



2025 SEASON - OFFICIAL RULES

2025 RMMC SERIES RULES: ENTRY FEES MUST BE PAID BY 5:00PM ON THURSDAY PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT. A \$50.00 LATE FEE WILL BE CHARGED UNTIL 12:00 PM FRIDAY AND REGISTRATION WILL BE CLOSED. THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION ON 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. 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 onetime membership of \$50.00 per team per season. **WAIVED FOR 2025.** Will be responsible for Fishing Chaos Fee.

3. **Participation and Eligibility: (NEW FOR 2025)**

This is a **TEAM TOURNAMENT, NO FISHING ALONE.** To qualify for the championship, the team must fish 4 days of the 7 eligible qualifying tournament days. At least two days must be with the same partner. The third and fourth qualifying tournament days can be fished with an alternate, the alternate does not need to be listed prior to start of season but needs to be identified before qualifying tournament begins. "Fished" will be considered as one of the competitors coming through boat check. If for some unforeseen reason an angler of the same team cannot fish the championship, they may choose an alternate of their choice. The alternate will be required to pay a \$50.00 membership fee in order to fish. 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 in 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 persons on the water. No use or possession of alcohol or other stimulants are allowed on the boat.

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: Tournament limit is five (5) Fish, 12" Minimum. At no time shall competitors have in his or her live well more than the tournament limit.** (i.e., if you have 5 fish in the live well, one competitor must be actively culling if partner is still fishing). 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. **If you present six (6) fish at the “Bump-Tank” you will automatically be disqualified.** 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 got off the water safely. Not checking in may result in prohibition into 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 into 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 sight 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. 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 Break down:** An angler must first contact the tournament director and get information on how they may proceed. 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 the day before the event and texted to all teams. Championship day 2 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: (NEW FOR 2025)**

A) 1-day qualifier is \$200 per team. The first 2-day qualifier is \$350. The second 2-day qualifier is \$350. The championship entry fee will remain at \$300. Entry fees are refundable until 12:00PM on the day registration closes.

B) Early entry fees are non-refundable. You can pay and not fish one tournament during the season and it will count towards the championship. If a tournament needs to be postponed/canceled it will count as a fished event if needed for the championship. All money will go toward the championship payout, if not needed, money can be moved to a different event or refunded. All tournaments will have applicable credit card fee charges.

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 2025 RMMC Series. It is non-transferable.

21. **All decisions of the tournament officials will be final and uncontestable.**