



## 2023 RMMC SERIES Rules

**ALL ENTRY FEES MUST BE PAID BY 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT. AFTER THAT REGISTRATION IS CLOSED.**

**THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION ON THE DAY OF TOURNAMENT. No Exceptions!**

1. These rules may be changed by RMMC Series at any time. Rule changes will be effective immediately upon notice by RMMC Series, which notice may be published at [www.rmmcseries.com](http://www.rmmcseries.com). Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director or designee at a tournament. In the event of a rule(s) violation, RMMC Series will impose such sanctions, as deemed appropriate, including, without limitation, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes and/or entry fee, probation and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision will be final in all matters. Each competitor agrees to immediately report to the Tournament Director any violation or infraction of any Tournament Rule(s). Failure to report violations, or suggestions to another competitor that they violated these rules, will be cause for disqualification. All protests must be reported to the Tournament Director on site and in writing within 15 minutes after the announcement “the scales are closed”.
2. **Membership:** There will be a one-time membership of \$50.00 per team per season.
3. **Participation and Eligibility: (Amended 2023 season)** This is a TEAM TOURNAMENT, no fishing alone. To qualify for the championship, the team must fish 3 of 4 qualifiers and may use (2) alternates per team. Team must list two (2) alternates at the beginning of the year prior to the first event. “Fished” will be considered as both boater and non-boater coming through boat check in the morning. Roland Martin Marine Center Series reserves the right to refuse participation and membership in any and all events to any individual or team at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
4. **Insurance:** Liability insurance with coverage of not less than \$100,000 per occurrence is required of all boater/captain in RMMC Series tournaments. Proof of insurance must be with the boat being used and must cover all passengers on the boat. Random checks will be conducted. Failure to provide proof of insurance when requested by the tournament director may result in disqualification.
5. **Safety:** Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each competitor is required to wear a coast guard approved floatation life vest securely fastened whenever the combustion engine is running. Kill switch must be attached to vessel operator while engine is running.
6. **Sportsmanship:** All competitors are expected to show courtesy to all people on the water. No use or possession of alcohol or other stimulants are allowed on the boat or before weigh-in and polygraph is concluded.
7. **Hole Sitting:** No competitor shall have a non-competitor or competitor sit on a hole, spot, or scout for them. This will result in disqualification.
8. **FISH Limits/Penalty:** Limit 5 Fish 12” Minimum. Short fish will result in disqualification. Remember to measure fish with a closed mouth and pinched tail using The Golden Rule. No culling fish live or dead at Ramp or Weigh In. Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated live well. Eight ounces will be deducted from the total weight for each dead bass presented for weigh-in. The team must release all live fish outside the locks.
9. **Late Penalty:** Contestants who are not at the check-in area at the appointed time will be penalized 1 pound per minute, deducted from the total weight. Any contestant more than 15 minutes late will be disqualified on a one day qualifier and will lose credit for that day’s weight on the two day championship. If not weighing in fish you must check-in. We want to make sure you get off the water safely. Not checking in may result in prohibition for future events.
10. **TIE:** In case of a tie, the two tied places prize will be combined and winnings split equally. Each team will get full points based on their place.
11. **Truth Verification Test:** Each contestant agrees to submit to a polygraph or voice stress analysis examination and to abide by its conclusion. Failure to pass an examination will result in disqualification from the tournament and prohibition from future events. Truth verification tests will be used at RMMC Series sole discretion, and the determination of the meaning of the results will be made solely by RMMC Series.
12. **Tackle and Equipment:** Only artificial lures are permitted. There is no trolling or dragging. Only one rod is allowed at a time. There is not to be any additional rods or baits in the water while fishing. All fish must be caught in the mouth. No snagging! Fish may be inspected.
13. **Permitted fishing areas:** Anglers may never leave their boats unless in an emergency situation. There will be no angling outside of the boat. NO fishing in any off limits location from government or director. No fishing within 50 yards of an anchored (traditional or poles) boat with the trolling motor in the stowed position. There is no locking up the Kissimmee River, or into the Caloosahatchee or St. Lucie Canal. No fishing inside the locks at Roland’s to include industrial canal.
14. **Emergency or Breakdown:** An angler may contact another angler if needed, however the director must be notified prior. Anglers must identify their fish with some sort of marker system before entering rescue boat. The rescued team is not permitted to fish from rescue boat.
15. **Cell Phones and Radios:** The use of any communication device for the purpose of sharing fishing locations or fishing information during tournament is prohibited.
16. **Boat Check:** All boats must go through mandatory boat check prior to fishing for weights to count.
17. **Boat Number:** Will be picked by computer randomly at 6:00 pm the night before the event and texted to all teams. Championship day two will be reverse order of day one boat numbers.
18. **Minor:** Under the age of 18 must have signature of parent or legal guardian on registration and waiver. If operating a vessel must have a boater’s safety card.
19. **Entry Fees:** \$200 per team per qualifier, \$300 per championship plus applicable credit card fee charges. Entry fees are non-refundable.
20. **Points:** 200 points are awarded to the winner of each qualifying tournament, 199 to 2nd, 198 to 3rd, etc. through the championship. The winning team in the points race will win the “ARK RODS TEAM OF THE YEAR” to consist of all paid entries to the 2024 RMMC Series. It is non- transferable.
21. All decisions of the tournament officials will be final and uncontestable.