



Tournaments Committee

John Volpe, Chairman



You should take part in a tournament this year!

If it's your first time, then take a few minutes to read the RISAA Tournament Rules below

The longer days are finally upon us. It's time to make sure that your gear is ready since the warmer weather will bring many species back to our local waters.

This is also a good time to get familiar with the tournament rules, weigh-in locations, and regulations. We encourage members to take part in the tournaments this year.

So here are all of the RISAA Tournament rules:

THE BASICS

- Only RISAA members *in good-standing* may enter tournaments. (your dues are up to date)
- There are no fees to participate in RISAA tournaments.
- There are two categories: **Adult** and **Junior**.
- Junior members may enter fish in the Junior category only.
- A member may submit as many entries in all tournaments as they want.
- There shall be two divisions: **Shore** and **Boat**.
- No person shall hold more than one place per species in each division (Boat or Shore) of any tournament at one time.
- Shore anglers must have both feet on "terra firma" (docks/piers acceptable) - personal watercraft may be used to reach shore fishing destination provided the destination is accessible by foot or public transportation.

THE ENTRY FORM

- All data on the form must be completed for a valid entry. If not, the entry may be voided.
- All fish entered must meet the Rhode Island recreational minimum legal size limits and seasons, if any exists.

- All slips must be signed by the person weighing the entry, as well as the RISAA member entering the fish.
- Only one fish per weight slip. Use a different form for each fish to be entered.
- Original Entry Form for all tournaments must be submitted within seven (7) days of the date weighed, to the RISAA office by either:
 - o **Hand-delivered** at monthly seminars with seven (7) days
 - o **Mail** to: RISAA, P.O. Box 1465, Coventry, RI 02816
 - o **Members are reminded to take the entry form from the weigh-in station. It is not the responsibility of the weighin station to mail in your form.**



It doesn't always require a monster fish to enter a RISAA tournament. Kathy Lewis took 3rd place in the 2016 Yearlong Tournament, Boat Division for a 4.5 lb black sea bass.

THE WEIGH-IN

- All entries must be weighed on a **RISAA CERTIFIED SCALE**.
- The scale must be digital and must give the weight in pounds, tenths and hundreds of pounds, i.e. 9.52 lbs.
- Scales that provide the weight in pounds and ounces are not acceptable. The use of a conversion chart is not acceptable.
- Any individual fish may be entered in either a Special Tournament (catch date permitting) or the Yearlong Tournament, but **not both**.
- The angler must **call in the entry to 401-826-2121** within twenty-four (24) hours of the time weighed.

ADDITIONAL RULES

- A member who is also a **professional charter captain** may enter his/her own catch provided the fish was **not landed during a trip for hire**.

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