2026 FALL TIE ONE ON TOURNAMENT RULES

PLEASE NOTE: EACH TEAM WILL FISH 1 SESSION AND JUDGE 1 SESSION

1. Alumni, Amatuer, and Pro Mini teams will be competing within the OPEN Division.
2. Contestants must check in at registration upon arrival.
3. All participants must sign a Casting Carolinas waiver.
4. Each team will fish 1 Session and judge 1 Session.
5. Sessions will be at a predetermined time (check the schedule).
6. Beat judges will start and end a session.
7. When time is called, if a fish is on the hook, the contestant will have 5 minutes to land the fish.
8. A total of 5 fish, trout only, will be scored for each team.
9. Once a fish is scored (marked on the sheet) it can't be replaced with a larger fish.
10. A fish may be measured before deciding whether it may be scored.
11. If a fish escapes while being measured, the fish may be scored by taking the average lengths of the other fish scored.
12. ONLY competitors and guides (NOT JUDGES) may handle fish.
13. Fish must be hooked in the gill plate forward to be considered legally caught.
14. Flies must be removed in front of the judge.
15. If a hook comes out in the net, the competitor must announce that to a judge and the fish may then be scored.
16. When measuring the fish, the tail may be squeezed to get the length.
17. All fish must be safely released and swimming to score.
18. Both teammates will fish at the same time.
19. Each competitor will have no more than two rods at their disposal.
20. The team with the greatest total inches will be declared the winner.
21. First, second, and third place finishers will receive awards.
22. In the case of a tie, the largest fish caught will determine the winner.
23. Indicators and split shot are allowed.
24. All hooks must be barbless or the barb completely mashed. Hot beads and coneheads alone with articulated flies with a single hook are allowed.
25. No eggs or egg sucking leeches are allowed.
26. No braided leader or line may be used at any time.
27. Feet and flies must stay within the beat boundary. If the fish swims into the next beat the angler has 5 minutes to return the fish to their original beat. If it happens again the angler has another 5 minutes.
28. Each scorecard must be signed by both competitors and the judge.
29. HAVE A GREAT DAY!

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TIE ONE ON TOURNAMENT OPEN DIVISION JUDGES DUTIES

1. Judges are responsible for the starting and stopping of each session on time.
2. Measuring the fish: When measuring the fish, the tail may be squeezed to get the length. The fish may be measured before deciding whether to score it or not.
3. Once the fish is scored (marked on the score sheet) it cannot be replaced with a larger fish.
4. All fish must be safely released and swimming to score.
5. When the session is called, if a fish is on the hook, the contestant has 5 minutes to land it.
6. There will be a total of 5 fish for each team.
7. Only trout may be scored. Other species do not count.
8. Judges will record the length of the fish on the score sheet along with the time landed, the species of trout, and who landed the fish.