

Rules and Procedures. Headturners3, LLC. Fishing Tournaments 2018

1. Modification of Tournament Rules and Procedures.

- These rules and procedures are for any and all Headturners3, LLC. event(s) and may be modified up and until the completion of the captain's dinner/meeting taking place the day prior to the first day of competition in any Headturners3, LLC. tournament.

2. Compliance with Applicable Law

- All anglers participating in a Headturners3, LLC. event are required to follow applicable federal, state and local regulations and laws. Any violation of such regulations and laws and/or other tournament rules may result in a penalty including but not limited to and any combination of the following. Daily weight penalty, dead fish(s) penalty, fishing time penalty, disqualification from a tournament day, disqualification from the entire tournament, points deductions, disqualification from all future series events, or any combination thereof as decided by Headturners3, LLC. officials.

3. Eligibility Requirements.

- Headturners3, LLC. reserves the right to deny entry to or remove from this series or any event any angler, person, participant and or competitor **for any reason** the tour and/or it's officials deem necessary. Anglers failing, failing to take a requested truth detection test from any tournament or tournament trail or being banned from competition by another tournament or trail for cheating, unsportsmanlike conduct, public demeaning displays or similar reasons will not be ineligible to compete in any Headturners3, LLC. events.

4. Entry Fee and Credit Card Procedures.

- All membership, event fees and electronic payment service charges must be paid in full prior to participation by any competitor(s) in a Headturners3, LLC. fishing tournament. Failing to do so or having payment method rejected may result in immediate disqualification from the event and loss of all points and awards either received preciously or anticipated. A 3.5% SVC fee will be added to any payment made by electronic.

5. Communication.

- The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular telephones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, pagers or any electronic device able to communicate any information pertaining to fishing or navigation with anyone outside the field of current Headturners3, LLC. anglers during tournament days is strictly prohibited. Lock information, family emergencies and work related calls may take place as long as no discussions pertaining to fishing information relevant to the tournament or tournament waters at which event is being held on or near is discussed. Anglers can contact anyone at anytime by any means when a emergency issue arises. Texting while operating your boat above idle is prohibited.

6. Off limits and Information.

- There is no restriction to the number of days or what days of practice a competitor(s) fishing any Headturners3, LLC. tournament may fish. However, as of Monday the week of any **Elite Team Open** tournament or 14 days prior to Monday the week of a **All Star Tour** one angler per boat tournament and continuing through the tournament's conclusion a competitor(s) **CAN NOT**:
- Intentionally seek or make any attempt to receive information pertaining to fishing, navigation, techniques, equipment and/or other information from anyone who is not a paid participant in the tournament taking place for which the off limits has been initiated, including personal or 3rd party exchanges of information made in person, by phone, email, texting, private messages.
- Loan a boat with navigational equipment that is not removable or that does not have the ability to be disabled to anyone not fishing same All Star event and then use the same boat and/or navigational equipment during practice or tournament days.
- Have on their boat in designated tournament waters (a.k.a. Official Playing Field waters of the All Star Tour) experts, guides or other anglers that could be considered by the tour to be professionals that are not registered and competing in the same event.
- During off limits competitors can practice with sponsors, friends and or family members that are not considered experts or capable of providing significant help in locating or catching redfish, navigation, lure selection and/or fishing techniques to the Headturners3, LLC. competitor(s). Some exceptions may apply concerning other tournament trails and their events but will be determined to be acceptable or not on a case by case basis and must be submitted for review prior to a requested guest rider being on the Headturners3, LLC. pro's boat during off limits.
- All Star Tour competitors fishing another tournament during off limits must avoid at all times receiving information from any non All Star Tour competitor and cannot navigate on or pass through official playing field waters with anyone that is not registered and competing in the same All Star tournament for which off limits was initiated.
- Scouting or marking fish from air is prohibited within 30 days of the start of any Headturners3, LLC. tournament.
- Once announced, All Star Tour competitors can not hire anyone, purchase with cash or barter for help on tournament waters.

