

The purpose of these guidelines is to help the new and old member understand what is expected of them during meetings and more importantly, at tournaments. These are guidelines for conduct to help ensure camaraderie among members and are not intended to be used as hard set rules. Common courtesy should apply.

1) Meetings:

- a) Attend as many meetings as is possible.
 - i) Your presence is important to express your ideas, views and concerns. Every member is important and brings new and different things to the table.
 - ii) Issues needing a vote require a majority of members present.
 - iii) Information on upcoming tournaments/events is decided.
 - iv) Camaraderie between new and old members begins at meetings as well as between all members.

2) Tournaments:

a) Pre-Tournament:

- i) The boater and non-boater should discuss what style of fishing each is accustomed to fishing in an effort to come to an agreement on how to fish tournament day that will be beneficial and comfortable for each. (i.e., plastics, Carolina rigging, crankbaits, etc).
- ii) If both boater and non-boater are familiar with body of water, then they should discuss where to fish (game plan).
- iii) If the boater pre-fishes for a tournament, the non-boater must take the initiative to request to accompany on the trip.
- iv) It is the non-boaters responsibility to contact the boater to make arrangements as where and when to meet on tournament day.
- v) The non-boater should contact the boater no later than 9pm the Wednesday prior to the tournament to make all arrangements.
 - (1) If the non-boater fails to contact the boater by this time the boater is to assume the non-boater is not going to fish.
 - (2) The boater will then be free to make whatever arrangements they want with another person.

- (3) If the non-boater realizes, at any time after Wednesday, they are unable to make the tournament they should contact the boater as soon as possible.
- vi) If you own animals and you have drawn a partner the animals will not be on the boat during the tournament. Don't put the partner on the spot and ask if the animals can go.
- vii) Non-boaters, if you have drawn the same boater for two consecutive tournaments you cannot have that same boater for a third consecutive time.

b) Tournament Day:

- i) Non-boater must request the front of the boat for half of the day, prior to launch, the morning of the tournament. The boater will decide which half of day the non-boater will get. The non-boater should know where they want to fish. It is not a requirement of the boater to give up his fishing spots.
- ii) Both boater and partner will get the boat ready for launching which shall include, but may not be limited to:
 - (1) Removal of transom straps.
 - (2) Removal of transom saver.
 - (3) Setting up stern, and bow lights.
 - (4) PFD's out and ready.
 - (5) All gear stowed in proper place.
 - (6) Non-boater should assist in launching boat into water
 - (a) Either back boat down ramp or guide boat with rope and secure at pier.
 - (b) If backing boat, park trailer and lock vehicle.
 - (c) Give keys of vehicle to boater.
- iii) Non-boater will keep their tackle secured and organized during the day.
- iv) At end of day, non-boater should assist boater with:
 - (1) Retrieving boat from water (putting on trailer).
 - (2) Securing transom straps.
 - (3) Securing transom saver.
 - (4) Stowing all personal gear.
 - (5) Clean up trash that has accumulated in boat.
 - (6) Wiping down boat (Boater's discretion).

c) Tournament Costs:

- i) Non-boater is required to share half of the expenses for the boat and the tow vehicle. This may be waived at boater's discretion. The boater should not have to remind the non-boater of this obligation.
 - (1) Boat
 - (a) Gas
 - (b) Oil
 - (2) Vehicle
 - (a) Gas
 - (b) Tolls (bridges, etc)
 - (3) Launch Fee
- ii) If non-boater is in control of the boat and causes damage, they are responsible for having it fixed.
- iii) The non-boater is responsible for the cost of fixing any damage they cause to the boat (example: cigarette burn on carpet, Dip spilled on carpet, etc).
- iv) Non-boater is responsible for bringing any food and drink they may want.