non-contestants and contestants. A disabled boat should call for help by phone and at least 2 other boats must be informed before another boat comes within 100 feet to assist.

7. Any Club member, whether participating in the CIT, or not, will not assist or interfere with those who are participating in the tournament, during tournament hours. In an attempt to prevent confusion, Club members not participating or officiating the tournament, are requested not to be on the same lake used for the tournament on the day of the tournament.

8. Striper, Hybrids, and White Bass may be weighed in on lakes where they are normally stocked. Fish entered must be caught only from the designated tournament area, which is the lake proper. All fish (Hybrid, Striper, and White Bass) from Lake Hartwell and Lake Thurman must be at least 18 inches long. Fish on Lake Murray must be at least 21 inches long. All fish must be caught with rod and reel and must be in fresh condition or they will not be accepted for weigh-in. Fresh condition will mean clear eyes, red gills, firm flesh, etc.

9. Tournament judges reserve the right to inspect any or all boats and/or tow vehicles before or after a tournament.

10. The CIT is a boat tournament. Just as our regular tournament, money and prizes will be awarded on the basis of the total weight per boat (3 fish limit). All regular tournament weigh-in rules apply during the CIT. The payouts will be based on the Top 5 Places; (1st= 30%, 2nd= 25%, 3rd=20%, 4th= 15%, 5th= 10%) of the funds available. However, if the TWC obtains a special sponsorship for the CIT those funds will go into the CIT 1st place prize to guarantee 1st place at $1,000 or 30% of the available funds available, whichever is higher. The entry fees are $50 for the tournament, $10 for Big Fish and must be paid (non-refundable) at the time the invitation is offered. The Big Fish Pot will be a 100% pay out to 1st Big Fish. Only teams catching fish in the Championship are eligible for prize money. The total funds will be divided equally into the places that weighed in. For example, if only 3-teams have a weigh-in, the sum of 4th and 5th place will be divided equally into the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place payout.

11. The lake utilized for the CIT will be selected in a drawing of the three lakes used during the season, less the lake used for the last CIT with a 50/50 draw. This selection will be made when the invitations are extended. The TWC reserves the right to eliminate any lake from consideration if, in their judgment, extenuating conditions exist. Currently, the 5-fish and quit limit on Lake Murray is considered extenuating circumstances and will be eliminated until that requirement is not applicable during the CIT. If a lake is eliminated, the lake from the previous year will be added back into the tournament site with Blast-Off according to the highest ranked team at intervals of 30-seconds between boats. Any boat leaving prior to the appropriate time will be disqualified. "Trailering" will not be allowed. Non-contestants may not ride or fish with contestants, with the exception of children who qualified with a member. Late arrivals are not considered entered in the tournament until a tournament official is notified and a boat check has been completed. A boat check is required for all late arrivals.

12. The number of invitations offered for the CIT will be 12. The point totals used to identify the invitees will be determined from the total points earned for the tournament year as defined in the "REGULAR POINTS TOURNAMENT RULES" for that year. If an invitation is declined, the next highest-ranking team on the "points list" will be offered the invitation. However the declining team will still be awarded any prize package offered for the year. All children are welcomed if they fished with the qualifying member during the regular tournament year.

13. It is the responsibility of the contestants in the boat to have their fish ready to be weighed. The tournament scale will not be used for culling. Weigh-in will be in the reverse order of the Blast Off (Last to first). No fish will be accepted for weigh-in after the next boat has been called.

14. Any prize winnings are income to the recipient and must be reported on the recipient's income tax return. STRIPER KINGS, INC. will report all prizes to the Internal Revenue Service and the South Carolina Tax Commission.

15. The Tournament and Wildlife Committee (TWC) reserves the rights to, as limited by the Club Bylaws, use incentive programs to promote tournaments including but not limited to Tournament Sponsors, door prizes, bonus points, VIP Guests, Media coverage, etc.