2026 SC FALL CLASSIC RULES

1. The heaviest 3 fish aggregate wins. Teams can weigh 2 fish each day. We will drop the small fish.

2. Fish Days: September 21, 2026 to October 23 2026. Each team gets to pick 2 fish days in the time allotted.

3. A captain may only register one boat, however crews can fish on other boats during the series. A boat can only register one time in The SC Fall Classic.

4. **Inlet Boundaries:** Teams must leave and return within the following inlets, St Simons Island Inlet, to Little River Inlet. Any inlets in between these 2 are ok to use.
Competition Boundaries: Team must not travel through, catch bait, or deploy fishing lines outside of these boundary lines. Do not let a fish hook up, carry you outside of these boundary lines.
Southern Boundary: 31:00:00 line.
Nothern Boundary: draw at straight line through point A to point B.
Point A is Mark 33:50:00 and 78:30:00
Point B is Mark 33:15:00 and 77:30:00

5. Checkout: To declare your fish day you must email marc@scwahooseries.com prior to 9pm the night before and provide the following information: Boat #, Name, Marina/Landing and Sound/Inlet you are leaving from.

6. A fish picture with your boat number and appropriate item if so instructed, must be taken as soon as the fish is boated, prior to icing it down.

7. A picture of the teams GPS screen must be taken prior to leaving the inlet, and submitted upon check-in. Your GPS screen must include the following information: time, date, ships position coordinates.

8. Check-in must be done by texting Marc (843) 298-0377 no later than 6:30pm. Your check-in text should include (1) your fish picture, and (2) your GPS picture. Your text must be from a cell phone, not from Starlink or any other satellite device.

9. Teams are required to save their GPS track from their declared fish day, until 1pm, the day after their declared fish day.

10. In the event of a tie, the team with the heaviest fish breaks the tie.

11. Fish must be caught on Rod and Reel, no electric reels, commercial fishing gear, diving, spear guns, etc

12. On a declared fish day, Teams can not deploy fishing, or bait lines in the water prior to 7:00AM

13. **Weigh In same day:** Teams have to be in front the fuel dock no later then 5pm.

14. **Weigh in next day:** Teams must be checked in from their fish day on time, and must be at the scale no later than 11:00am.

15. You can weigh by boat or car.

16. If your team decides to fish the last day, Friday, October 23, 2026 you have to weigh in the same day no later then 5pm.

17. Teams are not allowed to freeze or brine fish. No weight enhancement is tolerated.

18. No mutilated fish will be weighed.

19. All registered boats and participants must comply with SC State and Federal regulations including but not limited to fishing license, permits, boat registrations, safety equipment and adequate liability insurance is required.

20. Teams can only fish a MAX of 7 lines.

21. Omnidirectional sonar technology is not allowed to be used in the 2026 SC Fall Classic.

22. You may substitute a boat one time if there is a mechanical issue, boat sale or unforseen circumstance. The substitute boat must not be registered in the tournament. If the substitution is due to mechanical, boat sale or unforseen circumstances, and the boat will not be ready for the remainder of the series, you must complete the series in the substitute boat, you can not switch boats again. Chartering a boat is not allowed.

23. Teams cannot come together with any boat during declared fish day.

24. Teams are subject to random boat inspections, prior to departure, or upon return from a series fish day.

25. You may un-declare a fish day, as long as no lines were deployed, by texting Marc (843) 298-0377 with a cell phone only, NOT A SAT PHONE OR STAR LINK, no later than 7:00am the morning of the fish day.

26. This is a Captain's Choice tournament. Each Captain is solely responsible for the safety of his or her vessel and crew at all times. Captains are required to heed any weather warnings or dangerous weather conditions, as safety is paramount. It is up to each Captain to decide whether their craft is seaworthy for the conditions of any given fishing day.

27. A small craft advisory: if a small craft advisory is in affect from 7am on, for a fish day, that fish day is canceled. However, we have several inlets within our tournament boundary, and therefore several NOAH marine forcast zones. The cancelation of a fish day will be limitted to the zone or zones that have a small craft advisory in affect at 7am. If on that same day, other NOAH marine forcast zones within the torunament boundary do not have a small craft advisory in effect teams may fish out of those zones.

28. Any protest filed must be submitted to the 2026 SC Fall Classic King Mackerel Series in writing accompanied by a $650 cash only non-refundable fee and delivered 30 minutes after the scale closes (11:30am) for that fish day you are protesting. And, on the final fish day, October 23, 2026 any protests must be submitted by 5:30pm.

29. A formal protest, or other circumstances may result in the need to administer Polygraph Test(s). All tournament participants are subject to Polygraph Test(s). The vessel Owner or Authorized crew member must sign the "Polygraph Acknowledgment Waiver" as a part of their 2026 SC Fall Classic King Mackerel Series registration form. Polygraph Test result(s) are final.

30. The Rules Committee has the sole right to interpret the rules, and address issues not covered in the rules. All decisions made by the committee are final.

31. A team/boat violating any of these Tournament Rules, or any team/boat containing a participant violating any of these Tournament Rules is subject to disqualification from the Tournament.

32. The tournament Director has the right to refuse any entry.