

Tournament Rules & Regulations

Deadline for Entries: Friday October 6, 2017 at 7:30pm

Entry Fees:

ADULT: \$100.00 per person, \$75.00 per person (Early Registration - Postmarked prior to Sept 22, 2017)
YOUTH (under 16): \$25.00 per youth, \$20.00 per youth (Early Registration - Postmarked prior to Sept 22, 2017)

Make Checks Payable to: "Manteo Rotary Club"
Mail Completed entry forms with entry fees to: Manteo Rotary Club, P.O. Box 1621, Manteo, NC 27954

Allowed Fishing: Fishing is allowed from boat, shore, pier, or bridge upon all waters located within the State of North Carolina and in the Atlantic Ocean out three miles. Prizes will be awarded for heaviest striper, flounder, speckled trout and red drum, and greatest total weight of any three of the four species.

Day & Time of Fishing: There will be one day of fishing on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Fishing will commence at 6:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. All fish must be caught and weighed on the date of the tournament within the timeframes and in the manner described by these Rules.

Weather: Each entrant is responsible for determining if he or she will fish in view of the current weather conditions. The tournament will not be cancelled except for extreme weather conditions. Cancellation in the event of extreme weather is at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee. 10% of registered entrants must actually fish before any entrant will be eligible for any prizes. In the event no fishing can take place on tournament day, due to the weather, the following day shall be the alternate fishing day.

Anglers Meeting: An anglers meeting will be held at the Tournament Headquarters on the night before the tournament day following the expiration of the deadline for entries. Modifications to these rules may be announced by the Tournament Committee at the anglers meeting and entrants are responsible for complying with any such rules changes. A phone number for use in contacting the Tournament Headquarters will be provided at the anglers meeting. Each entrant should attend or be represented at the anglers meeting. Each entrant is bound by all information distributed at the anglers meeting whether published in tournament literature or not.

In the unlikely event the tournament gets canceled, no tournament entry fee will be refunded. Entry fees will be donated to Manteo Rotary for use as scholarship money for Dare County youth. All fees entered into the Tournament within a Tournament will be refunded within (60) days of the cancellation date in the event of cancellation due to weather.

Official Weigh Station: The Tournament Headquarters and the Official Weigh Station will be located at the Maritime Museum on the waterfront in Downtown Manteo.

Fishing Rules: Fish must be checked in at the Official Weigh Station by 4:30 p.m. on the day of fishing. The Official Weigh Station will open at 3:00 p.m. Any fish not checked in by 4:30 p.m. will not be weighed. The Official Weigh Master's watch controls as to all times herein.

Each entrant may weigh one (1) fish in each category; striper, flounder, red drum and speckled trout. Fish must be weighed by the Official Weigh Station Scales at the Maritime Museum in Manteo.

Fish must not be mutilated in any way except for gaff punctures.

To be eligible for prizes, fish must be hooked and caught by the entrant. No other person may touch the rod or reel. Another person may touch the leader or line to assist in landing the fish via net, gaff or other similar means.

Entrants are responsible for being familiar with all applicable fishing laws, catch limits, possession limits, size limits, etc. Neither Manteo Rotary Club nor any member thereof are responsible for inaccurate information given at Tournament Headquarters or elsewhere. All entrants are responsible for obtaining required fishing licenses and for complying with all State and Federal laws and fishing regulations.

All weighed fish are subject to the scrutiny and inspection by the Tournament Committee, the Official Weighmaster and North Carolina Marine Fisheries Officials. All fish weighed become the property of the INSHORE SLAM Tournament. Any attempt to alter the weight of a fish disqualifies the entrant from being eligible for any prizes including the Tournament within a Tournament.

All fish must be caught by use of rod and reel. Down riggers and planers are permissible for the purpose of positioning baits and lures.

In the event two or more fish are of the exact weight, the fish checked in first at the Official Weigh Station shall be declared the winner for any applicable prize.

Boat owners are responsible for adhering to the United States Coast Guard and North Carolina Wildlife and Marine Fisheries regulations with regard to any and all boating safety issues.

Any violation of tournament rules constitutes grounds for disqualification from the tournament.

Any tournament official or tournament sponsor or member of Manteo Rotary Club entering the tournament in compliance with tournament rules is eligible for any and all prizes.

The Tournament Rules Committee shall resolve all issues, questions, protests or disputes and said decision SHALL BE FINAL.

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Fishing Rules (Continued)

All tournament entrants consent and authorize the Tournament Committee and their advertising/public relations agencies to use and reproduce names, voices and/or photographs, whether taken or recorded and circulate the same for any and all purposes of publicity and advertising of all kinds and descriptions in any and all media formats.

The Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone for any reason.

Prizes & Trophies: Cash prizes are based upon the registration of one hundred (100) entrants. The cash prizes referenced below are the minimum prizes and will be adjusted up proportionate to the number of fishermen above one hundred (100).

Prizes and trophies are as follows:
Largest Fish

	ADULT	WOMEN	YOUTH
STRIPER	\$500 + Trophy	\$500 + Trophy	Rod & Reel Combo + Trophy
FLOUNDER	\$500 + Trophy	\$500 + Trophy	Rod & Reel Combo + Trophy
RED DRUM	\$500 + Trophy	\$500 + Trophy	Rod & Reel Combo + Trophy
SPECKLED TROUT	\$500 + Trophy	\$500 + Trophy	Rod & Reel Combo + Trophy

“GRAND SLAM” Trophy & Prize: Awarded to the entrant who weighs in at least one fish in three out of the four categories, which three fish constitute the greatest total weight in the tournament. The prize money for a GRAND SLAM is \$2,500.00 plus a GRAND SLAM trophy.

Tournament within a Tournament: There will be a tournament within a tournament covering the largest fish of each species. The entry fee for this tournament within a tournament is \$100.00. The total tournament within a tournament pool will be divided one fourth each to the entrants catching the largest fish in each species who have entered the tournament within a tournament.

There will be a second tournament within a tournament for the GRAND SLAM competition which pool will be paid to the tournament within a tournament entrant catching the largest total weight of three species.

The pool of each tournament within a tournament will be paid seventy five percent (75%) to the tournament within a tournament entrants and twenty five percent (25%) to the Manteo Rotary Club.

Release:

It is expressly understood that all those participating in the Tournament do so at their own risk. By registering as an Angler in the Tournament, the entrant holds harmless the Tournament committee, its sponsors and donors and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the Tournament from any liability of any kind or nature, including but not limited to libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury, or death suffered by a participant, entrant, sports fisherman, their companions, boat captains, crew members, or any other person and any property damage of any kind including, but not limited to boats, vessels, trailers, equipment and gear which may occur during the Tournament.

