



QUALIFIER TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fee: \$60 / team
\$10 goes to championship pot

Location	Launch Ramp	Date
Ouachita	Crystal Springs	9.2.17
AR River Pine Bluff	Regional Park	10.7.17
Bull Shoals	Boat Dock	11.11.17

CHAMPIONSHIP

Entry Fee: \$60 / team
Attend 2 qualifiers to be eligible

Location	Launch Ramp	Date
Dardanelle	State Park	12.2.17
		12.3.17





OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

The following rules will be in effect at every Arkansas Collegiate Series (ACS) event. Failure to comply with these rules may result in weight penalties, disqualification of fish, forfeiture of a day's catch, and/or banishment from future events. The tournament director is solely responsible for the interpretation of ACS rules and their enforcement. You are also required to follow all local, state and federal laws and regulations while participating in ACS events.

ELIGIBILITY

All competitors must be enrolled full-time¹ at an accredited college or university and members in good standing of an institutionally-recognized fishing team/club. There are no age restrictions. First year freshman through Ph. D students are permitted to fish as long as they are enrolled full-time.

SAFETY/PRE-LAUNCH PROCEDURES

1. Registration will begin at the official boat ramp one hour before safe-light. Teams must check-in with the tournament director and pay entry fee before take-off.
2. All boats must launch from the official ramp unless the tournament director determines that the ramp is not acceptable or weather conditions dictate trailering.
3. Running lights must be installed and working properly at all "safe-light" launches. If, for whatever reason, your lights are not functioning properly, you are required to let everyone else take-off before you do.
4. U.S. Coast Guard-approved life preservers must be worn and completely zipped, buttoned or fastened by both competitors while the outboard engine is in gear.
5. Engine kill-switches must be securely attached to the driver while the outboard is in gear.
6. All boats must contain all U.S. Coast Guard-required safety equipment for that size/style of boat.
7. Outboards cannot exceed the maximum horsepower rating for that boat.
8. Boat operators must have at least the state minimum liability insurance coverage.
9. Boats must have a livewell with a working aeration system. Ice-chests are acceptable as long as they are large enough to maintain a limit of live bass all day with an aerator installed and working.
10. All competitors are subject to livewell inspection before take-off.

¹ Full-time is determined by the college or university attended.



FISHING

11. Only two competitors per boat.
12. Artificial lures only (exception: pork trailers).
13. Fish must be caught with rod and reel only.
14. Only one rod per angler may be used at a time.
15. No trolling allowed.
16. You must retrieve your previous cast before making another.
17. You may not fish within 50 yards of an anchored² boat.
18. Five fish bag limit per team. If a sixth fish is caught, it or another fish must be culled immediately. No culling at weigh-in. Length regulations depend on location.
19. Dead fish cannot be culled for any reason.
20. You may not leave your boat during tournament hours unless it is to free your boat from an obstruction or in the event that your personal safety is at risk if you stay in your boat. Please call the tournament director if you are in danger or have to abandon your boat.
21. No fishing in areas marked restricted, no fishing, or no boating.
22. You cannot solicit a guide within one month of an event at that location.
23. You cannot solicit fishing information from non-competitors during an event.
24. In the event of a mechanical breakdown that prevents returning to the ramp, you can either have your boat towed back to the ramp or one member of your team can get into another team's boat for a ride back to the ramp. Each team's fish must be in separate live-well compartments or clearly identifiable with cull tags. The team offering the ride must stop fishing until they have delivered the stranded team member to the official ramp.
25. If you leave the event before weigh-in, please inform the tournament director.

WEIGH-IN

26. Competitors must be at the official ramp by 3:00 pm. A 1.0 pound penalty will be assessed to a team for every minute late. Teams will be disqualified if they are more than 15 minutes late. Teams are considered "checked-in" for weigh-in once they cross a pre-determined boundary surrounding the official boat ramp at idle speed. This boundary will be announced before each event.
27. If a short or slot fish is brought to the weigh-in scales, that fish will be disqualified and a 1.0 pound penalty will be subtracted from that team's cumulative weight.
28. If a team brings more than five fish to the weigh-in scales, the tournament director will cull their bag down to five, starting with the largest fish in their bag, and a 1.0 pound penalty will be subtracted from that team's cumulative weight.
29. There will be a 0.5 pound penalty for each dead fish weighed.
30. In the event of a tie, prizes will be split evenly and both teams will receive equal points.

² A boat is considered "anchored" when it has deployed an anchor (traditional style, power poles and talons included) and the trolling motor is stowed.



SCORING

The winning team at each qualifier receives 100 points, second place receives 99, third receives 98, and so on.

Cumulative season points will determine Team of the Year and launch order for both days of the championship.

If there is a tie in cumulative season points at the end of the season, total cumulative weight caught by those teams during the season will break the tie.

CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION

- 1) Each angler must fish at least two qualifiers to be eligible for championship.

An angler can fish with a different partner at the championship as long as that partner has also fished at least two qualifiers. However, points accumulated by those two anglers while fishing with different partners will not count towards the championship launch order. Launch order for teams with first-time partners will be determined by order of registration the first morning of the championship.

PAYOUT BREAKDOWN

Boats	Places Paid	Payout								
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	
1 – 6	1	100.00%								
7 – 13	2	60.71%	39.29%							
14 – 20	3	58.04%	27.68%	14.29%						
21 – 27	4	55.36%	23.81%	11.31%	9.52%					
28 – 34	5	53.13%	21.88%	9.82%	8.04%	7.14%				
35 – 41	6	51.43%	20.71%	8.57%	7.14%	6.43%	5.71%			
42 – 48	7	50.60%	19.64%	7.74%	6.55%	5.65%	5.06%	4.76%		
49 – 55	8	50.00%	19.39%	6.89%	5.87%	5.10%	4.59%	4.08%	4.08%	

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT INFO

If you have any questions about the series, please feel free to contact me.

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Arkansas Collegiate Series


Registration and Liability Waiver Form

I hereby release the Arkansas Collegiate Series (ACS), all persons associated with the ACS, sponsors, contributors, the tournament director and the employer of the tournament director from liability in the event that I am injured or harmed, or my personal property is lost, damaged or stolen while participating in, practicing for, or traveling to or from ACS events. I understand that I am solely responsible for my own safety and my personal property on and off the water. I also have the right to disobey orders from the tournament director if I feel that his or her recommendations put my life or property in unreasonable danger. However, I also understand that ACS rules may dictate penalties for disobeying these orders.


I will observe and follow all ACS, local, state and federal fishing and boating laws and regulations, including the possession of a valid Arkansas fishing license.


I agree to allow my photo, video or film likeness to be used for promotion and publicity of ACS events and collegiate fishing.

I understand that my mobile phone number is recorded so that the tournament director can contact me in case of emergencies or in the event that I am not accounted for by the end of the tournament weigh-in.

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School (print)

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Boater (print) (Signature) (Mobile number)

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Non-Boater (print) (Signature) (Mobile number)

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Date