7. Insurance, Registration and Fishing License.

- Current liability insurance and state registration is required for each participant in any Headturners3, LLC. event(s); it is the angler's responsibility to maintain this coverage and ensure all registrations and fishing licenses required by law are up to date. Any boat not complying with state, federal and local laws governing equipment, registration decals and their proper display, cannot be used in competition. If such a boat is placed in competition either intentionally or unknowingly, the angler's catch for the day(s) such boat was used with be d.q.'d.
- Any competitor failing to have current fishing license as required by law for the state they are fishing in will be disqualified.

8. Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs.

- Any angler consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages or drugs (other than their own current prescriptions) during tournament hours will incur penalty(s).
- Anglers that consume any alcohol prior to a truth verification test will be disqualified from the tournament and forfeit any winnings or expected winnings as well as points for that event.

9A. Extreme Weather 2 Day Team Events.

- Should any day(s) of competition be cancelled due to extreme weather or the eminent threat of extreme weather, the remedy for the day(s) cancelled shall be:
- Day 1 canceled, all anglers fish day 2 in a one day shootout to determine order of finish.
- Day 2 canceled, results from day 1 are final.
- Days 1 and 2 canceled in events scheduled for Fri/Sat, Sunday of the same week will be used as a last chance to get the event in. In this last chance scenario all anglers fish Sunday in one day "shootout" to determine place of finish.
- Should no days of a Headturners3, LLC. Team Open event take place, the event shall be rescheduled at a date not closer than 30 days from event's original date. Should no days of a Headturners3, LLC. event take place and also be the last event of the season, rescheduling of the event on a date not closer than 30 days from the originally scheduled date will be the only remedy.

9B. Extreme Weather 3 Day Elite All Star Events.

- Day 1 canceled, all anglers fish day 2 with top 10 moving on to fish day 3.
- Day 2 canceled, top 10 from day 1 move through to fish on day 3.
- Days 1 and 2 canceled in events scheduled to take place on Thurs/Fri/Sat, Sunday of the same week will be used as a last chance to get the event in. In this last chance scenario all anglers fish Sunday in one day "shootout" to determine place of finish.
- Should no days of a Headturners3, LLC. Team Open event take place, the event shall be rescheduled at a date not closer than 30 days from event's original date. Should no days of a Headturners3, LLC. event take place and also be the last event of the season, rescheduling of the event on a date not closer than 30 days from the originally scheduled date will be the only remedy.

10A. Team Open Tour Field and Paybacks.

- Two angler per boat 2 day team tournaments except in case of foul weather (see 9A)
- Each team must consist of the same 2 anglers on the boat during any day of competition. If 1 angler has to withdraw during any portion of the tournament, the team cannot compete with a backup, alternate or as a 1 angler team.
- Each Team Open will pay back a Skeeter Boats – Yamaha Outboard – McClain Trailer rig with a approximate retail value of \$60,000.00 for first place. Second - 10th place will receive checks based on participation and the advertised full 100 boat field paybacks. If 100 boat field is not reached, 1st and 2nd place prizes will still be awarded. All other places paid to 1 in 10 teams and the total amount including 1st and 2nd place will be a amount equal to or greater than 100% of all entry fees collected.
- Paybacks for Team Open Tour events will be posted on the Elite Redfish Series dot com website in original release of event information. 100 Teams activate full field payback of \$95,000.00 including all checks and prizes.
- Should the field go over 100 teams, 1 additional spot for each 10 teams will be paid.

10B. All Star Tour Field, Paybacks and Points.

- One angler per boat 3 day single angler tournaments. (except in case of foul weather see 9B)
- 25 anglers constitute a full field with additional paid spots available for title sponsors. Skeeter Boats, Yamaha Outboards and McClain trailers should each or all want to place a paid angler in the field to fish for their brand. If additional paid spots are activated by title sponsors, payback amounts and/or spots paid will increase above amounts and/or places paid that is posted.
- Anglers fish 2 days with the top 10 after 2 days moving on to fish day 3. (except in case of foul weather see 9B)
- Top 7 after 3 days of competition, (except in case of foul weather see 9B) are paid based on minimum full field of 25.
- Each Elite One Angler Tour Stop will pay back a Skeeter Boats – Yamaha Outboard – McClain Trailer rig with a approximate retail value of \$60,000.00 and champion's trophy and a oversized promotional champion's check. 2nd \$25,000 and trophy, 3rd \$20,000 and trophy, 4th \$15,000 and trophy, 5th \$10,000 and trophy, 6th \$8,000 and 7th \$7,000. If 25 boat field is not reached the first place awards (boat/motor/trailer/trophy) will still be awarded. All other places paid, with less than 25 anglers payback will be 100% of all collected entry fees collected at time of event (including cash and first place prizes) to 1 in 5 anglers.
- Optional big bag of \$250 per angler will be offered at each Elite All Star Tour Stop paying back 1 in 5 anglers. 1st place big bag will receive check and big bag champion's trophy.
- Each Elite All Star Tour stop will award 1st place 200 points, 5 less points, per place for all anglers finishing in top 10 and 150 points for all other anglers weighing in at least 1 fish during the tournament. Anglers not weighing in at least 1 fish receive 0 points.

