

Susquehanna River Tournament Trail Bylaws for 2011

Tournament Dates

April 2 – Sunbury

June 18 – Sunbury July 9 – Williamsport July 23 – Sunbury

August 13 – Sunbury August 27 – Sunbury

April 2nd will have official start time of 8:00 AM with ending times of 4:00 PM.

Bass Classic

September 17 – Sunbury September 18 – Sunbury

2011 Bylaws

- All tournaments are **OPEN** to everyone!!!
- A 2011 Insurance fee of \$10.00 will be charged to any person that fishes an SRTT event. The fee is per person and is paid one time for the whole 2011 season.
- The entry fee will be **\$110.00 and will include first place & second place lunger.**
- Payment will be by CASH ONLY – Paid at the ramp on the date of the event.
- Boat position draw will take place by any team that is registered for the tournament by one half hour before close of check-in. This time will be published on the website one week prior to the tournament.
- Payout will be 90% with remaining 10% going to expenses.
- For 2011, the SRTT will pay **20%** of the field.
- A team may weigh only one fish for lunger.
- No Culling of Dead Fish.
- An 8oz. penalty will be applied per dead fish weighed in.
- In the event that two teams have the same weight, the tiebreaker goes to the team that has first or second place lunger. If neither team has 1st or 2nd place lunger, the team that has all live fish becomes the 2nd tie breaker. If both teams have all live fish and does not have 1st or 2nd place lunger, the teams will be considered tied and will split the prize money evenly.
- An **Optional Pool** will be available to Teams wishing to play with a cost of \$50.00. The optional pool will pay out to 20% of the field. 100% of Optional Pool Money is paid out at each tournament.
- All boats must have a Liability Insurance Policy of \$100,000 to fish in a SRTT event. Proof of insurance is required.

General Tournament Regulations

Teams

- A "team", will consist of a Captain & a Partner.
- All tournaments must be fished with two members of the team. *However a single member of the team may fish a tournament with total fish bag limit dictated by Pennsylvania Fish Commission rules for that particular body of water.*
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Note: Buddy Events can be fished with any two people. They are not for points. The 2011 insurance fee is required by any person who fishes an event. Paid only once per season.

Morning of the tournament

- Registration will be received at the ramp paid in CASH only on the event date. Any team that is registered by one half hour before close of registration will be eligible for boat position draw.
- A clock will be at the registration table. (This will be the official time)
- One team member of each pre-registered team will draw for boat position. This sheet will have your boat number and a summary of the rules listed. **It is the responsibility of the team to read and follow all rules & Bylaws.**
- The Tournament Director has the authority to postpone the start of the event due to unsafe conditions. Time may be added if deemed necessary and at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- Each team will be issued a laminated boat number, which is to be placed in the check-in box at the appropriate designated time at weigh in.
- A check in box will be placed in a convenient spot the morning of the tournament (you need to locate this box).
- Boats will get lined up in the river prior to blast off time. **Failure to follow the blast off procedure could result in disqualification of the tournament. Fees will not be reimbursed.**
- Boats will be launched in order of boat number.

During the tournament

- All Pa Fish Commission rules apply.
- Small mouth and Largemouth Bass only.
- Artificial lures only. No live bait. No trolling.
- Only 1 rod may be used per contestant at one time.
- Personal flotation devices must be worn while gasoline engine is running.
- Bass must be kept alive in an aerated live well. **The SRTT requires a two-pump system.** Fresh intake as well as recirculating.
- Upon start of tournament, you must stay in your boat except for an emergency.
- Legal fish measured from tip of mouth (mouth closed) to tip of longest point on the tail. (Per Pennsylvania Fish Commission regulations)
- SRTT golden rule will be the official measuring device.
- All teams must follow the rules for the limit of the amount of fish on that given day at that specific tournament. If it is a 5 fish limit, you may have in possession five legal fish. (If allowed by PA Fish Commission Law). What this means in laymen terms is: Do not have 6 fish in your possession during a 5 fish limit tournament. If caught or if you bring 6 in to the weigh-in, you will be disqualified.

At weigh in

- One member of each team must place their laminated boat number in the check in box by 2:30 p.m. or the designated check-in time per the tournament director.
- If you leave early or take your boat out from another launch, it is your responsibility to make sure the boat number is turned in. You may give your number to another boat to be turned in.
- If for any reason, a team misplaces their boat number, they must notify a tournament official before 2:30 p.m.
- A one-pound penalty will be assessed for each minute late. (This will be applied to your lunker fish) You will be disqualified after 5 minutes of the official tournament ending time.
- **Courtesy dinks will no longer be done, make sure your fish are long enough.**
- **All fish are measured according to the PA Fish Commission Regulations (no longer swinging the tail)**
- If a short fish is found, the official doing the measuring will have a second official witness the measurement. Once both officials agree that the fish is short, the team is disqualified.
- Dead fish must be weighed in. An 8 oz. penalty will be subtracted from the total weight of the largest fish.
- **Dead fish will be determined at the discretion of the weigh-master and two members of the SRTT Board of Directors. Dead fish may exhibit movement of the gills, but have no chance of survival.** *This is a change from the past as we have allowed a gill to move and passed the fish through for weight. If a fish cannot swim away and survive it will be considered dead.*
- At least one team member should watch the scales.
- If you do not agree with the weight, it is your responsibility to ask for the fish to be weighed again before the fish are released.
- Once the fish are released, the weight stands as is. The re-weigh will be done with an additional official present for verification. The second weight will be final.
- Once the fish are weighed, one member should sign the weigh-in slip.
- All complaints must be reported to any official before the end of weigh in. The tournament officials will discuss each complaint and resolve the issue. All official decisions are final.
- Payout will occur after the tournament is over and the scales are closed. A "You-Are-Lucky" form must be filled out to receive payout. The form consists of your name, address & social security number. Each person receiving a check must complete the form. Only one form will need to be submitted for the year. A 1099 will be issued to any person receiving \$600 or more in prize money.

Points System

The 2011 SRTT will not have a Team Points System

Bass Classic

- Any team may fish the Bass Classic.
- Winners will be determined by your total combined weight of both days.
- Separate prizes will be awarded for lunker each day. Lunker will be \$15 per day
- Entry Fee for the Bass Classic will be \$150 with optional pool available.