

## KEOWEE ANGLERS CLUB TOURNAMENTS & COMPETITIONS FOR 2021

For 2021, the Keowee Anglers Club (KA) will conduct the following tournaments and competitions for its members. Details and rules are described in this document.

✓ *Random-Match Tournament* (Four)

- April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>
- May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

✓ *Longest Fish Competition* Each year the Keowee Anglers Club runs a Longest Fish Competition for game fish species caught in Lake Keowee for its members.

### 2021 Random-Match Tournaments

#### 1) Registration Deadline:

The deadline for registration is Wednesday at midnight, three weeks prior to the tournament start.

#### 2) Team Assignment:

Each registered participant will be informed of their partner on the day following the registration deadline. Teams will be pairs of registered Keowee Anglers members who are randomly matched such that:

- As KA is a teaching / learning club, where possible, members who have won little or no money in one of our previous tournaments are matched with members who have won the most.
- One member with a “fishing” boat
- The team members have not been paired and fished in a club tournament in at least 3 years (where possible).
- Additional Constraints
  - Entrants with physical limitations are assigned to a team/boat that is more accommodating.
  - A participant who only trolls will not be paired with a participant who only casts.
  - At least one team member should be able to attend the award luncheon (if held).
  - When possible, an attempt is made to match team members who are also compatible in terms of areas of the lake where they prefer to fish.

### 3) TOURNAMENT RULES

Please note that any rules violation automatically disqualifies the team catch for the team.

a) Session Length: Each team sets up its own 4-hour tournament fishing session. The 4 hours must be continuous (without interruption) and must occur during the dates of the tournament. [In the case of a weather delay, the session may occur during the regular/expanded dates of the tournament.]

b) If a team fishes on Thursday, the session must end no later than Noon.

c) A team's 4-hour tournament session begins when either

The first lure hits the water

OR

The team BEGINS using its electronics for scouting.

d) No pre-session fishing, practice or electronic scouting is allowed on the day of the team's session. However, GPS may be used to navigate to a team's preselected starting point.

e) A fish must be measured by rounding down to the nearest 1/4 inch using a ruler with a vertical stop and 1/4-inch graduations. The mouth should be closed with the nose against the vertical stop

f) Bass must have a minimum length of 12 inches to qualify.

g) Each team member is limited to using two rods (in the water) at a time.

h) Any rod used for trolling needs to be designated as to which team member is using it to fish.

i) While trolling, if an Alabama or umbrella rig (or similar device) is used, it cannot have more than two baits/lures that contain hook(s).

j) If the trolling rig has more than two arms, then all additional lures/baits on the rig must not have any hooks.

k) If a team member hooks a fish and hands off the rod (for his partner to land), the catch cannot be counted as his partner's fish.

l) Each team must record the length of every bass the team lands.

m) On the form, each team must also clearly identify the top 3 legal bass landed by the first team member and the top 2 legal bass landed by the second for a team total 5-bass catch. (Culling is allowed.)

n) Each team member must sign the form prior to leaving the boat.

o) Team results must be submitted by the beginning of the Awards Luncheon on the Official Tournament Result Form emailed to the registrants. **(Changed for April 2021 tournament)**

p) The **Hot Hole** (as defined in the picture below) is **out-of-bounds** for these club tournaments:



**Prizes (Awarded to each team member)**

<b>LONGEST SINGLE BASS*</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> → \$35.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$30.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$25.00
4 <sup>th</sup> → \$20.00	5 <sup>th</sup> → \$15.00	6 <sup>th</sup> → \$10.00
<b>LONGEST 5 Bass, according to the 3/2 rule</b> Please note that, to be considered, the team must catch a full 5 fish, per the 3/2 rule. If there are not enough teams to take each “place”, the money for the vacant slots will not be awarded.		
1 <sup>st</sup> → \$40.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> → \$35.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> → \$30.00
4 <sup>th</sup> → \$25.00	5 <sup>th</sup> → \$20.00	6 <sup>th</sup> → \$15.00
* In case of a tie, the prize money for each of the tied positions is pooled and shared. For these tournaments, there will be no tiebreaker. Teams tied for a particular prize in a tournament, will share money for that prize and the next lower prize(s).		
To qualify for a tournament award, the team must share/explain at the tournament award luncheon how the team caught their bass.		
If neither team member can attend the luncheon, the team may submit their filled-in and signed official result form along with a detailed written description of where / when / how their fish were caught <u>to the tournament director before the award luncheon</u> to allow the tournament director to read the information at the meeting, if required.		

