

Atlanta Salt Water Sportsman's Club

Tournament Rules

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All Atlanta Salt Water Sportsmen's Club tournaments will begin with a Captain's Meeting at a time and place to be announced on the tournament tip sheet. The Captain's Meeting is open to all members of the ASWSC and their crew participating in the tournament. During the Captain's Meeting the tournament rules, safety procedures, fishing and weather reports will be outlined and discussed. Fishing may begin anytime after the Captain's Meeting and end on the final day of the tournament at the Closing of the Scales. The tournament functions will conclude with an awards presentation on the final tournament day.

To qualify as a tournament, a minimum of 5 member boats must have submitted tournament applications and paid appropriate tournament fees. If the minimum requirement is not met for a scheduled tournament, the tournament shall be downgraded to a club-sanctioned Event. Participants in a downgraded tournament shall not earn points towards the Boat of the Year program.

If a tournament is downgraded due to lack of participation/sign-ups, the Tournament Committee will decide what portion of tournament fees will be refunded to those participating and to those canceling. Based on the timing of the downgrade and the status of monies committed by the club, the Tournament Committee may elect to provide product or services, such as t-shirts or meals, instead of refunding that portion of tournament fees.

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

To participate in an Atlanta Salt Water Sportsman's Club tournament, a club member must be captain of the boat.

Corporate members or members employed by a boat retailer or manufacturer may use a boat representing that boat retailer or manufacturer.

Fish caught aboard or with the aid of a paid Charter Boat, guides and/ or with other paid professional assistance are not eligible to complete in a club tournament.

SAFETY

Each boat is required to log in their safe return and catch at the end of each day's fishing. Log-in can be in person, by radio or messenger, but, the Tournament Committee must be notified each day.

Each participating boat must meet all Federal, State and Local safety regulations. For safety reasons all boats must be equipped with an operating marine VHS radio and monitor the assigned tournament VHS Channel.

In the event of inclement weather or other condition which the Tournament Committee determines would be hazardous to the safety of those participating in the tournament, the Tournament Committee can cancel, modify or reschedule the time for the tournament.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Each boat is responsible for entering its catch on the Leader Board and completing the Captain's Report form. The Captain's Report must be turned in at the Leader Board on each day of the tournament; the weigh in times will be announced during the Captain's Meeting. The information reported on the Captain's Report will be used to determine boat and individual awards. No Captain's Report will be accepted after the announced Closing of the Scales on the final day of the tournament. Closing of the Scales may be extended for individual boats as outline in rules section titled Tournament Fishing Times.

TOURNAMENT FISHING TIMES

Tournament fishing times and schedules will be announced during the Captain's Meeting.

In the event a boat is involved in an emergency and because of the situation would miss the Closing of the Scales, the Tournament Committee members in charge of the tournament will make the final decision as to the Closing of the Scales for that individual boat. Marine radio VHF (on the designated channel) or Cell phone contact with the Tournament Committee directly or through other must be established and a request with reason by the captain for an extension of the Closing of the Scale for his boat.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Tournament champion winners will be determined by a Species Point Matrix system. With the exception of release species, the four (4) largest fish in each species (or aggregate of a species) are eligible to be weighed in on each tournament day. The Tournament Committee is responsible for determining all award winners, and resolving any disagreements. Tournament Committee decisions are final.

The species points for each fish will be added up and the tournament winners will be determined by the boat with the most points. In the event there is a tie, the first day's catch and points will be used as a tie breaker.

In addition to tournament champion, awards will be given for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th place finishes, based on total points.

With the exception of release species, to qualify for the Tournament Champion or the Species Award, the catch must be weighed-in on the club designated scale. No estimates will be accepted.

To qualify as a release, the leader, (not just the double line) must be touched. A photo of all released species is highly recommended.

Any fish caught in violation of any State or Federal Laws (closed season or minimum size requirement) will be disqualified for that species in violation of State or Federal law.

Points system rules will not apply to aggregate catch and release tournaments, i.e. The West Palm Beach sailfish tournament, or tournaments designed to target a specific fish i.e. King mackerel tournaments. In the event of a tie in an aggregate release tournament the first days catch will be used as a tie breaker. If the first day also results in a tie, the point system will be applied to by-catch such as wahoo, dolphin, etc., as a tie breaker.

