

Lake Murray Seniors Tournament Rules for 2024

1. All safety rules must be observed, including fishing rules and regulations of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.
2. Limit of 5 fish per tournament. Any more which are placed in the weighing tub will result in automatic disqualification.
3. All angling must be conducted from the boat. (No trolling allowed.)
4. Only one rod per person allowed for fishing at any one time. (Others may be rigged).
5. Only artificial bait may be used. (No live bait.)
6. Life jackets must be worn at all times while boat is moving on plane with the gasoline engine.
7. No drinking of alcoholic beverages or use of illegal drugs of any kind will be allowed while on the boat during hours of the tournament, and extended through weigh-in.
8. Team tournaments consist of an Angler and a Co-Angler. All exceptions will be handled in accordance with club bylaws.
9. Co-Angler is to pay the Angler a minimum of \$40.00 for share of Angler expense.
10. Monies collected for each team tournament will be paid out as follows:
 - a. \$76.00 for one (1) big fish per tournament.
 - b. The balance of the pot will be paid one place to each of the top 50% (rounded to the lower half) competing teams up to and including 20 boats above which payback will be limited to the top ten teams. Payback rates will be as per approved pro-rated schedules.
 - c. In case of a tie in weight between teams, the allotted prize money for the places will be added together and divided equally between the teams. Each team then receives the same number of points.
11. All contestants are expected to be courteous at all times and exhibit the highest standard of sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Good natured kidding will be allowed.
12. All contestants are expected to be on hand for the weigh-in, even if you weighed no fish.
13. The Tournament Director shall have the final word on all tournament related issues.

14. The following penalties will be assessed:
 - a. A four (4) ounce penalty will be assessed for each dead fish.
 - b. A one (1) pound penalty will be assessed for each short fish, and its weight will not be counted.
15. All contestants must be within the no wake buoys on either side of the ramps by the end of the tournament or they will be disqualified.
16. Protests of any nature must be brought to the attention of the tournament director prior to the closing of the scales.
17. Tournament contestants may not use cell phones for calls, messages, or text messages to gain fishing advantage.
18. No hole sitting will be allowed at any time during a club tournament.
19. No fishing inside the jetties at Dreher Island ramp during Club tournament hours.