

PRIDE OF THE SOUTH LAY LAKE INVITATIONAL Official Rules:

- 1. MUST READ AND FOLLOW ALL THE BELOW RULES!!!**
- 2. Beginning October 8TH, 2024, until end of weigh in November 9th 2024 anyone fishing this event cannot receive any outside help from anyone not fishing the event. You're allowed to practice as much as you want.**
- 3. Tournament director has the final say and can deny any team from entering the tournament no exceptions.**
- 4. Life Jackets and Kill switches are to be worn during blastoff and anytime the boat is on plane. Must follow life jacket rules while fishing dams if allowed. No fishing while big motor is running or use big motor in current to fish.**
- 5. Sportsmanship Rule: Any unsportsmanlike behavior during tournament hours will be grounds for disqualification from the tournament. This includes but not limited to behaviors like, someone hole sitting for you, reckless boat operation, intentionally snagging fish, etc....**
- 6. Communication rule- During tournament hours the use of any communication device to seek guidance or fishing information is not allowed. The hiring of guides, non-eligible anglers, or non- membered anglers pre-fishing for you prior to this event is not allowed.**
- 7. There are no off-limit periods.**
- 8. Make sure to have proper Alabama fishing license.**
- 9. All State, local and Pride of the South rules/laws will be obeyed. It's the Anglers responsibility to be knowledgeable of the rules. If your team is issued a ticket during any Pride of The South tournaments, you must notify the tournament director prior to weighing any fish. It's the tournament director's discretion to determine the penalty up to disqualification. Failure to comply can result in a failed polygraph.**
- 10. Only 2 people maximum per boat.**
- 11. If you're late to weigh in you will be disqualified. Late will be determined by your key fob hanging on the check in board prior to your weigh in time.**
- 12. Five fish 12 in or Lake Rule limit per boat. Must cull as you go. Cannot have more than 5 fish in the live well at any time. No culling at the dock.**
- 13. 1/2lb (8oz) per dead fish. Lunker winning fish must be weighed alive. Short fish will be released immediately. Ties will be determined by the Lunker between the two teams. It is the team's responsibility to notify the weigh master that you want your Lunker weighed.**
- 14. All fished weighed in will be released back. It's the tournament director's discretion to allow teams to trailer prior to weighing in.**
- 15. Artificial bait only. No trolling or live bait fishing. Only 1 rod allowed at a time. (A-RIGS are legal)**

16. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs allowed during tournament and until all money or prizes are handed out. No exceptions
17. Must abide by all "NO WAKE ZONES"
18. Can leave the boat in an emergency situation only. No fishing allowed while not inside of the boat during an emergency.
20. Any Boat is allowed to carry gas in an approved coast guard tank with quick disconnects. Handheld tanks are not allowed cannot leave boat to get gas on land.
21. Live well check will be conducted during registration.
22. Outboard motors only will be allowed. No jet foot motors, or go-devil style motors will be allowed to enter the tournament. (Any questions call Tournament Director 228-327-5941)
23. If a team has their trolling motor down FISHING you must give that team a 50 YD courtesy distance unless both teams agree differently. If a team has their anchor out FISHING you must give that team a 100 YD courtesy distance unless both teams agree. This does not mean you can block access to fishable waters by sitting in the entrance of a creek or lake. If a boat wants to gain entrance and you're fishing the mouth they are allowed to idle or troll past WITHOUT FISHING until they reach the courtesy distance.
24. Anyone that fishes any of the pride of the south tournaments are fishing at their own risk and cannot hold anyone that is involved in the tournament responsible.
25. Random mandatory polygraph test performed. Testing will be conducted to the winning team or random top 5 plus Lunker winner per the tournament director's discretion. A FORMAL PROTEST MUST BE FILED BY THE CLOSING OF THE SCALES IN PERSON.
26. In case of a 1st place tie the team with the biggest fish in their limit wins the decision and the losing team of the tie will be considered 2nd place. Lunker ties will result in a 50/50 payout split.
27. W-9 FORMS are required before any team gets paid. All payments will be in form of a check.