

Battle of the Boats

The Rule Book

Casting for Hope presents Battle of the Boats, a charity fly-fishing competition taking place in East Tennessee on the Watauga and/or South Holston Rivers. Casting for Hope has partnered with co-founder's John Zimmerman and Taylor Sharp's long-time friend Brownie Liles and Watauga River Lodge to make this event possible. Please familiarize yourself with the rules of competition, as departure from these rules will result in lost fish points through disqualification.

Article 1: Fishing Location and Fishing Times

1.1: During the Angler Meeting at Watauga River Lodge (7:30-9:00) team captains will declare which river they will fish—either the South Holston or the Watauga or both rivers, understanding that fishing the South Holston first is a condition of fishing both rivers. Failure to fish the river the team captain declares will result in immediate disqualification.

1.2: Teams fishing the South Holston River will be released to travel to the South Holston beginning at 9:00 from Watauga River Lodge. Teams fishing the Watauga River will be released to travel to their launch sites beginning at 10:00.

1.3: Team Captains must check back in at Watauga River Lodge and event directors no later than 6:00. Each two-minutes a team is late for check in will result in the loss of 500 fish points from the team's final count.

(Directors' Note: the staggered release time but static return time is to ensure equity of fishing time to account for travelling time for teams travelling to the South Holston.)

Article 2: Fishing Rules

2.1: All Tennessee Fish and Wildlife laws germane to the location you are fishing are the supreme rules; all other rules yield to specific regulations for specific pieces of river that teams may be fishing.

2.2: Barbless/debarbed hooks are required. Upon inspection of volunteers on the rivers, every fly rigged on a rod that is not barbless or debarbed will result in a loss of 500 fish points.

2.3: Dropper rigs are limited to three flies. Upon inspection of volunteers on the rivers, every rod rigged with dropper rigs deeper than three flies will incur a loss of 500 fish points for each fly on each rod deeper than three flies.

2.4: Strike indicators, split shot, tying off the bend of hooks for dropper rigs; all of these practices are allowed.

2.5: All *lures* must be flies, defined as feathers, furs, synthetic materials wrapped and secured to a hook. Natural bait is disallowed.

2.6: All flies are limited to one hook. An articulated fly with more than one hook will be rendered legal by destroying the bend of all but one hook in the fly structure. Any fly found upon inspection to have more than one hook bend to point will incur a 1,000 fish point penalty.

2.7: All three fishermen in the boat may fish at the same time.

2.8: Disembarking the boat to wade fish is allowed.

2.9: A maximum of six rods may be rigged at any given time. Upon inspection of volunteers along the river, each rod beyond six rigged with a fly attached to the end of the leader will incur a penalty of 2,000 fish points.

2.10: If it is not defined as disallowed in these rules, it is allowed.

Article 3: Scoring Accountability and Procedure

3.1: Each fish scored must be documented thusly:

- >Time caught, species, length in CM on the official score cards provided by Casting for Hope.
- >A picture of the fish in the official Casting for Hope scoring tray with the team's assigned scoring tray's number visible in the picture.

3.2: Upon returning and during dinner and entertainment at Watauga River Lodge, Directors will summon two team captains at a time to review score cards and photographic evidence to two teams at a time. Each captain in the pair will witness the scoring and photographic evidence of the other captain with whom he is randomly paired for this scoring process.

3.3: Each captain will provide his or her team's score card upon return to the Directors and photographic evidence upon his or her time for official scoring. This may be done via smart phone or digital camera. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to ensure that digital images of fish scored can be recorded during the fishing session and demonstrated during the scoring session. Any fish that does not

have double accountability (marked on score card with visual reference) will not go into the team's score.

3.4: There is no limit to the number of fish that can be scored.

3.5: Only trout count toward a team's score.

Article 4: Scoring

4.1: Scoring will be processed using the International Fips-Mouche procedures. Each fish is worth 100 fish points; each centimeter a fish measures is worth an additional 20 points. Therefore, a 20cm fish scores 500 points.

4.2: Team placements will be determined by the highest number of fish points to the lowest number of fish points.

4.3: In the event of a tie for fish points, ties are broken in this order:
>Number of fish caught (the higher number claims); if the tie persists,
>The largest fish caught; if the tie persists,
>The second largest fish caught; if the tie persists,
>The third largest fish caught; if the tie persists, this process continues ad infinitum until a winner is decided,
>In the event that identical cards are submitted, affected teams earn the same placing.

Article 5: Submission to Inspection

5.1: All teams will submit to random inspection by volunteers. Unwillingness to submit to inspection will result in immediate disqualification.