

Hook, Line, and Paddle Charity Kayak & Sup Fishing Tournament

Rules and Regulations

1. **Participation and Eligibility-** Participation is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Minors are eligible to participate with a parent or guardian signature on the release form. A completed participant packet and entry fee must be received no later than the published deadline. You will need to have a valid North Carolina Saltwater Fishing License to participate. Please read all rules and regulations and remember to sign and initial your Waiver and Release of Liability.

2. **Registration and Captain's Meeting-** Each participant must register and pay by July 18, 2020. Participants registering after July 20, 2020 will pay an additional \$15.00 late registration fee. Participants' registration will be open through the captain's meeting at 7 pm Friday, July 24, 2020 at Hook, Line & Paddle in Wilmington, NC (Additional parking across the street from HLP next to the Scotchman Gas Station). Attendance at the captain's meeting is mandatory for each participant.

3. **Safety-** Safe boating must be observed at all times. Participants are required to comply with US Coast Guard regulations including the possession of US Coast Guard approved personal floatation device (PFD) and a whistle.

4. **Sportsmanship-** All participants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. No alcoholic beverages or use of illegal drugs are permitted. Non-compliance with tournament rules and regulations are grounds for immediate disqualification and any prizes awarded must be returned.

5. **Permitted Fishing Methods-** All fish must be caught with a hook and line only. Artificial bait and live baits are allowed; however, if the participant is going to use live bait, it has to be caught during tournament fishing hours only. Participants cannot get live bait before the tournament starts. No motorized kayaks are allowed and all crafts must be paddled or pedaled unless authorized by the tournament director. All fish must be caught from the kayak. No wade fishing or shore fishing is allowed. Fish finders are welcome, but no chumming! All fish measured must have been caught by the individual. All fish must be caught on hook and line.

6. Permitted Fishing Locations- Participants can launch their kayaks starting at 6 am. Participants can then fish any area they can paddle to and may not receive assistance including but not limited to following a non-participant boat, the placing of markers by a non-participant, being towed or riding motored vessels, or receiving electronic, voice, or data communication from non-participants. All fishing locations must be in waters accessible according to the law and US Coast Guard regulations. Participants can fish anywhere they desire as long as they launch from a North Carolina ramp accessible to the public and are within the fishing boundaries that are between the North Carolina/South Carolina border and extending north to the start of the New River Inlet, south of the Marine Blvd Bridge (US BUS 17) and west of both Wilson Blvd Bridges.

The map boundaries can be viewed by following this link:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1ZCOvImjvNoDDS5qRmVcnUZQLxBKCoRUw&usp=sharing>

View the map in **SATELLITE** view for accurate boundaries.

7. Scoring- We will use a photo release scoring system determined by the length of each fish (measured nose to tail). All entries will be judged through the submission on the TourneyX app. Each participant will be required to have their own “Hawg Trough” style measuring device for this tournament. Make sure the apex of the marks on your Hawg Trough are sufficiently darked for accurate judging from your photo. We will have “Hawg Troughs” for sale at the Captain’s Meeting if you do not have one. Bring your measuring device to Captain’s meeting for approval if you are not sure it will qualify. If your fish is larger than your measuring device, you will be allowed to extend your measuring device with a tape measure. Photos will have to be taken with fish on the tournament approved measuring device only. Submissions of fish will only be accepted through the TourneyX app. Scoring photos remain the sole ownership of Hook, Line & Paddle to be used at their discretion.

8. Check In- Check in will begin at 2:00 pm at Hook, Line, and Paddle 435 Eastwood Rd. Wilmington, NC. All participants must check in no earlier than 2:00 pm and no later than 4:00 pm. Food will not be served until 4:00 pm.

9. **Post Check In Party**- Starting at 4:00 pm will be the post tournament party including food, beverages, sponsor and vendor booths, raffles, and tournament winner's prize ceremony and sponsor recognition.

10. **Protest**- All protests must be delivered to a tournament official within 30 minutes of check in. The tournament director has the final say in all decisions.

11. **Rule Changes**- Rules interpretation will be presented to the tournament director. The decisions of the tournament director are final and are not subject to appeal.

12. **Release of Liability**- A waiver and release of liability form is part of the registration pack and every participant is required to read, initial, sign, and date the waiver and release of liability form or they will not be eligible to participate. Every angler is responsible for knowing how to properly submit a fish and is able to navigate the TourneyX app before the captain's meeting. There will be no tutorial on app navigation at the meeting.

Follow this link for help on Tourney X: <https://tourneyx.com/app/help/>

13. **Prize Structure**- Prizes are kayaks/sup, accessories, gear, jewelry, adventures, art, trophy, and much more. Each participant can only place one time in each category. Participants are eligible for only one first place species prize, one second place species prize, and one third place species prize. In addition, participants are eligible for the slam division. Prizes are awarded solely based on fish length. In the event of identical lengths, the first fish submitted to the TourneyX app shall be declared the winner. In the event of identical lengths and times, any prizes for one or both places on the leaderboard will be divided equally between the two participants. Prize information will be updated on our website at www.hooklineandpaddle.com

14. **Raffle**- Each contestant will receive one raffle ticket in their captain's bag. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased during the event. You must be present to win any raffle prizes.

