

Narragansett Pier Sport Fishing Association

Annual Tournament Rules as Voted by the Membership on March 2, 1988 (Revised 4-8-08).

- I. Eligibility
 - A. Open to all Association members in good standing.
 - B. The member must be in good standing at the time of catching the fish to be entered.

- II. Tournament Period
 - A. The tournament will commence on December 16th and end with affidavits through December 15th of the following calendar year.

- III. Eligible species, minimum weights, and award categories.
 - A. The following species of fish are eligible for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award consideration in their respective categories:

Salt Water Division

Species	<u>Categories</u>	<u>Minimum Acceptable Weight</u>
Striped Bass	Shore	20 lbs
Striped Bass	Boat	20 lbs
Bluefish	Shore	10 lbs
Bluefish	Boat	10 lbs
Weakfish (Squeteague)	Shore	5 lbs
Weakfish (Squeteague)	Boat	5 lbs
Tautog (Blackfish)	Combined Boat/Shore	5 lbs
Fluke	Combined Boat/Shore	5 lbs
Cod/Pollock	Combined Boat/Shore	15 lbs
* Black Sea bass	Combined Boat/Shore	3 lbs
* Winter Flounder	Combined Boat/Shore	2 lbs
Bonito	Combined Boat/Shore	6 lbs
False Albacore	Combined Boat/Shore	8 lbs

OFF SHORE

Mako Shark	Combined	150 lbs
Blue Shark	Combined	150 lbs
White Marlin	Combined	70 lbs or 81 inches
All Tuna	Combined	27 inches

*Must be weighed on digital scale.

- B. The following fresh water species are eligible for 1st place award consideration only. Fish entered may be caught from either boat or shore.

Fresh Water Division

**Minimum
Acceptable Weight**

Species

Largemouth Bass	5 lbs
Smallmouth Bass	2 lbs
Trout	2 lbs
Pike	10 lbs
Pickerel	4 lbs

C. Offshore Division

Eligible species are all species of tuna, billfish, and shark. The tournament committee will make the sole determination as to what awards (if any) will be awarded in this division. Members are encouraged to submit affidavits for any offshore catch of merit to the tournament and awards committee for their consideration.

D. Special Awards

The tournament and awards committee, at its sole discretion, may elect to give special awards for significant angling achievements not otherwise categorized in the tournament. (Flyrod, Light tackle salt water, other species, etc.) Participants are encouraged to submit affidavits for any catch that they believe might merit such consideration.

E. Limitation on awards

Entrants are allowed to receive only one award from each award category.

IV. Procedures for entering catch for awards consideration

A. Weighing of fish

1. Fish should be weighed as soon as possible after being caught, and an affidavit (see section titled affidavits) must in all cases be submitted to the Tournament and awards committee within 30 (thirty) days of the catch date. Mailed affidavits to be postmarked within 30 days of catch date. For fish that are caught after November 15th, the affidavit must be submitted no later than December 15th.
2. If the fish to be entered is kept rather than released, every effort should be made to weigh it at a local business establishment where a currently certified scale is used. The actual weigh in must be witnessed by another person in addition to the angler. Preferably, the witness should be either an employee or proprietor of the establishment, or in any case, a person who can be readily contacted (if necessary) by the tournament and awards committee. For fish weighed on a certified scale at a commercial fish

dealing establishment, a copy of the weight slip showing the weight of that individual fish may also be acceptable if a witness signature is not obtainable at the weighing site.

3. The tournament entrees are to be called in or e-mailed to the tournament web master within (48) forty eight hours of time of weigh in.
4. While the tournament and awards committee prefers that fish entered in the tournament be weighed in the manner outlined in section IV, paragraph 2, the committee does not wish to discourage the practice of catch and release. Therefore, the committee will accept entries for awards consideration for otherwise eligible fish caught and released under the following conditions:
 - (a) The fish must actually be weighed prior to its release. Length and or girth measurements alone are insufficient substantiation;
 - (b) Any scale that is used to weigh any fish that is to be entered must be available to the Tournament and Awards Committee for their inspection and/or testing. For this reason, the Tournament and Awards Committee strongly recommends that any angler who intends to enter released fish for awards consideration possess and use his or her own scale, and maintain it for accuracy.
 - (c) Spring scales or digital scales are acceptable. When using spring scales, ounces must be converted to decimal equivalents using the conversion chart provided by the Tournament Committee.
5. Fish entered in special month-long tournaments are not eligible for year-year long tournaments. No angler can take more than (1) one place in any tournament. Angler must choose between month-long or year-long category when entering a fish.

B. AFFIDAVITS

1. All tournament entries must be in the form of an affidavit, and must list the following information:
 - a. Angler's name
 - b. Date of catch
 - c. Species
 - d. Division and category entered (i.e. salt water, fresh water, shore, boat)
 - e. Weight (in pounds and ounces converted to decimals)
 - f. Weight station (name and location of establishment where fish was weighed)
 - g. Name, address, and phone number of witness to weigh in
 - h. Signature of witness to weigh in (with date signed)
 - i. Signature of Angler (with date signed).

2. Affidavits for fish weighed on hand scales and released must list items a,b,c,d,e, and i above. If the catch and/or weigh in was witnessed, items g and h must also be listed. Also, all affidavits for released fish must indicate the type of scale used, (brand, etc) and ownership of the scale, (name, address, and phone number of scale owner if other than the angler).
3. Completed affidavits should be mailed to the:
Narragansett Pier Sport Fishing Association
P.O. Box 3342
Narragansett, RI 02882

V. JUDGING OF ENTRIES

Affidavits in the annual tournament will be accepted at the discretion of the tournament and awards committee and its decisions will be final. Affidavits will be disqualified if any important information for verification is omitted.

- VI.** All fish entered must be caught on rod and reel (except for fish caught through the ice on hook and line). All fish entered must be caught in accordance with local laws and regulations.