11. The All Star Tour Championship and Angler of the Year.

- The All Star Championship will take place October 11-12-13, 2018 and will include a maximum 32 angler field.
- The format will be 2 days of match play followed by a 1 day shootout for 8 remaining match winners.
- The top 8 competitors from each tour stop advance. (16)
- The top 6 in points having fished both tour stops advance. (6)
- The top 5 competitors from each open qualifier fishing at least 1 tour stop advance. (10)

- Angler of the year must be a registered entrant to all 4 Atlas All Star tournaments (2 tour stops and 2 opens). Angler of the Year will be awarded to angler with the highest amount of points using best 3 out of 4 possible Tour and Open qualifier finishes.
- Angler of the year to receive all entry fees paid for following year. This award may increase based on sponsor participation.

12. Mechanical and Navigational.

- For mechanical reasons only an series approved mechanic may temporarily ride along for the purpose of determining and remedying a mechanical issue, however no tournament related information outside of the problem being diagnosed can be discussed.
- It is the angler's responsibility to notify a tour official by phone of a mechanical issue, mechanic's name and duration of time he/she is expected to be on board prior to boarding of an series angler's boat during practice or competition.
- If a angler has GPS/graph issues any day of the event, they must borrow, rent or purchase any electronic navigational device from someone still in the field, from an retail dealer with a store front business or a onsite tournament support representative.

13. Remedies for Break Downs and Returning to Launch.

- Competitor(s) boats experiencing mechanical failure may be towed in by any one.
- Competitor(s) can only board the boat of another competitor fishing the same event.
- Competitor(s) must tag and/or mark and keep separated their fish from any competitor's fish who's boat they board.
- Competitor(s) boarding another competitor(s) boat for any reason will result in the end to both competitor(s) day of fishing.

14. Anglers Must Remain in Boat.

- All angling must be conducted from inside the boat. No wading.
- Competitor(s) cannot leave the boat to cast to, catch or land a fish.
- Competitor(s) may leave the boat and seek safe shelter in bad weather where danger may be imminent but must continue to follow all tournament rules and procedures during this period.
- Competitor(s) may leave their boat to pull it out of an area where tides have gone out but cannot leave their boat to gain access to any area and must wait on water levels to rise enough to allow entry.
- No jumping berms, dykes, land masses or any other object blocking entrance to any waterway, either man made or natural.

15. Tackle and Techniques.

- Competitor(s) must cast, flip or pitch their lure to the fish they catch.
- Only artificial lures may be used and only artificially produced bait attractants. No live or dead bait allowed.
- Only one rod at a time may be used per angler.
- A cast must be fully retrieved before another cast can be made by the same angler.
- All redfish must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner.
- No snagging off fish, netting of fish or scooping of distressed surface fish is allowed.
- No multi lure rigs allowed.
- Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited.
- Competitor(s) must obey all local, state and federal laws in regards to boating, equipment and fishing.

