



## 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA WAHOO SERIES Rules

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7. On a declared fish day teams can not leave the dock or ramp prior to 12 midnight. Tournament fishing hours, lines in no earlier than 7:00 am. Lines out no later that 5:00 pm.
8. Boats must be checked in on their declared fish day no later than 8:00pm with a cell phone only, NOT A SAT PHONE, by texting 843-298-0377. Check-in must include required pictures. **Check-in is mandatory to qualify for next day weigh-in.**
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11. Boundaries: Teams cannot travel, catch bait, deploy teasers or fishing lines of any kind outside of the Tournament boundaries during a declared fish day. All Teams must leave from within the inlet boundaries of Little River Inlet to St Simons Inlet, and fish within these boundary lines. North Boundary, Little River, SC draw a straight line through the following GPS coordinates; Mark one, 33:50:00 and 78:25:00 to Mark two 33:15:00 and 77:30:00. The south Boundary is 30:50:00.
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16. Boats are not allowed to come together for any reason during tournament fishing hours.
17. All registered boats and participants must comply with SC State and Federal regulations including but not limited to fishing license, permits, boat registrations and safety equipment.
18. It is the vessel owners' responsibility to have in place or obtain adequate Liability insurance to cover each and every crew member, participant and guest, as well as others if an incident occurs involving others not on the vessel.
19. No culling of dead fish allowed in the SC Wahoo Series.
20. Teams are subject to random boat inspections, prior to departure, or upon return from a series fish day.
21. Teams are required to save their GPS track from their declared fish day until 1pm the day after their declared fish day.
22. Teams are not permitted to freeze or brine your fish frozen. Teams are not permitted to alter or attempt to alter the weight prior to weigh-in.
23. A formal protest, or other circumstances may result in the need to administer Polygraph Test(s). All tournament participants are subject to Polygraph Test(s). By registering for the 2026 SC Wahoo Series participants agree that the results of Polygraph exams are final, and that they will abide by the results.
24. Any protest filed must be submitted to the SC Wahoo Series in writing accompanied by a \$700 cash only non-refundable fee and delivered 30 minutes after the scale closes (12:30pm) for that fish day you are protesting. And, on the final fish day April 10, 2026 any protests must be submitted by 5:30pm.
25. The Rules Committee has the sole right to interpret the rules, and address issues not covered in the rules. All decisions made by the committee are final.
26. The tournament Director has the right to refuse any entry.
27. This is a Captains Choice Tournament. Each Captain is solely responsible for the safety of his or her vessel, crew, and guest at all times during the SC Wahoo Series. Captains are responsible for heeding any weather warnings and severe weather warnings that may affect his or her three SC Wahoo Series fish days as Safety is paramount. It is up to each Captain to decide whether his or her vessel is seaworthy for the sea conditions of all three SC Wahoo Series fishing days. Captains are responsible for supplying a flight plan for all three of his or her SC Wahoo Series fish days with a family member, or trusted individual.
28. A small craft advisory: if a small craft advisory is in affect from 5am on, for a fish day, that fish day is canceled. However, we have several inlets within our tournament boundary, and therefore several NOAH marine forecast zones. The cancelation of a fish day will be limited to the zone or zones that have a small craft advisory in affect at 5am. If on that same day, other NOAH marine forcast zones within the torunament boundary do not have a small craft advisory in effect teams may fish out of those zones.
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