

## Tournaments - Overview

All tournaments start at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and end at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday unless otherwise noted.

A total of four fish can be weighed in upon completion of tournament.

Contestants may launch at any time during the tournament from any location on Lake Mead.

All weigh-ins are held at the Las Vegas Bay picnic area unless otherwise noted.

All contestants must pay an entry fee, fill out and sign the entry form as well as a sign a copy of the National Park Service's permit conditions for the tournament.

Tournaments are kill tournaments so there is no need to keep fish alive after being caught

Anglers can win the big fish pot and also place in the tournament. Big fish counts towards total weight.

All fish must be caught with rod and reel followed by Nevada Fishing Regulations.

If you have any questions, please email: [tournamentdirector@nevadastriperclub.org](mailto:tournamentdirector@nevadastriperclub.org)

## Tournaments - GUT CHECK

All Contestants must mark their fish to be weighed with a yellow plastic tag.

Tags will be provided at the meeting and at the weigh-in.

Using a permanent marker, write your full name on each tag then number each tag 1 thru 4.

Fish will be weighed one at a time, starting with your biggest fish as number 1.

Next is fish number 2, 3 and finally your smallest fish as number 4.

Procedure: After weighing fish number 1, NDOW will take your fish and measure it. Then you may proceed with fish number 2 and more if you have them (in order).

Also part of a gut check is an angler survey. You will be asked when you started how many hours on your motor (boaters) and when you quit fishing.

After the all fish have been weighed and measured, NDOW will take all the fish to the cleaning station for the "gut check".

During the "gut check" they will cut the fish open and determine male or female and stomach contents will be ascertained.

You are responsible to retrieve your fish or find a home for them after the completion of the "gut check". You may make arrangements with a fellow angler to take your fish but you must inform the tournament director.

## Tournaments - Rules

1. The lake is off limits beginning at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, the day before the tournament begins. Contestants are not allowed to occupy the water or shoreline beyond designated marina boundaries after this time. An emergency situation shall be a viable consideration, so please notify the Tournament Director within 24 hours of the tournament. The tournament director's decision is final. Contestants are allowed on the water at 5:00 p.m. Friday until Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
2. Non-contestants are not allowed to ride in a contestant's boat. Fish must be caught with rod & reel from a boat or shoreline and be in fresh condition to be accepted. Use plenty of ice, old or discolored fish will not be accepted. Tournament Director's decision is final.
3. All fish must be caught in designated waters on Lake Mead. Fishing or shade netting is prohibited inside marina markers.
4. All contestants must mark their own fish and write their mark on the tournament entry form before the tournament begins. When more than one contestant is in a boat, each shall mark their fish in a different fashion. Please do not cut the tail. All fish shall be marked at the time caught. Unmarked fish will result in disqualification of that fish.
5. Exchanging fish with anyone in the tournament is strictly forbidden. Contestants found guilty of this rule will be disqualified from tournament.
6. No contestant shall tie a boat or any other floatation device to any marker buoy, anchor buoy or tires. A boat or other floatation device may only be tied to its own anchor line. Exception: an invited contestant may tie up his boat to another contestant for company and friendly fishing.
7. Tournament Director determines weigh-in time to be 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday at the picnic area of Las Vegas Bay Marina next to the #2 cleaning station. Any contestant later than 1:00 p.m. will be disqualified and any fees paid forfeited.
8. Ties will be determined by order of which sign-in sheet was signed.
9. Prizes will be awarded regardless of the number of entrants.

10. Up to four fish may be entered with big fish weighed in first.
11. A contestant may win both total weight and big fish categories. Big fish is included in total weight.
12. Observed infractions of the rules must be reported to the Tournament Director before the start of the weigh-in on Sunday. A panel of 3 board members, including the tournament director will make a ruling on the dispute. The decision of the board is final.
13. All contestants must hold a valid Nevada fishing license during contest. All Nevada Division of Wildlife regulations must be adhered to as well as National Park Service and Coast Guard rules.
14. Any infractions of the law or Nevada Striper Club rules will result in disqualification of the tournament.
15. The use of profanity at the weigh-ins will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification by Tournament Director. If protested, 3 board members will rule on the issue and that ruling is final.
16. Anyone operating a boat or floatation device in an unsafe manner may face disqualification. 3 board members will investigate the issue and make a decision that will be final.
17. All contestants must be members of the Nevada Striper Club in good standing at the time of the tournament. Contestants that are invited by a member for the buddy program are excluded.
18. All contestants must know and understand the conditions of the National Park Service's special use permit and sign a document provided by club stating so prior to starting tournament.
19. Ignorance of these tournament rules is no excuse for breaking them.
20. The sharing of bait (live or dead) is only permitted between tournament contestants.
21. Golden rule: Have fun and catch lots of fish. That's what this is all about.