



## Tournament Rules & Regulations

### Entry Fees:

- **SSHC Crew Members:** Free registration
- **General Public:** \$20 entry fee (all profits go to charity)
- Each team captain selects a charity, and the winning team's charity will receive all proceeds.

### Tournament Format:

- The competition is divided into two regions:
  - **FL/TX Region** (Florida & Texas)
  - **Everywhere Else**
- Multiple prizes awarded, including **\$10,000+ cash prizes** and over **100 non-cash giveaways**.
- Prizes for **biggest fish, ugliest fish, and special random qualifiers**.

### Eligibility & Participation:

- Open to the general public. Anyone can fish; submissions and winners must be over 18.
- Participants must download and use the **Fishing Chaos** app to register and submit catches.
- Each participant, upon registering, will be able to choose a team led by a team captain based on their region.
- Registrants can be part of their own team under a team captain—including families or multiple parties fishing together under one name.
- Participants acknowledge and agree to all tournament rules and regulations.

### Catch Submission Guidelines:

- Fish can be caught using **live or artificial bait**.
- Fish must be measured and submitted with the Fishing Chaos app. The **Tournament Identifier Code must be included in the original photo. The code will be released May 22nd at 10:00pm on the Fishing Chaos App**. There is no limit to the number of fish you can submit, the Fishing Chaos app will cull your smallest fish.
- Each fish may only be entered once. Different fish must be submitted for each entry.
- Permitted species: Black Bass (largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, shoal bass, meanmouth bass).
- **To submit/for scoring:**
  - The photo should capture the entire fish from a directly overhead perspective.
  - The belly of the fish must be facing down toward the angler.
  - The fish's nose or mouth must be firmly against the fence (end stop) of the measuring board. If a judge determines that the mouth or lip is not touching the board's fence, the fish will be disqualified.
  - Do not obstruct (cover) the fish's eye or mouth in the photo. The fish will be disqualified if these parts are covered.
  - The "zero end" of the approved board must be to the left of the individual measuring the fish.

- Closed mouths are preferred. Judges may deduct up to 1/2 inch from the recorded length if the mouth is open in a way that would increase the fish's length.

#### **Cash Prize Eligibility:**

- Only photos using an **approved measuring device** will be entered into the cash prize bucket.
- Fish must meet the **minimum length requirement of 12 inches** to qualify for cash prizes.

#### **Non-Cash Prize Eligibility:**

- Any fish submission without an approved measuring device will automatically be entered into the non-cash giveaways or All Other Leaderboard.

#### **Approved Measuring Devices:**

- Only **bump board** style measuring devices are allowed for cash prizes (must have a vertical lip to press the fish's mouth against and clear inch markings).
- If a participant does not have an official measuring tool, they may still enter to win one of the many **non-cash prizes**.

#### **Example Approved Measuring Boards:**

- Ketch Board
- Ego Measuring Board
- Gator Grip Golden Rule Measuring Board
- Cabela's Aluminum Fish Measuring Board
- Frabill Fishing Bump Board
- Check-It Stik
- Hawg Trough

#### **Tournament Rules & Regulations:**

- Fish must be caught in **any legally accessible body of water** (streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, etc.), including **privately owned bodies of water with permission**.
- All **local, state, and federal laws** must be followed, including fishing and boating regulations, to qualify for cash prizes.
- Participants consent to receive event-related emails, texts, and other communications.
- Tournament rules are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the organizers.

#### **Judging:**

- Judging for all categories aside from **Ugliest Fish** will be done by an external team - **Reel Tournament Management**.
- **Ugliest Fish Category** will be determined by **Richii**.

#### **Prizes & Awards:**

- **Cash Prizes:** Awarded based on biggest fish (multiple **\$5,000+ prizes** available).
- **Non-Cash Prizes:** Over **100 giveaways**, including prizes for **ugliest fish, random qualifying catches, and more**.
- **Winning Charity Donation:** All entry fees will be donated to the **charity selected by the winning team's captain**.

#### **Get Ready to Cast & Compete!**

The Southern String Classic is more than just a fishing tournament—it's a way to win big while giving back. Tight lines, and may the best anglers win!

**Any questions or concerns, please contact us at: [theclassic@southernstringhats.com](mailto:theclassic@southernstringhats.com)**

**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT**  
*READ BEFORE REGISTERING FOR COMPETITIVE EVENT AND/OR*  
*SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT*

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the Southern String Classic and its related competition and activities, I, the undersigned (or registrant), being at least 18 years of age, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. I affirm that my participation in the Southern String Classic is voluntary and declare that I am physically fit and capable to participate in such; and
2. I acknowledge that fishing participation and competition involves certain inherent dangers, and hazards; that the risk of injury from the activities involved in this event is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular skills, physical fitness, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
3. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
4. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary Terms and Conditions for Participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and immediately bring such to the attention of Tackle Direct's Staff, Officers, Tournament Directors or contracted tournament management services.
5. In full recognition and appreciation of the dangers and risks inherent in such activities, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS Southern String Classic and its owners, officers, managers, officials, volunteer event staff, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, event service/management and technology providers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity ("Releasees"), with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of the releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law, and I hereby waive, release, and forever discharge Releasees from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action, for costs, loss, expenses, or damages to personal property, or personal injury, or death, which may result from my participation in the Southern String Classic .
6. I give Southern String Classic and parties designated by Southern String Classic, including clients, licensees and purchasers, the right to use my name and any photograph and video of me for sale to any medium for purposes of advertising, trade, display, exhibition, social media, television or editorial use. This release is granted without expectation for additional compensation upon submission of Event Registration.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY ACKNOWLEDGING THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE BY REGSITERING FOR THE TOURNAMENT ON FISHING CHAOS, AND ACKNOWLEDGE FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.