

2024 Ron Hoover Fishing Tournament Rules and Regulations

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.HOOVERFISHING.COM

- All anglers must follow all Federal, State and local laws at all times. Violation of any Federal, State or local laws will result in the disqualification of the individual and the entire team.
- Un-sportsmanlike and unethical conduct will result in disqualification. Any negative feedback posted on any social media will result in angler being banned from future tournaments.
- Safe boating will be observed at all times. All boats must have all required equipment for the U.S Coast Guard safety laws. The decision to cancel or shorten the day due to unsafe weather will be left totally to the discretion of the tournament director/committee.
- Weigh in will be held on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at Jim's Pier fishing dock. Teams may launch out of any location. Absolutely NO fishing lines in the water before 6AM. Teams are required to weigh in fish by boat only. All anglers must be on the boat when you weigh in. Weigh in times will be between 12:00pm and 2:00pm (Central time). Once the horn is blown at 2pm, anglers who are not in line will not be allowed to weigh in their fish. Weigh in card must be signed when the fish are weighed in prior to leaving the doc. Fish will only be weighed in one time so make sure the lengths/weights are correct before you signing the weigh in card. Pull in and drop off your angler with your fish and quickly pull out so another boat can pull in. You can wait for your angler on the sandbar while he finishes weighing in.
- HOOVER FAST PASS exclusively available to Platinum and Gold Sponsor levels must show VIP lanyard at weigh in to by pass line.
- A professional weigh master will weigh in the fish, if in his/her opinion the fish was caught outside the tournament time frame or was tampered with to alter length or weight, the angler agrees to take a polygraph test. If the angler refuses to take the polygraph test he/she will be disqualified from tournament.
- The entry fee to fish the tournament is \$500.00 per boat (max of 4 people). This includes dinner Friday night and Saturday night, 1 raffle ticket per person for the Majek boat or the StarCraft Pontoon, 1 door prize raffle ticket per team. Friday night private concert featuring Fortunate Son (CCR Tribute Band). World's Greatest Tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival. No Social bands will be sold! ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS!!!
- Swag bag and raffle prize tickets to be picked up Friday July 12, 2024 at the Captains meeting.
- Only paid registered anglers fishing the tournament will be eligible to win the new Majek 18 M2 or new StarCraft Pontoon. You will not be able to buy a ticket to win the boat and pontoon if you are not registered in the fishing tournament (raffle tickets for the boat and pontoon will not be sold separately). All boats must be paid in full and registered before Thursday, June 27, 2024. Late fee: \$100.00 per boat entry received after June 27, 2024.
- Register before May 31, 2024 to receive double the tickets per angler for the Majek M2 or StarCraft Pontoon.
- All raffle tickets for the boat and pontoon must have a first name and last name written on it. ID maybe required. You may only be drawn once for the 10 finalists in the raffle. If your name is drawn again that ticket will be discarded and another one will be drawn in its place. There is no transferring of tickets once a name has been drawn for the final raffle.
- There will be two grand prize giveaways: New Majek 18 foot M2 boat rigged with a Suzuki 115 hp motor sitting on a Coastline aluminum trailer and a New StarCraft Pontoon sitting on a McClain aluminum trailer. Winners will be responsible for tax, title, and license.
- **Must be present to win !!!!!!**

- Remember to please leave your wrist band on so you can be able to reenter Saturday. You cannot enter without a wrist band. No exceptions.
- Fishing: all live baits, dead bait and artificial lures may be used. Wade fishing is allowed within eyesight of the boat. Only one rod per angler is allowed in the water at one time. Fish must be caught on rod and reel only. Absolutely NO night fishing will be allowed the night before the tournament.
- We encourage everyone to bring in live fish. If you bring in any live fish you will automatically be bumped to the 1st of the line, to quickly weigh in and release your live fish. The team will automatically get 1 ticket thrown into a raffle to win an APEX ice chest.
- If you bring in a fish that is declared over the size required, you will not be disqualified however you will not be allowed to weigh in a replacement fish.
- Weigh master will use FLAT check it stick; closed mouth and pinch the tail method will be used for the measuring of the fish.
- Divisions: NON-GUIDED AND GUIDED. **Only one licensed fishing guide allowed per boat, even if you are fishing the guided division.** No exceptions!
- Team stringer will consist of 3 fish: 2 slot reds and 1 slot trout. Blind draw method will be conducted at the captain's meeting Friday night to determine the length of the fish to be weighed in. One inch margin not to exceed length drawn. Stringer Winner will be decided by total inches. In the event of a tie winner will be decided by earliest weigh in time.
- Payouts: Non-Guided, 1st place \$4,500.00 and trophies, 2nd place \$3,000.00 and trophies, 3rd place \$2,000.00 and trophies, 4th place \$1,500 and trophies.
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- Must be 18 years and older to be eligible for the Boat and StarCraft Pontoon give-a-way. If winner is under 18 years of age, the boat must be titled under parent or legal guardian.
- **MANDATORY POLYGRAPH!!!** By registering on the official tournament entry form, each angler agrees to submit to a polygraph test and abide by its conclusion. Polygraph tests will be issued to all 1st place Hoover Challenge winners (Calcutta) . The results of the polygraph are final and cannot be reviewed by a court of law.
- Only one competitor will be polygraphed from the team. He or she cannot consume alcohol and/or drugs during tournament hours and prior to taking polygraph test. Participants being polygraphed will be notified immediately following the weigh in and should report to the convention center where polygraph will be conducted. Should participant fail the polygraph, the team will be disqualified and will surrender all winnings. The 2nd place team will be subject to polygraph testing.
- Ron Hoover Tournament acts as a broker when hiring the truth detection administrator and has no influence on procedures, type of test, the amount of time or the results of the testing and as such all rulings of cause are determined by the testing agent and not by anyone affiliated with Ron Hoover RV & Marine Fishing Tournament.
- All decisions made by the tournament director and/or tournament officials will be final in all matters. The tournament director and/or the tournament officials can make a change when the safety of a contestant is in question or by a unanimous decision by the tournament committee. Any changes to the rules will be discussed in the captains meeting before the tournament.
- All anglers in the tournament must be aware of the tournament rules and regulations including any changes or additions before the tournament.