Georgia Police and Fire Games Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2018

OOZE Off: 6:30 am or SAFE LIGHT

Chester Frost Park
2277 North Gold Point Circle North
Hixson, TN 37343
www.hamiltontn.gov/parkrec/

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Tournament Rules

- 1. Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass and Small Mouth Bass will be the only eligible fish. 5 Fish Limit
- 2. All Fish Must Be The Legal Length for Lake Chickamauga. (see 10)
- 3. A **short fish** will result in loss of the largest fish.
- 4. Over the limit of (5) fish will result in loss of largest fish.
- 5. **No alcoholic** beverages will be allowed.
- 6. Life Jackets must be worn when the gas engine is running.
- 7. Only Artificial Lures may be used. No Trolling. NO LIVE BAIT.
- 8. Decisions of the Tournament Directors will be final.
- 9. **Permitted Fishing Locations**. Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere on Lake Chickamauga. Fishing is only allowed on navigable waters. (Contestants must be able to run boat to all fishing areas without getting out of the boat. Fishing is not permitted 50 yards from any marina gas pump, areas designated as no fishing areas by the state or local officials, or 50 yards from another contestant's boat which is anchored with their trolling motor up. Contestant may not cast into, hook, or land a fish in the areas.
- 10. Scoring Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass and Smallmouth Bass will be weighed. The limit shall be 5 fish per boat. All largemouth bass must be 15 inches in length or longer. All spotted bass (must have tooth patch on tongue) must be 12 inches in length or longer. Smallmouth Bass Limited to 1 with a minimum length of 18 inches will be measured on a golden rule with the mouth closed and by moving the tail from side to side
- 11. **Dead/Short Fish Penalty.** There will be an 8 –ounce penalty for each dead fish weighed in. A dead fish is in the running for **Big Fish**, the 8 ounce penalty will apply to that fish also. Culling of dead fish is not allowed. At no time shall a team have more than 5 fish in its possession. Upon catching the 6 fish you must cull. If a short fish is brought to the scales, the penalty will be loss of that fish and your big fish.
- 12. **No Guides (Full or part-time)**. A fishing guide is defined as one who has received compensation from anyone in the past 12 months for providing fishing services.
- 13. No money will be taken the morning of the tournament.
- 14. All Boats will be inspected prior to launch.
- 15. Protest must be made within 15 minutes of weigh in is completed.
- 16. Tournament hours shall be from safe light, as determined by the tournament director until 2:00 pm.
- 17. <u>Late Penalty.</u> Competitors who are not in the official checkpoint area (Dock at Chester Frost Park) at the appointed time shall be penalized at a rate of 1 pound per minute which will be deducted from the total weight counted that day including any weight towards big fish. Any competitor more than 15 minutes late shall be disqualified.
- 18. **Sportsmanship and Conduct.** All participants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation.
- 19. **Boat Equipment.** Safety equipment must be adequate to pass Coast Guard regulations and must be in the boat at all times. **Each boat must have an aerated live well with adequate space to maintain tournament limit.**
- 20. Start. Teams will draw a numbers for starting positions.

All participants must have a valid Tennessee Fishing License