

# **2018 HAWG FIGHTS Sinitiere Group**

## **Rules and Regulations**

A tournament committee consisting of five (5) fishermen will select locations and direct the tournaments. All decisions and any disputes will be settled by a majority count of the tournament committee members present or contacted. At their sole discretions, the tournament committee may disqualify or not disqualify or not invite anyone to participate in any of the tournaments. All decisions by the tournament committee will be final and not eligible for appeal.

- 01- All contestants must submit to and pass a psychological stress test when required.
- 02- All fish must be taken with rod and reel on artificial lures. All fish must be caught during tournament hours. Trolling is prohibited.
- 03- All local, state and federal laws must be obeyed. Any violation of these laws or unsportsmanlike conduct may result in disqualification.
- 04- A limit of (3) fish per boat per day may be weighed. No more than two (2) fishermen per boat is allowed. You may pick your partner. All bass must be 12" (closed mouth with tail touching). The fish must not be mutilated. No dead fish will be weighed. Culling must be conducted prior to weigh in time and on the water. No more than (3) fish can be in the live well except when culling. Contestants cannot leave their boat for the purpose of obtaining a fish.
- 05- No contestants are allowed to fish within 50 yards of a competing boat that is anchored and trolling motor up, unless permission is granted.
- 06- All boats must have an operating kill switch. All contestants must wear USCG approved life jackets during tournament hours while the outboard engine is running and away from the launch site. All boats must have fully functional navigation lights and they must be in use after official sunset hour. All boats fishing the tournament(s) must possess proof of liability insurance. No surface drives, mud boats or air boats. Only water cooled outboard engines allowed.

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- 07- Blast off will be at 5:30 PM or as close to that time as possible. Weigh-in time will be announced prior to blast off. All boats must be in sight of the landing before weigh-in time or be disqualified.
- 08- The entry fee must be paid by 1:00 PM on tournament day at Cajun guns & Tackle. Starting positions will be drawn after 1:00 PM on tournament day and will be made available prior to the start of the tournament.
- 09- Tournament site for the next tournament will be announced at the weigh in and at Cajun Guns & Tackle and on the Facebook page.
- 10- No practice (scouting or riding) on the day of the tournament.
- 11- Entry fee is \$60 per boat (2 maximum anglers) per tournament. The \$60 will be divided as follows: \$10 will be retained for the Classic payout. \$10 (times amount of entries) awarded for Big Bass. Remaining funds will be awarded 50% for 1st, 30% for 2nd, and 20% for 3rd.
- 12- Highest team points after the 11 tournaments will be awarded \$300 cash.
- 13- One fish will take all on the Big Bass payout. (Total stringer weight will break big Bass tie and big bass will break total stringer weight tie.)
- 14- If for any reason a tournament must be postponed (weather or water conditions), the decision will be made by a majority vote of the tournament committee. In this event, the tournament will be held the following day (Thursday) if possible. A member of the tournament committee will be at the designated landing to announce any cancellation.
- 15- Participation pts. will be awarded as follows: 1st place 100 pts, 2nd place 90 pts 3rd thru 5th decreases 5 pts per place, 6th place until the last team that weighs a fish will get 74 pts down 1 increment per placement. Any team not weighing in a fish will get 5 pts below the last team pts that weighs in. Big Bass team will be awarded and addition 5 pts.
- 16- A waiver form must be completed and signed by any angler that fishes a Hawg Fight. No money will be paid out to an angler that has not signed a waiver.
- 17- An angler must participate in at least five (5) of the eleven (11) tournaments to be eligible to fish the Hawg Fight's Classic. Entry fee for the Classic will be determined at a later date by majority vote of the tournament committee. Exact records will be retained confirming participation in order to determine Hawg Fight Classic Tournament qualifiers. Location for the Classic will be chosen by majority vote by eligible participants.