

# FORKED RIVER TUNA CLUB

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## Tournament Rules and Regulations

1. **RULE APPLICABILITY AND ADDENDUMS:** These rules apply to all Forked River Tuna Club Tournament events. Specific addendum material, including tournament dates, entry fees, prizes, time and place of Captain's meetings and weigh station information are contained in the tournament flyer and on the Forked River Tuna Club website, [www.forkedriversclub.com](http://www.forkedriversclub.com)
2. **FISHING TIME:** The official tournament time starts at the conclusion of the captain's meeting, which is the official start of the tournament and ends at the announced final weigh in time.
3. **CAPTAIN'S MEETING:** Anglers are strongly encouraged to attend the Captain's meeting. A final review of the rules and regulations will take place at the meeting. Anglers not present at the Captain's meeting retain responsibility for any rule changes or additions. A copy of the final rules will be posted at the Club following the meeting. Rule conflicts requiring interpretation will be decided by the tournament committee - committee decisions are final. Captain's Meeting details are found on the individual tournament flyer.
4. **ENTRIES:** Each angler may enter only one (1) fish in each division daily. An angler cannot win more than one (1) prize per division.
5. **WEATHER:** Anglers retain sole responsibility for the safe operation of their vessel. The "decision to fish or not" is up to the angler and/or crew. You fish at your own risk.
6. **PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded according to the schedule listed in the tournament flyer. If there are no eligible fish caught in the tournament, or the tournament is cancelled, a drawing will be held at the awards ceremony at the Forked River Tuna Club. The registered entrants must be present to qualify for any awards as a result of the drawing. All awards will go only to registered tournament anglers. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to postpone any prize award for cause, or pending the resolution of any disputes or protests. **An IRS form 1099 will be issued to anglers when prize money exceeds six hundred dollars.**
7. **WEIGHT:** Prizes will be awarded by weight. In case of more than one entry of equal weight, the first eligible fish of that weight will hold position.

8. **WEIGH-IN:** Weigh-ins may only be recorded at an official FRTC Weigh Station. Official weigh stations will be listed in the tournament book and on the FRTC website. It is the Angler's responsibility to determine the operating hours of any weigh station he or she plans to use. **WEIGH-INS WILL BE POSTED ON THE FORKED RIVER TUNA CLUB WEBSITE AS THEY ARE REPORTED BY THE OFFICIAL WEIGH STATIONS. PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE WEIGH STATIONS BY PHONE, AS THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO GIVE OUT ANY INFORMATION.** The website address is [www.forkedriversclub.com](http://www.forkedriversclub.com)
9. **ELIGIBLE FISH:** A weigh station official will inspect all fish considered for entry in the tournament. Size minimums for length and/or weight will meet or exceed state and federal regulations. An eligible fish must be caught and weighed by the registered angler and is not transferable.
10. **PROTESTS:** Any protest must be made in writing no later than one (1) hour after the close of the tournament (announced final weigh-in time). Any angler that places in a FRTC event may be required to submit to a polygraph test. Anglers agree that all tournament committee decisions are final.
11. **EQUIPMENT:** Rod and reel only. Fish may be caught from boat, beach, or jetty. Downriggers, wire line, planers, live bait, chunking and chumming are permitted.
12. **DISQUALIFICATION:** Any angler may be disqualified for cause such as conduct, sportsmanship, or any incident or action deemed inappropriate by the tournament committee occurring during the "official tournament time" The tournament committee reserves the right to ban entry into any FRTC event by any angler that has been previously disqualified or previously protested in any event, not only FRTC events.
13. **JUNIOR DIVISION:** Any angler under 18 years of age at the time of the captain's meeting may enter the junior division only and must be accompanied by a registered adult. Youths under the age of 18 are not eligible to participate in the adult division of the tournament.