

## **TOURNAMENT RULES**

**Water Boundaries – North will be the 280 Bridge, south will be Lake Point**

**Tournament times: Safelight– 1400 weigh-in**

- A. All participants shall leave from a designated starting point and return to the same point for weigh-in.
- B. Roll call will be taken preceding each tournament by an Uchee Creek representative. All participating boats will have their live wells checked by Uchee Creek staff and will be marked for identification. Failure to do so will mean disqualification.
- C. Penalty for late arrival for weigh-in shall be 3% per minute up to 15 minutes late. Later arrival will call for disqualification.
- D. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait is permitted. All fish must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner.
- E. Scoring shall be determined by pounds and ounces. Tournament winners shall be determined by accumulated weight for entire tournament.

### **Accumulated Points System:**

1<sup>st</sup> place of each tournament receives 150 points

2<sup>d</sup> place of each tournament receives 100 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place of each tournament receives 50 point

Big Fish winner will receive 25 points

After a participating in 6 Uchee Creek tournaments, each tournament thereafter will be worth an additional 50 points per boat. A special Point tournament will be held in September 2011

- F. There will be one division and we will pay the top three places.
- G. Only bass; largemouth, striped or smallmouth bass will be weighed. There is a 5 fish PER BOAT limit for the tournament. Each contestant must present his own catch at weigh-in if possible. A bass will not be counted or weighed that is not at least 12 inches in length for spotted and 14 for large and small mouth bass, and all bass must meet state requirements for the lake being fished. Length of a bass will e determined by measurement of the bass with the mouth closed an one tip of the tail touching. The tail will be smoothed down and pinched together As a penalty, a contestant with short fish will have one pound weight deducted for each short bass. This shall apply to both days of a two day tournament. If a short bass is weighed in the first day and the contestant has no other fish, the pound penalty shall be deducted on the second day. ALL boast MUST cull on the 6<sup>th</sup> fish. All fish taken out of the boat will be weighed in.
- H. The tournament committee reserves the right to change or postpone any tournament. However, no tournament shall be postponed once it starts.
- I. Weigh-ins. In case of unavoidable delays, catches must be brought to the weighing station by a fellow member and registered as the delayed member's catch and reason for the delay shall be given to the recorder.
- J. Tournament Prizes: Total prize for each tournament shall be set at a fixed percentage of the money taken in for each tournament. The percentages are 1st - 45%, 2nd - 25%, 3rd – 15%. Big Fish will be 100% payout.