

### Tournament Rules and Regulations:

1. This is an artificial bait ONLY tournament. \*\*\*\*\*
2. All vessels must be registered at the mandatory Captain's meeting held at the Casper's Marina.
3. Boats will be checked out at Casper's Marina. Weigh-in location is at Casper's Marina. All boats must return under their own power.
4. All fish entered for prize consideration must comply with North Carolina State fishing regulations. North Carolina fishing licenses are required for all anglers for salt and freshwater (applies if fishing in both bodies of water). All boats will have adequate safety gear and ensure that everything is operable on-board. Captains are responsible for all anglers on their vessel.
5. The entry fee is \$150 per boat. Captain, Co-Captain and any Veteran, junior or lady anglers must be listed on the form.
6. Live fish for weigh-in are encouraged. All live fish in good condition will be released back into the wild by tournament staff. Let's all practice conservation for the fish we catch. Otherwise, fish must be in good edible condition and properly iced. Fish must be properly landed. Fish that appear to have been harpooned, gaffed, mutilated, shot or cast/gill netted will be refused.
7. This is an aggregate weight, 4 fish limit shootout.
8. Veteran, Junior and Lady Angler fish must be tagged prior to weigh in. They cannot be weighed for the 4-fish aggregate. This is a separate category; therefore, a separate fish must be used.
9. All contestants will, in every respect, catch any fish offered for prize consideration in a sportsmanship manner, obeying all rules and regulations of the tournament.
10. Boat numbers must be turned in at weigh-in to be eligible.
11. Scales open at 3:00pm and close at 4:00pm, Saturday, September 17, 2022. Any boat that has not checked in at the weigh-in designated area by 4:00pm will be disqualified.
12. In case of equal weight, the largest big trout weight will be declared the winner of that position.
13. All decisions of the tournament committee will be final.
14. Tournament participants are subject to a polygraph, at the discretion of the tournament committee, for cash prizes.
15. All prizes will be awarded immediately following the final weigh-in and calculations.
16. Participants enter at their own risk. Neither the tournament, nor any person or entity connected with the tournament, shall be held liable for any loss, damage, negligence, hazard, or injury to anyone for any reason. The tournament board reserves the right to postpone/reschedule the tournament due to unforeseen weather conditions.
17. No guides or licensed captains may fish together on one vessel anytime in the NC Coastal Trout Series.
18. No hole-sitting allowed.
19. At captains' meetings any rule interpretations are final.
20. Any angler can be refused for any reason by the tournament committee.