



## 2023 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 18 - October 27, 2023. 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. Checkout: To declare your fish day you must email [marc@scwahooseries.com](mailto:marc@scwahooseries.com) prior to 8pm the night before and provide the following information: Boat #, Name, Marina/Landing and Sound/Inlet you are leaving from.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Check-in must be done by texting Marc at 843-298-0377 by 6:30pm. Your check-in text should include (1) your fish picture, and (2) your GPS picture .
8. Teams are required to save their GPS track from their declared fish day, until 1pm, the day after their declared fish day.
9. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the team with heaviest individual King Mackerel.
10. Fish must be caught on Rod and Reel, no electric reels, commercial fishing gear, diving, spear guns, etc
11. On a declared fish day, Teams can not deploy fishing, or bait lines in the water prior to 7:00AM
12. Weigh In same day: Teams have to be in front the fuel dock no later then 5pm.
13. Weigh in next day: Teams have to be at the scale no later then 11:00am.
14. If your team decides to fish the last day, Friday, October 27, 2023 you have to weigh in the same day no later then 5pm.
15. You can weigh by boat or car.
16. Teams are not allowed to freeze or brine fish. No weight enhancement is tolerated.
17. No mutilated fish will be weighed.
18. 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.
19. You may substitute a boat one time if there is a mechanical issue, boat sale or unforeseen circumstance. The substitute boat must not be registered in the tournament. If the substitution is due to mechanical, boat sale or unforeseen 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.

20. Teams cannot come together with any boat during declared fish day.
21. Teams are subject to random boat inspections, prior to departure, or upon return from a series fish day.
22. Boundaries: Teams cannot travel, catch bait or deploy fishing lines outside of the tournament boundary lines during your declared fish day. All Teams must leave from and fish within the following boundary lines: Little River Inlet, SC draw a straight line through the following GPS points: 33:50 78:30 and 33:15 77:30 on out; St. Simons Inlet, GA, teams cannot fish south of 31:00:00.
23. 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, no later than 7:00am the morning of the fish day.
24. 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.
25. Small Craft Advisory Out 20NM: 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 forecast zones. The cancelation of a fish day will be limited to the zone or zones that have a small craft advisory in effect at 7am. If on that same day other NOAH marine forecast zones within the tournament boundary do not have a small craft advisory in effect, teams may fish out of those zones.
26. Any protest filed must be submitted to the 2023 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 27, 2023 any protests must be submitted by 5:30pm.
27. 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 2023 SC Fall Classic King Mackerel Series registration form. Polygraph Test result(s) are final.
28. 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.
29. 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.
29. The tournament Director has the right to refuse any entry.

