

# **Susquehanna River Tournament Trail Bylaws for 2009**

## **Tournament Dates**

**March 14 – Harrisburg City Island      March 28 – Sunbury**

**April 4 – Ferry Boat Campground      April 11 – Goldsboro \***

**June 20 – City Island      July 11 – Sunbury      July 25 – City Island**

**August 8 – Goldsboro      August 29 – Goldsboro**

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup> & April 11<sup>th</sup> will have official start times of 8:00 AM with ending times of 4:00 PM.**

**\* The April 11 date at Goldsboro is a make-up date for points if any of the first 3 tournaments become cancelled. If all the first three dates proceed, this date will be an “Open Buddy” event that will be used as a fundraiser.**

## **Bass Classic**

**September 13 – Sunbury      September 14 – Goldsboro**

<b>Fundraiser – October 11 – Goldsboro (Open Buddy Event)</b>
---

# 2009 Bylaws

- All tournaments are **OPEN** to everyone!!!
- A 2009 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 2009 season.
- A \$10.00 Team Fee will be paid by any team that wishes to participate in the Team Points System. No team will earn or be tracked for points accumulation until the fee is paid.
- Late fees of \$10.00 will be charged to all teams signing up the morning of the tournament (**this is done to encourage pre-registration**).
- Once a team is established it cannot be changed. (However, if a team must break up, an additional team may be formed, with points accumulating from that point forward.)
- The entry fee will be **\$110.00 and will include first place & second place lunger.**
- Payout will be 70% with remaining 30% going to Points Championship & expenses.
- For 2009, the SRTT will pay **20%** of the field.
- The point's championship will consist of the total points accumulated of all 2009 finishes.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place lunger, the team that has all live fish becomes the 2<sup>nd</sup> tie breaker. If both teams have all live fish and does not have 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place lunger, the teams will be considered tied and will split the prize money and points, evenly.
- An **Optional Pool** will be available to Teams wishing to play with a cost of \$70.00. The optional pool will pay out to 20% of the field. 100% of Optional Pool Money is paid out at each tournament.
- Point Standings after the August 29<sup>th</sup> Tournament will be considered the **Final Standings for the 2009 SRTT Circuit**. Those teams will be paid based on the criteria described in *2009 SRTT Point's Payout*.
- Established teams will be invited to a special **Bass Classic** to be held September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. See *Bass Classic*.
- 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, Partner, and an alternate.
- All tournaments must be fished with two members of the team in order for the team to receive points. (*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.*)
- **No member from one team can be named on another team as either a regular member or alternate.**
- An alternate must be named by: June 20, 2009.

*Note: "Open Buddy" Events can be fished with any two people. They are not for points. The 2009 insurance fee is required by any person who fishes an event. Paid only once per season.*

### Morning of the tournament

- Applications must be received the Thursday before the tournament to draw for boat position.
- You may sign up at the launch site at an additional \$10.00 charge, (however, your boat position will be assigned).

- If you mail in your application, but for some reason it is not received by Thursday, you will be required to pay the morning of the tournament (your entry fee will be reimbursed once it is received). Your boat position will be assigned.
- Each team must check in at the registration table before each tournament (registration ends 15 minutes prior to blast off).
- 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 your number is not turned in, you will not receive any points.**
- 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. (No points will be awarded)
- 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 eight (8) circuit tournaments will be point tournaments. All circuit events will count for points in 2009. In the case of any of the first three tournaments becomes cancelled, the April 11<sup>th</sup> fundraiser at Goldsboro will become a "points" event. After that date, any event that becomes cancelled, will not be rescheduled.
- Points will be awarded as follows, 100 for first place, 99 for second, 98 for third and so on.
- A minimum of 50 points will be awarded to each team that complies with all tournament rules. In the event that more than 50 teams would be weighing a fish, the point scale will be assigned at the number that falls under the last team's total. (Meaning, that it is possible to receive 49 point or lower depending on the circumstances.)
- To receive your 50 points, your laminated boat number must be turned in at the weigh in site. **(This is to make sure all teams have returned safely)**

## 2009 SRTT Point Payout

- Team standings after the August 29<sup>th</sup> tournament will be Final Point Standings.
- Payout will occur based on the standings of the Team.
- Payout will be based on the total pool money available at the end of the 2009 SRTT Circuit Season.
- Payout will occur at the following rates: 1<sup>st</sup> place – 20%, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 15%, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 10%, 4<sup>th</sup> place – 9%, 5<sup>th</sup> place – 8%, 6<sup>th</sup> place – 7%, 7<sup>th</sup> place – 6%, 8<sup>th</sup> place – 5%, 9<sup>th</sup> place – 4%, 10<sup>th</sup> place – 4%, 11<sup>th</sup> place – 3%, 12<sup>th</sup> place – 3%, 13<sup>th</sup> place – 2%, 14<sup>th</sup> place – 2%, 15<sup>th</sup> place – 2%. 16<sup>th</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> place – consolation prizes.
- Payout of the point system will be at the "Bass Classic" event.

## **Bass Classic**

- Any established team may fish the Bass Classic.
- Your qualifying position will be your boat position.
- 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. All monies collected for the Bass Classic will be paid out. (100% payout.)