

MUZZY CLASSIC RULES

READ CAREFULLY

These Rules will be STRICTLY ENFORCED!

1. BAA membership is not required, but encouraged. Applications available at registration booth.
2. Each team must have proper state fishing licenses.
3. Each team must have proper registration papers and registration numbers.
4. All air boats and fan boats must have a suitable shroud protecting the fan blade and orange safety flag on top of fan shroud.
5. Each boat must have the following safety equipment: Running lights, fire extinguisher, one throwable life preserver, horn or whistle, and three life jackets.
6. Each team member must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket anytime the "Big Motor" is running.
7. No wading (for safety reasons) Bows must remain in boat.
8. Alcoholic beverages are PROHIBITED during tournament hours.
9. Firearms are prohibited in boats during scouting and tournament.
- 10. Any violation of the hosting State Fish & Game Department will automatically disqualify the participants from the tournament.**
11. Two or three persons per team, one team per boat. (No passengers)
12. All boats will leave and return to the landing in a NO-WAKE idle.
13. The winner of the tournament will be decided upon the total weight of their **largest 20 fish**. It is the team's responsibility to have their biggest 20 fish separate and ready for weighing.
14. Legal species for the state will be accepted with one exception: Shad will not count towards fish total.
15. Trophies, cash or merchandise will be given away to the team shooting the heaviest/longest fish (by weight) in each of the 3 fish categories. It is the TEAM's responsibility to enter their fish into the Big Fish categories!
16. It will be the responsibility of the TEAM to determine the largest fish from the count to be weighed and measured by tournament officials to be used for tiebreakers.
17. Scouting may be done anytime. Any boat that is on the water with bows, arrows, dip nets, gigs, gaffs in the boat 24 hrs. prior to the start of the tournament will be DISQUALIFIED!!!
18. No baiting of chumming of fish.
19. 2 tokens with each team's number will be given to each team prior to the beginning of the tournament; it will then be the responsibility of the team to return 1 token to the starting/check-in dock upon returning in and 1 to the fish scale person prior to weighing that team's fish. Teams assist in the handling and the removal of fish from counting area.
20. Fish entries must be taken with bow (compound, recurve, or longbow) and a single point arrow only.
21. No hollow shaft hunting arrows may be used during the tournament.
22. No fish points or arrows with explosives or other shocking devices allowed.
23. All arrows must have a line attached to it for retrieval.
24. No snares, dip nets, or gigs will be allowed in the boats. Gaff hooks with a single hook and a handle of no more than 6' will be allowed for landing big fish.
25. All boats will be subjected to a random inspection by tournament officials 24 hrs. prior to and until the end of the Tournament.
26. All boats will leave from the tournament site, NO TRAILERING.
27. There is no limit on the number of miles that you can travel by boat.
28. Each team will be allowed the use of only ONE boat during the tournament. If mechanical trouble requires the use of another boat, that boat must be inspected prior to leaving the tournament site.
29. For safety reasons, a team may drop off equipment and/or fish barrels (to insure that boats are not overloaded) provided that ALL team members leave the landing and ALL team members and their fish return for the weigh-in. Barrels must have the team number attached to them and are not the responsibility of the tournament officials.
30. All boats will be checked by officials and only then will a boat be allowed to leave the tournament site.
31. All boats will leave when their number is called by the starting official, and in order in which the entries were received.

32. Suspected transferring of fish between teams may result in the disqualification of all teams involved. No fish may be transferred from one team's boat to another team FOR ANY REASON!
33. All **BOATS** must make OFFICIAL FISH WEIGH IN. Failure to do so will result in the disqualification and forfeiture of entry fee. No grace period will be allowed. Official time is kept by the person collecting tokens at the starting dock. You must be at the dock by or before official ending time. In the event of the team being entered in the Big Fish Pot, NO grace period will be extended for their participation in said fish pot. Make sure your token is dropped off and your number is recorded.
34. No unsportsmanlike like conduct will be tolerated.
35. The decisions of the Tournament officials will be FINAL!!
36. Failure to comply with Tournament Rules will result in disqualification, and the entry fee will be FORFEITED!
- 37. All participants may be subject to a random polygraph test.**
38. A formal protest fee in the amount of \$75.00 must be made to the officials and posted by **8:00 AM** or **one hour** prior to the awards ceremony, whichever comes first. Protests or disputes will be settled by Polygraph testing and/or majority vote of Muzzy Classic Officials.
39. All participants must check out prior to leaving the tournament.
40. Tournament hosts and sponsors will not be responsible for accidents or lost property.
41. NO AUTOMATIC REFUNDS OF ENTRY FEES: Notice of intent to cancel registration must be received 72 hours in advance of tournament date. Fees or any portion of fees refunded will be the decision of tournament officials, and will be based on the reason of cancellation.
42. All participants will respect the rights and privacy of all non-participants on or around the water. Please be courteous and polite. Participants are asked to avoid congested and populated areas.
43. Restricted areas are enforced for this tournament-NO SCOUTING OR FISHING ALLOWED. Violators will be disqualified- NO QUESTIONS! **Know where these areas are-it is your responsibility!**
44. One class-- Airboats, Fan boats and Trolling motor boats.

~MUZZY CLASSIC CHECKLIST~

Please review before entering the Tournament. All boats must pass safety inspection.

TEAM NUMBER _____

- | | <u>YES</u> | | <u>NO</u> | |
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| 1. | () | | () | PROPER STATE FISHING LICENSE |
| 2. | () | | () | SINGLE POINT ARROWS ONLY-NO HOLLOW SHAFT ARROWS |
| 3. | () | | () | FIREARMS |
| 4. | () | | () | SNARES |
| 5. | () | | () | DIPNETS |
| 6. | () | | () | GIGS |
| 7. | () | | () | SINGLE HOOK GAFF- UNDER 6' |
| 8. | () | | () | RUNNING LIGHTS |
| 9. | () | | () | FIRE EXTINGUISHER |
| 10. | () | | () | LIVE WELLS CHECKED FOR FISH |
| 11. | () | | () | THREE LIFE JACKETS |
| 12. | () | | () | ONE THROWABLE LIFE PRESERVER |
| 13. | () | | () | BOAT NUMBERS IN PLACE |
| 14. | () | | () | HORN OR WHISTLE |
| 15. | () | | () | BOAT REGISTRATION |
| 16. | () | | () | FAN SHROUD (FOR AIR POWERED BOATS) |
| 17. | () | | () | ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES |
| 18. | () | | () | EXPLOSIVE TIPS OR SHOCKING POINTS |
| 19. | () | | () | SAFETY FLAG ON TOP OF FAN SHROUD |

TEAM MEMBERS SIGNATURE _____

BOAT INSPECTORS SIGNATURE _____

**NOTE- Each boat must fully pass inspection prior to the start of the MUZZY CLASSIC

