

The rules set forth by the Tournament Committee in no way modify or abridge State & Federal Fishing Regulations. It is the responsibility of each Captain to know and adhere to these Regulations.

1. **Deadline for Entries.** The Deadline for entry fees in the King Mackerel Tournament shall be Friday, May 22, 2009 at 9 p.m.
2. **Entry Fees.** The entry fee for the King Mackerel Tournament shall be \$300 per boat before May 15, 2009. Any entry fee received after May 15, 2009 until 9 p.m., May 22, 2009 shall be \$350.
3. **This tournament is Captain's Choice.** In the event of "Extreme" weather the Tournament Committee the right to adjust the schedule or postpone. In the event the Tournament Committee cancels the Tournament, 90% of the Level I fee and 100% of Level II, III, IV and V fees will be refunded within sixty (60) days of the cancellation.
4. **Fishing Times. King Mackerel one day tournament** fishing time begins at 6:30 am Saturday May 23, 2009.
5. **Fishing Boundaries.** Must exit NC inlets and return to NC inlets. The north boundary is LAT 36° 33' N. West boundary is longitude 78° 30' W. No East boundary. See map page 48.)
6. All King Mackerel Tournament fish **MUST be weighed-in at Hammocks each State Park in Swansboro.**
7. **There will be no official ending time** for King Mackerel Tournament fishing, but fish must be past a tournament official who will be stationed at Swansboro checkpoint (near Marker #49 and #51) by 5 p.m. Saturday. Scales OPEN at Hammocks each State Park for King Mackerel at 3 p.m. on Saturday. King Mackerel Tournament Boats may proceed directly to Hammocks Beach State Park (Tournament Headquarters) for Check-in/Weigh-in until 4 p.m. on Saturday. After 4 p.m. on Saturday, King Mackerel Tournament Boats must check in with the Official Tournament Check-In Boat located in the Intracoastal Waterway off Hammocks Beach State Park no later than 5 p.m. Saturday. Boats failing to meet these deadlines will be excluded from the day's competition.
8. **Once a boat has checked-in at the checkpoint,** boats must proceed towards the Official Weigh Station at Hammocks Beach State Park in safe, "commonsense", single-file fashion without land stops.
9. **All species must be weighed-in** from the boat from which they are caught. No trucking or overland transportation of fish. Fish must be off-loaded from the boat at designated area ONLY. Any fish not off-loaded from the boat at designated area will be disqualified
10. **23 and under Level III.** To be eligible for prizes in the 23 and under level and to be classified as a 23 and under, boat will be based on the manufacturer's advertised, "plated" size. Horsepower on the transom not to exceed manufacturer's recommendation.
11. **Fish must not be mutilated** or darted in any way, except for gaff punctures.
12. **These Rules must be adhered to or species will be disqualified.** IGFA and SKA Rules are encouraged. Release of small fish is encouraged.
13. **Any protest must be in writing** and submitted to Tournament Headquarters within 2 hours of last fish weighed and must be accompanied by \$100 cash deposit.
14. **All times mentioned in the above rules** are subject to the Weighmaster's watch and his watch only. Official time of weighmaster's watch to be announced at Captain's Meeting based on GPS time.
15. **All fish must be fit for human consumption.** All fish are subject to the scrutiny and inspection by the Tournament Committee, Weighmaster, and Marine Fisheries Officials.
16. **All fish must be caught by rod and reel,** except for King Mackerel where handlines and downriggers are permissible.
17. **Weighed fish become the property of** the Swansboro Rotary Club Memorial Day Fishing Tournament.
18. **Each boat should be represented at Captain's Meeting at the Swansboro Rotary Civic Center.**
19. **In the event two or more fish** are of the exact same weight, the fish entered first shall be declared the winner.
20. **For safety purposes, all boats entered** must adhere to USCG regulations for their size.
21. **A boat may not be replaced after competition begins** (fishing time 6:30 am Saturday). Any changes made after registration must be approved by tournament committee.
22. **Cash prizes to be awarded** to the boats with the heaviest fish. In Level I, only one prize per boat will be awarded per species.
23. **All winners may be subjected to a polygraph examination.** The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect all boats entered in the competition at anytime.
24. **Any two or more boats coming together for any reason after competition begins (6:30 am Saturday) and before weigh-in may be disqualified.** As safety is of primary importance, permission may be granted for exceptions by the Committee Boats or Tournament Headquarters. Any disqualification or violation of tournament rules becomes an automatic overall tournament disqualification for boat entered.
25. **All fish must be brought to weigh station** by the boat on which it was caught, under its own power.
26. **Boats are to proceed in an orderly fashion to weigh station. One member of the crew must remain with the fish to verify weigh-ins. Junior Angler and or Lady Angler and or Senior Angler must also accompany fish and sign weight ticket. Boats will not be tied up in the designated off-loading areas and crew must depart immediately after off loading fish.**
27. **Maximum of one (1) King Mackerel** per day per boat to be weighed-in. Maximum of one (1) Cobia per day per boat to be weighed-in.
28. **Minimum size limit** of 30 inches for all King Mackerel entered in tournament. Cobia minimum 33" FL and 1 fish per day.
29. **Once officially registered,** all entry fees are non-refundable, except as stated in rule #3.
30. **Any tournament official or tournament sponsor** entering the tournament in compliance with the tournament rules is eligible for any and all prizes.
31. **All tournament participants consent** and authorize the Tournament Committee and their advertising/public relations agencies to use and reproduce names, voices, and/or photographs, whether taken or recorded and circulate the same for any and all purposes of publicity and advertising of all kinds and descriptions in any and all media formats.
32. **The Tournament Rules Committee** shall determine the solution to questions or situations and its judgment SHALL BE FINAL.
33. **The Tournament Rules Committee reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone.**