16. Acceptable Fishing Locations.

- An official playing field or boundary may be set by the tour for any Headturners3, LLC. event deemed necessary by tour officials and will be announced at the same time event location is revealed.
- Competitor(s) may only navigate and fish those waters open for navigation, boating and fishing to the general public equally.
- Competitor(s) nor anyone working on their behalf may lift, unlock or pass through gates, chains, booms or other canal, river and/or waterway objects meant to divide public from non public waters during a practice period or any day(s) of competition.
- Competitor(s) must know that even water without obvious vessel restricting objects waters can still be considered non public.
- If a competitor(s) discovers they are on waters not open to the public equally, they must leave immediately and not return any day of practice or competition and must release any fish caught on the non public waters immediately.
- If a competitor(s) is or has ever been asked to leave a particular body of water due to it being claimed to be private, even if those waters are located within the official "playing field" map or description they must not return during any practice period or day(s) of competition and should notify the tour immediately so a notice of non public waters can be sent to the entire field of competitors.
- If at anytime during recreational boating, scouting, practice and/or during any tournament day(s) a competitor(s) is/are asked to leave they cannot ever return to that same water even by alternate routes again during the remaining days of practice or tournament days or any other time during any Elite All Star, Team Open or any other tournament Headturners3, LLC. produces.
- Angler(s) failing to observe the public water rule in any manner including but not limited to intentionally returning to the same waters after being asked to leave or fleeing to avoid capture will be disqualified from the competition and tour for remainder of the season.

17. Live Fish and Penalties.

- Competitor(s) may not intentionally attempt to manipulate the weight or length of any redfish.
- A .75 pound penalty will be assessed for each dead fish presented to fish bumper for measuring.
- No culling of dead fish permitted.
- Official tour fish measurer/bumper reserves the right to refuse any red fish deemed to have been altered and/or damaged sufficiently to make determining the exact length of the fish's overall tail non conclusive. Fish with abnormal, severely damaged and/or deformed tails will not be accepted, regardless of fish's length.

- Each fish will be measured with its' head to the left of the measurer/bumper and the tail to the right.
Angler(s) can take a picture and submit via text to tournament director for ruling during tournament day on a fish's overall condition and whether or not that fish would be approved or denied if presented in the current pictured condition.
- Failure to notify official and having a fish weighed with a hook, lure, jig or other object in it's mouth may incur dead fish penalty.
- Dead fish may be kept separate from live fish but only with water or an ice substitute, frozen water bottles, Arctic Ice, etc.
- Re weighs of a limit of fish are only executed by the weigh master (not at the request of any angler) and based solely on his judgment of conditions when the automatic scales render their final, computer controlled weight.
- State allowed size and creel limits will be used at each event based on where live weigh in is held.
- It is the angler(s) responsibility to keep control of their fish from their live well till it reaches the stage for weighing, any loss of control and intermixing of any fish with other fish either previously weighed or not will result in that fish not being counted.

18. Safety, Boats, Motors and Accessories.

- Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all competitor(s).
- During all days of practice, each competitor(s) and any of their guest on board are encouraged to wear a Coast Guard-approved chest type life preserver at any time the combustion engine is in operation.
- During each day of competition all anglers must wear a Coast Guard-approved chest type life preserver any time the combustion engine is on and in gear. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the combustion engine is out of gear or shut off.
- All boats used in practice or competition must have engine kill switch installed and attached to the driver anytime the combustion engine is on and in gear.
- Only a traditional and common style single engine outboard motor powered boats are allowed to be used in competition.
- No air boats, pump driven, extended shaft mud type engines or boats with more than 1 outboard engine are allowed for practice beginning Monday the week of any Team Open or as of Monday 14 days prior to Monday the week of the tournament.
- Additional fuel may be purchased from a public marina during normal business hours and open to the general public equally.
- Additional fuel may be carried only in factory installed (built-in) fuel tanks. No portable fuel containers allowed.
- When boating in low visibility situations i.e. fog, heavy rain, during both practice and competition, competitors must operate their boats at a safe speed and in a safe manner.

19. Sportsmanship.

- It is prohibited to enter fish in a saltwater or freshwater fishing tournament that have had the length or weight altered, were taken unlawfully, or are fraudulently misrepresented.
- Competitor(s) are required to display the highest level of sportsmanship to each other, recreational anglers or boaters sharing the waters, the tour and it's staff, Headturners3, LLC. ownership, sponsors and fans.
- Competitor(s) proved to be displaying poor sportsmanship or violating fishing, game and/or boating regulations will be penalized.
- Act(s) or action(s) deemed to be intentional in nature and made in an attempt to displace or scatter fish is prohibited.
- Act(s) or action(s) deemed to be a intentional and unsportsmanlike toward another angler(s) is prohibited.
- Competitor(s) receiving a non moving ticket for any reason will result in disqualification of the day's catch for the day that the ticket was issued. Angler's receiving a moving violation will be disqualified from the event.
- Failing to disclose receiving any citation or ticket to tour officials will result in immediate disqualification from the event.
- Competitor(s) can not cast pitch or flip within 100 yards of a competitor's boat (not separated by land or jetties but in same body of water) which is anchored by a traditional anchor and/or anchoring system such as Power Pole or Talon.
- Competitor(s) knowingly attempting to circumvent state, federal or local law enforcement or similar in an attempt to avoid capture or issuance of a ticket or citation will be disqualified immediately for the remainder of the season.