**4) Tournament Director's NOTES**

- 1) There is one allowed exception to the team pairing rules (above). If a member brings a new member into the club, the existing member may REQUEST to partner with the new member in the *first* tournament they both participate in.
- 2) If an entrant must drop out of the tournament for any reason, the remaining team member may not fish alone. The Tournament Director will try to find an alternate partner for the remaining team member.
- 3) Team members should make every attempt to match schedules and practice together as much as possible, to optimize teaching/learning opportunities.
- 4) The Awards Luncheon starts at 1 PM on the Thursday of the tournament. Members who sign up for the luncheon and who don't cancel their reservation prior to midnight of the Tuesday of tournament week are responsible for the cost of their food - even if they don't attend.
- 5) It is expected that, when one team member's boat is used exclusively during the practice sessions and tournament, the other team member will pay for the boat owner's meal at the Awards Luncheon
- 6) If there is a severe weather forecast for the regular tournament days, the Tournament Director, by 7 PM on the Monday of the tournament week, will email each entrant and notify him/her that the official tournament fishing days will expand to include the Tuesday of tournament week.
- 7) Any fish submitted on a Tournament Result Form (for a team tournament) that participates in a prize for the longest fish of the tournament, MAY NOT also be submitted for the consideration in the Annual Longest Fish competition.
- 8) However, within the same team tournament, a long fish may be submitted both as the team's longest fish and as part of the team's best five by the 3/2 rule.

**Annual Longest Fish Competition**

**1) Rules:**

- a) Any fish submitted for consideration must be the legal length for the species (as defined by SCDNR) and caught in Lake Keowee by the member submitting the fish between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 (inclusive).
- b) Documentation photographs are required for each entry. For photo requirements and tips, please refer to the "[How to Measure Fish for the Longest Fish Competition](#)" page on the KA web site.
- c) A second picture with the member holding the fish is not required but is interesting as a web site photo if you can take and submit such a picture without harming the fish.
- d) Prizes for the largest fish of any species caught this year will be awarded at the next year's January meeting.

**2) Categories and Prizes:**

<b>Bass species category</b> → <i>Bass fish that are included in one of the Team Bass Tournaments (described in the previous section), may NOT be considered for this competition.</i>			
<b>The "Bass" category includes the following species in a single category: Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Redeye Bass, and related crossbreeds</b>			
LONGEST →	\$40.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> → 10 <sup>th</sup> Places	\$35.00
		11 <sup>th</sup> → 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$30.00
		21 <sup>st</sup> → 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$25.00

<b>Other fish species</b> → <b>NOTE:</b> Only the best fish of any species submitted by an angler will be considered for a prize in that category. However, each angler may qualify for an entry in any number of different species categories. Also, if you catch a game fish that has not already been included in the below listing, please submit the required documentation and a new category will be created.		
<b>Prizes for each species</b>		
<i>Smallmouth Bass</i>	<i>White Bass</i>	<i>Bluegill/Bream</i>
<i>Perch</i>	<i>Crappie</i>	<i>Catfish</i>
<i>Carp</i>	<i>Trout</i>	<i>Other</i>
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**Directors Notes:**

- ✓ In case of issues or challenges, the decision of the Tournament Director is final
- ✓ All entries must be accompanied by information that fills in the form on the [KA Website](#) or by sending the completed form below by email to [Keoweeangler@charter.net](mailto:Keoweeangler@charter.net) or by USPS to: Paul Yazel / 249 Oak Stone Drive / West Union, SC 29696-3942

**Longest Fish of Species for 2020 Required Information**

<b>Fish Species:</b>	<i>Attach picture - REQUIRED</i>		
<b>Member Name</b>			
<b>Date &amp; Time of Catch</b>	<b>AM/PM</b>		
<b>Bait/Lure used (with Lure Color)</b>			
<b>Bait / Lure</b>			
<b>Lure Color</b>			
<b>Notes</b>			
<b>Fishing Technique – <i>choose 1</i></b>			
<b>Casting</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Trolling</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Jigging</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bobber</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Notes</b>			
<b>Conditions</b>			
<b>Estimated depth of water</b>			
<b>Estimated depth of lure</b>			
<b>Lake structures and Features near the catch</b>			
<b>Story (optional)</b>			
<i>Attach Picture! (required)</i>			