

## SMITH MOUNTAIN STRIPER CLUB “FUN IN THE SUN” MEMBER/GUEST OUTING RULES

“Fun in the Sun” Outing Date: June 18, 2015

1. Entry Fee: Adults - \$10.00; Youth (15 and under) – Free. Applications can be mailed to the Club PO Box, postmarked by June 11th or may be left at the SMSC General Membership meeting in May or June. Entry fee and application must be received or postmarked by June 11th. All members must complete and sign the application form on the back of these instructions, NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. Who is eligible to enter: Any current Club member, their Guests and / or Youth participants. There is no limit to the number of Guests or Youth that accompany a Member for this Outing. Guests and Youth must fish with a Member. All participants must possess a valid Virginia fishing License and follow all Virginia DGIF laws and regulations at all times.
3. **The Outing will begin at 5:30 AM Saturday June 18th and end at 2:00 PM June 18th.** Participant must be in Weigh-in line by 2:00pm - NO EXCEPTIONS. **No fish caught before 5:30am the day of the Outing will be allowed to be entered.** Fishing is permitted from land or by boat using live or artificial bait. All State Fish & Games Laws apply.
4. Only striped bass from Smith Mountain & Leesville lakes caught on rod and reel by a contestant may be entered in this Outing. Fish caught by one contestant may not be entered by another contestant. All fish must appear in fresh condition. Anyone who presents a fish that was caught by someone else as his own, or caught outside Outing waters.
5. NO culling of fish (keeping a fish till next one is caught and then releasing). Catch and immediate release is permitted.
6. Weigh-In Location & Weigh-In Hours: The Weigh-in will be held at the Crazy House Marina shelter. Scales will be open from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.
7. Weigh-in Rules
  - Fish to be weighed-in must be a minimum of 20 inches long.
  - No fish will be allowed to be entered after “last call” for weigh-in.
  - All fish will be measured in accordance with all Virginia Game Laws.
  - Any fish disqualified for any reason will not be accepted by the Smith Mountain Striper Club. They will remain the responsibility of the contestant.
  - The length of the fish will decide ties. Earliest entry breaks weight & length ties.
  - All fish must be in fresh condition: clear eyes, red gills and firm flesh. Anyone who presents a fish that was caught by someone else as his own, or caught outside tournament waters, or was obviously sick, injured or dead when caught will be disqualified.
  - All fish weighed-in will be used for the Striper Club fish fry at a later meeting. Only exception is if catch will be mounted. Notify the tournament committee at weigh-in. The Club would like to use all fish for the fish fry. No one is to clean fish at the weigh-in area other than those members authorized.
  - All contention fish will be gutted and inspected. Tournament Director will disqualify any fish altered by stuffing baitfish, ice, other foreign objects, or in any other way altered.
  - All decisions by the Tournament Director will be final.
8. ANY PROTEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING WITHIN 15 MINUTES AFTER WEIGH-IN. ANY DECISION BY 2 TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE PERSONNEL WILL BE FINAL.
9. Placement: Awards will be awarded to top 3 places of the Adult and Youth category. Awards will be presented during the cook-out following the Weigh-in.
10. The committee is empowered to impose additional restrictions, alter rules or reschedule the tournament due to bad weather. Outing entrants are entitled to fish new date. Entry fees are non-refundable.
11. All state safety laws apply. The SMSC RECOMMENDS that all participants wear a personal flotation device while on the water during the Outing.

