

2012 Metro Reservoir Anglers, Inc.

Rules and Regulations

- 1. The Tournaments are only open to those who have been extended an invitation to join the Metro Reservoir Anglers, Inc. in 2012 from the M.R.A.I. Board of Directors, and have become members for the calendar year.**

- 2. In submitting an application for membership into the M.R.A.I you agree to accept all rules, conditions and judgments set and made by the Metro Reservoir Anglers, Inc. Board of Directors. Further, to the fullest extent of the law, you shall defend indemnify and hold harmless the Metro Reservoir Anglers, Inc. all individuals serving on the M.R.A.I. Board of Directors, the City of Baltimore and the County of Baltimore from and against all claims, damages, loss and expense.**

- 3. The Board of Directors may terminate membership in the Metro Reservoir Anglers, Inc. at any time for any reason Upon termination, the M.R.A.I. will return all prepaid tournament entries of the member for unfished tournaments, plus the pro rated membership fees (based on a six tournament schedule), plus that part of any previous tournament entry that was set aside for the Tournament of Champions. All members agree that this will be the full extent of any termination.**

- 4. All six (6) qualifying tournaments must be paid by May 1, 2012 (5/1/2012) The fee of \$600.00 per team can be paid with check or cash .
***** There will be no refunds of Tournament money.**

- 4A. Lunker money will be collected the morning of each Tournament CASH ONLY. \$10.00 per team for each lunker pot. There will be (2) optional lunker pots, (1) Heaviest largemouth bass (2) Heaviest smallmouth bass. In the event NO smallmouth are caught . The team with the second heaviest largemouth would win that prize as long as they contributed to the smallmouth lunker pot. It is possible for a single team to win both the largemouth and smallmouth lunker pot.**

- 5. The maximum number of teams allowed to enter any tournament will be fifty (50) with the exception of the first Loch Raven tournament where we are limited to forty (40) boats. All teams that fished in 2011 have first priority on July 21, 2012 tournament.**

- 6. Starting positions will be determined by a draw the morning of each Tournament. One member of each team will draw their starting position at check in.**

- 7.M.R.A.I. Board of Directors member will be permitted to fish all tournaments.**

- 8. Tournament hours are 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

- 9. All boats must be present at the launch area and prepared to launch at 6:00 am. Late boats will blast off thirty (30) seconds after the last wave. Any boat not at the**

designated blast off site prior to 6:30 am will be disqualified.

10. A maximum of two persons are allowed per boat, at least one (1) being eighteen (18) years old. Or older.

11. ID ribbons must be clearly displayed from the bow mount motor.

12. BLAST OFF - Boats will be permitted to leave in waves of five (5) - ie. Starting positions 1-5, 6-10, 11-15, etc., with a thirty (30) second interval between waves. A team from the last wave will be designated as the tournament starter.

13. ARTIFICIAL BAIT ONLY- NO LIVE BAIT ALLOWED.

14. NO TROLLING OF BAIT WILL BE ALLOWED

15. ONLY ONE ROD AND REEL CAN BE USED AT A TIME and if you “hang” a bait you must either retrieve that bait or snap it off before using another rod.

16. Boats not at the official weigh in sight by the prescribed time will be disqualified this means beached or if water at low at designated area . You will be advised of this area at blast off meeting.

17. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass will be weighed in. A daily limit of eight (8) bass per team can be weighed in at all tournament locations.

18. All fish must be a minimum of twelve (12) inches in length measured form closed mouth to any part of the tail. Checking in a short fish will disqualify the entire catch. Golden Rule straight measure board will be used to determine length.

19. Each team must provide its own weigh in bag

20. Weigh in Procedure: All teams weighing fish are not allowed to trailer their boats before weighing in. Keep all fish in your boat until your wave is called. You will be called to weigh in your catch just as you launched in waves of five (5) boats. Failure to follow weigh in procedures will result in disqualification.

21. Dead fish penalty are as follows: .25 pounds for each dead fish.

22. After a team weighs their fish one member of that team is responsible to release the fish back into the lake. A M.R.A.I. board member will monitor the release and make certain all efforts are made to revive and release the fish. Dead fish will be distributed to any one wishing to take them home.

23. Ties for prize winning positions will be broken in the following matter: 1) highest number of fish wins, 2) largest fish wins. If this does not break the tie the position will be deemed a tie and the prizes will be added together and equally split

between the tied contestants.

24. Any member that wishes to protest the score or conduct of a fellow competitor must do so in writing within thirty (30) minutes of the official weigh in time. The accusing party will be responsible for the cost for a polygraph test should it be needed to resolve the protest.

25. All members must agree to submit to a polygraph test or forfeit the prize should a protest be lodged against them. Members agree to abide by the results of such a test. The contested prizes will not be distributed until the results of the polygraph test are reviewed.

26. Members are prohibited from fishing on the designated tournament lake, by boat or by shore, The Monday proceeding the tournament date.

27. No competitor may make arrangements to have anyone “hold” or “sit on” a position in order to turn it over to any competitor, or to specifically keep any competitor from fishing an area.

28. At Liberty Reservoir all boats must use the main ramp only unless instructed to do otherwise.

29. If a member of a team is unable to participate in a tournament a substitute may be used as a replacement. **THE SUBSTITUTE MUST NOT HAVE FISHED THE DESIGNATED RESERVOIR DURING THE OFF LIMITS PERIOD.** The partner that is not fishing the tournament for what ever reason must abide by the off limits rule.

30. **Substitutes:** In the event that one member of a team can not attend a tournament, the other member may bring a substitute A \$20.00 fee will apply.

31. A member of one team shall be allowed to fish as a substitute on another team.

32. No boat may fish within fifty (50) feet of a participating tournament boat.

33. An entry form must be completed for each tournament

34. The maximum number of teams allowed to join the Metro Reservoir Anglers, Inc. will be fifty (50) per year.

35. An invited member must sponsor prospective new teams and acceptance is subject to review and approval by the M.R.A.I Board of Directors, based on the input of its members.

36. All decisions of the Board of Directors and final. M.R.A.I. reserves the right to refuse any new application or return any previously accepted application. Any

changes to said rules can be made only by the M.R.A.I. Board of Directors.

In order to Make the 2012 Tournament season successful we are going to need volunteers to assist with checking in boats, setting up the weigh in site and helping with the weigh in.

*******There will be a \$50.00 per boat optional fee that will go towards the “Top Team of the Year” You must enter to qualify for this prize that is awarded at the conclusion of the season.*******

(This is the top team in points after the six (6) qualifying tournaments)