

MEMBERSHIP, ANNUAL DUES, AWARDS, AND PAYOUTS

Membership and Annual Dues

- Prior to being invited into Troutmasters membership, candidates must be proposed at a monthly meeting and receive 100% approval from attending club members.
- Annual dues are to be paid by March 1st.
- For new members joining after March 1st, annual dues are pro-rated based on a quarterly basis.

Annual Awards

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Angler Awards are based on total points accrued during the Angler's six best tournaments.
- Largest Trout of Year Award
 - Natural or Artificial Bait
 - Based on true weight excluding bonus points
- Heaviest Five Trout Aggregate Award
 - Natural or Artificial Bait
 - Based on true weight excluding bonus points

Annual Payouts

- 1st Place Angler Award – 50% of Club Annual Award Funds
- 2nd Place Angler Award– 25% of Club Annual Award Funds
- 3rd Place Angler Award– 15% of Club Annual Award Funds
- Largest Trout of Year Award - 5% of Club Annual Award Funds
- Heaviest Five Trout Aggregate Award - 5% of Club Annual Award Funds

TOURNAMENT RULES, SCORING, AND AWARDS

Tournament Rules

- Prior to each tournament, a Captains Meeting will be held to gather entry fees, determine weigh-in times, and discuss any specific rule changes for the particular tournament.
- It is the sole responsibility of the Captain to maintain the safety of all people aboard his/her vessel and to follow all federal and state regulations.
- Anglers may start fishing (lines in water) at 5:00 AM on the fishing tournament day. Anglers can only weigh fish caught between the lines in time and the weigh in time the day of the tournament
- An angler must declare that they will use artificial baits at the Captains Meeting in order to be eligible for the artificial bait bonus.
- If an angler declares artificial baits, then no natural baits may be used or possessed by anyone on the angler's boat during the tournament.
- Tournament fish size limits are based on Georgia DNR regulations no matter where the fish is caught. Any fish brought to scales that is illegal will disqualify the angler from the tournament.
- Points obtained by anglers fishing in waters other than Savannah are eligible. This includes fish caught in South Carolina or Florida.
- Anglers may not fish "land locked" bodies of water. An angler must fish from a boat. It is not permitted to catch fish off the boat such as from land or a dock.
- There is normally a five Spotted Seatrout weigh-in limit per angler for each tournament unless changed during the Captains Meeting. Weakfish or yellow-mouth trout are not considered weighable fish.
- Weigh-in time will be established at the Captains Meeting.
- Anglers must weigh-in their fish by boat.
 - When weighing-in by boat, the angler's boat must be off-plane within view of weigh-in scale by end of weigh-in time.
- All live fish being weighed-in must arrive alive at scale in a tournament weigh bag filled with water.
- No mutilated fish may be weighed-in.
- If two or more anglers fish together, the angler may only weigh-in fish caught by the angler. An angler cannot combine his fish with a partner's fish to better his weight.

An angler's fish must be clearly identified from other angler's fish from the same boat.

Tournament Points

- Points are awarded by Angler based on the following:
 - 1 point per 0.10 lb of fish weighed in.
 - 15 bonus points for attending the tournament's Captains Meeting.
 - 15 bonus points for tournament participation.
 - 10 bonus points if at least one fish weighed-in was caught using artificial bait and the angler declared using artificial baits at the Captains Meeting.
 - 5 points per fish released alive after its weigh-in.

Tournament Awards

- If 8 or less participants:
 - 1st Place Award – All tournament entry fees less the 2nd Place Award money.
 - 2nd Place Award – Angler receives twice his/her entry fee as award.
- If 9 or more participants:
 - 1st Place Award – All tournament entry fees less the 2nd and 3rd Place Award money.
 - 2nd Place Award – Angler receives triples his/her entry fee as award.
 - 3rd Place Award – Angler receives double his/her entry fee as award.