CLUB SPECIES RECORDS

To be eligible for recognition as a new club record, the catch must be made during a club tournament or club sanctioned event, weighed on an approved scale, witnessed, and a photo taken for publication. Qualifying species are as listed in the ASWSC club records document.

Club records caught during a tournament will be recognized and presented with a plaque.

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

At the end of each tournament, the Tournament Chairman will submit to the designated person of the Rules Committee copies of the Captain's Report, calculations as to the tournament Awards, any club Records achieved along with a write-up of the events of the tournament for use in the ASWSC Newsletter.

Annual BOAT of the YEAR Award

A Boat of the Year award will be presented at the end of the year. The award will be based on the total number of tournament points issued during the tournament year for 1st through 5th place finishes.

Boat of the Year Award	1 st Place	20 points
	2 nd Place	15 points
	3 rd Place	10 points
	4 th Place	5 points
	5 th Place	3 points

If a tie for Boat of the Year exists at the end of the year, the following will be used to break the tie. The award will be based on the number of points accumulated during the year for each club member boat totaled from the Captain's Reports submitted during club tournaments. The Species Point Matrix system used is accompanied with the Captain's Report for every tournament. It is important to turn in a Captain's Report for every tournament you attend, whether you think you have a chance of winning or not. These points will apply toward Boat of the Year in the event of a tie.

If a tie still exists, then the boat that had the most 1st Place finishes in a tournament wins. If a tie still exists, then the boat with the most 1st and 2nd Place finishes combined wins.

JUNIOR AND SMALL FRY ANGLER

A junior angler is defined as any angler 16 years of age or younger.

A small fry angler is defined as any angler 12 years of age or younger.

TOURNAMENT RULE CHANGES

Proposed changes to the tournament rules will be presented to the Rules Committee for review and recommendations prior to approval by the Executive Committee.

ANGLER OF THE YEAR

Competition is available to paid members in good standing. There will be three angler divisions: Junior's, Lady's and Men's. This competition begins on the first ASWSC tournament of the year and ends on the last.

To be eligible for recognition in the Angler of the Year awards program, the catch must be made during a club tournament or during a downgraded tournament (a tournament which has been downgraded to an event because it failed to meet minimum participation requirements). During a tournament, the catch must be weighed in on the club designated scale and witnessed by the tournament representative (weigh master). If caught during a downgraded tournament, the catch must be witnessed by the tournament representative (as appointed by the Tournament Committee) and weighed on the club designated scale if available; if (and *only* if) the club designated scale is unavailable, the catch may be weighed on an IGFA-certified scale, but must still be witnessed by the tournament representative. All Angler of the Year catches must be weighed in and witnessed on a club-scheduled fishing day during the club-scheduled fishing or weigh-in hours.

Points will be given for the three heaviest fish of each species in each of the angler divisions. Each first place fish will receive 100 points, second place 50 points and third place 25 points.

Species recognized: Amberjack, Cobia, Grouper, Snapper, Mackerel, Wahoo, Tuna, Dolphin, Redfish, Sea Trout.

Blue Marlin, White Marlin and Sailfish releases as well as Swordfish capture will be awarded 50 points one time per species per year.

Recognition will be given to the heaviest of each species category and the top place in each angler division.

During aggregate tournaments only the target species will be eligible.

Anglers may take multiple place positions in species categories.

It is the angler's responsibility to ensure that catches and angler information are recorded on the Captain's reports.

Tournament rules, State and Federal regulations must be followed.

Species ties: First fish weighed-in wins.

Division ties: Heaviest fish weighed-in of the recognized species wins.

The Tournament Committee Chairman will be responsible for the competition administration.

ASWSC Angler of the Year Tally Board

Ladies' Division	Points
1st	50
2nd	25
3rd	

Junior's Division	Points
1st	
2nd	
3rd	

Men's Division	Points
1st	
2nd	
3rd	

Men's Division		AMBERJACK		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25
		GROUPE		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25
		SNAPPER		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25
		COBIA		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25
		MACKEREL		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25
		WAHOO		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25
		DOLPHIN		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25
		TUNA		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25
		REDFISH		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25
		SEA TROUT		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25

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3rd				25
		SEA TROUT		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25

Junior's Division		AMBERJACK		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25
		GROUPE		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
1st				100
2nd				50
3rd				25
		SNAPPER		
	ANGLER	BOAT NAME	WEIGHT	POINTS
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