20. Protest and Truth Detection.

- Any violation or reported violation may be brought to the attention of tour officials at anytime during or after the conclusion of the event. If a issue arises and/or protest is filed within 30 days of the conclusion of the event, all money, awards, points and other received or anticipated prizes will be forfeited and if previously awarded must be returned until the protest can be settled by a licensed polygraph official in the state of the alleged infraction and protest.
- Should any polygraph and/or truth detection test be needed to settle a protest, the angler protesting and the angler being protested may both be required to render to the tour, the fee for the polygraph test.
- Should no polygraph test be available the day of the protest, the event will continue as normal, under protest with the results, tournament placement, prizes, points and awards being retained by the tour until a test can be administered to settle dispute.
- HeadTurners3, LLC. and the Elite Series acts as a broker when hiring the truth detection administrator and has no influence on procedures, type of test, the amount of time or the results of the testing and as such all rulings of cause are determined by the testing agent and not by anyone affiliated with Headturners3, LLC.
- All truth detection results are final and not contestable by any Elite Redfish Series competitor(s).
- HeadTurners3, LLC, the Elite Series, its parent, affiliated and subsidiary companies, the hosts, sponsors and tournament series officials are not involved in or in any way responsible for the results of or methods used in any truth detection test given.
- Any competitor(s) that feel they cannot take or pass a truth detection test, for any reason, can not fish with Headturners3, LLC.

Angler Code of Conduct.

Anglers participating in any Headturners3, LLC. sanctioned event shall observe this code of conduct and the applicable rules for the specific event in which they are participating. Anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a professional manner that demonstrates integrity, honor and respect toward fellow competitors, tournament staff and the general public and does not reflect unfavorably on Headturners3, LLC., its members, officers and/or representatives and/or community and product sponsors of Headturners3, LLC..

Anglers are frequently in the public eye and are considered role models by young people; therefore, it is imperative that tournament competitors demonstrate good sportsmanship in fishing. Sportsmanship is defined as fair play, respect for opponents and polite behavior while competing in the event and sport. Following are examples of unacceptable behavior by competitors in Headturners3, LLC. events that will be cause for penalties as outlined in this document.

- Heated and loud public disagreements with Headturners3, LLC. officials, other competitors and fans and volunteers during an event that can be seen as a public display of unsportsmanlike and unprofessional conduct.
- Public attacks through media, including social media, upon the integrity of Headturners3, LLC. rules and/or officials.
- Public comments that an angler knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of Headturners3, LLC., Headturners3, LLC. officials, ownership and/or tour sponsors.
- Displays of anger and displeasure for reasons related to fishing competition where members of the public, including other anglers, spectators and the media, are present.
- Publicly questioning or criticizing a tournament official or official decision, ruling or penalty except through the proper channels.
- Abuse (physical, verbal, threatening or slanderous) of tournament officials, volunteers, fellow competitors or others connected with a Headturners3, LLC. event.
- Offensive or slanderous comments with racial, cultural or sexual overtones regarding event officials, event personnel or fellow anglers.
- Intentionally interfering with a fellow angler's ability to compete.

Any disqualification, suspension or other disciplinary action imposed by any tournament and/or fishing organization may result in disqualification from competition and rejection of an application for participation in a Headturners3, LLC. tournament. (ii.) Chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of a felony or crimes involving moral turpitude, may be grounds for disqualification from competition and for rejecting any application for participation.

Any angler who violates any of the provisions of the Sportsmanship Rules or the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to fines, reduction of Angler of the Year/Classic qualifying points, forfeiture of tournament winnings, suspension from competing in individual Headturners3, LLC. sanctioned events, permanent ban from competition or any combination thereof deemed by Headturners3, LLC.