

# **The Average Joe TROUT TOURNAMENT November 12, 2016**

## **Tournament Rules**

1. This is a No Check-Out Tournament. No fishing lines in the water before 6:30 AM.
2. Tournament Boundaries include Georgia waters only. You can launch your boat any where in Georgia waters, but you must return to Hickory Bluff Marina by water. Boats are only allowed to make land fall during tournament hours prior to weigh-in at Hickory Bluff Marina.
3. All weighed fish must be caught with rod and manual reels during tournament competition hours. Fish must meet local, state and or federal harvest guidelines. No augmented, altered or mutilated fish will be allowed. Weighed fish will become the property of the tournament.
4. Protest must be declared by a competitor in writing, accompanied by a \$100 cash deposit, no later than 15 minutes after the last fish has been weighed. The deposit will be returned if the Tournament Committee upholds the protest. Decisions of the Tournament Committee are final.
5. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to delay, reschedule or cancel the tournament due to inclement weather or other safety concerns.
6. No tournament boats are to come together unless an emergency exists. Emergency assisting vessels must immediately contact the tournament committee (912-230-2811 / 912-262-0453). Captains and teams are responsible for following all local, state, and federal laws. Any legal citation received during tournament competition constitutes disqualification.
7. Weigh-in begins at 4:30 P.M. Weight-in closes at 5:30 P.M. A Tournament Committee member will determine the "Weigh-in Time". In the event of a tie, the earliest weigh-in time will determine winner.
8. All boats weighing fish must return to weigh-in unassisted. Fish must be accompanied by the angler catching the fish to the scales. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect any boat entered in the competition at any time. If not returning to weigh-in you must notify Tournament Committee by phone.
9. Prior to the start of competition, the Tournament Committee reserves rights to modify, add, delete or adjust any and all rules at their sole discretion as well as limit access and entries as it sees fit. There will be no refunds of tournament entry fees after 6:00 PM 10/26/2013.
10. Participants in the tournament enter and compete at their own risk. The Tournament, its members, officials, sponsors, directors, sanctioning organizations, volunteers and or hosting entities shall not be liable for and hereby disclaim any and all legal liabilities for any and all damages of any kind suffered by any participant, entrant, angler, guest, spectator or individuals. The angler is hereby accepting full responsibility for the actions of the boat and team and proclaims he has read and understood official tournament rules.
11. Contact numbers:                      Hickory Bluff Boating Club-      912-262-0453