



# JOCASSEE OUTDOOR CENTER

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## Jocassee Outdoor Center Trout Tournament Rules & Regulations & Entry Form 2007 – 2008

1. Strict adherence to all South Carolina boating and fishing rules and regulations as defined in the South Carolina DNR Rules & Regulations.
2. Good sportsmanship is expected of everyone.
3. Any **LEGAL** method of catching Trout as per the SCDNR Rules & Regulations is acceptable in this tournament.
4. The person that claims and weighs in a fish must be the one that reeled in the fish. Someone else may be in possession of the rod when the fish strikes and they may set the hook and then immediately hand the rod off to the person who will reel the fish in. The polygraph test will ask questions specific to this rule. If the contestant fails these questions, they will be disqualified.
5. The entry fee must be paid and an official entry form for each tournament must be completed and submitted no later than noon (12:00 PM) on the day of the tournament in order to be eligible.
6. Only Trout caught between the official beginning of the tournament and 4:00 PM on the day of the tournament on Lake Jocassee will be eligible.
7. All tournaments will start at 8:00 AM. Start times may be delayed at JOC's discretion due to fog or inclement weather. Delayed start times will not result in delayed end times.
8. No night fishing will be allowed the night before the tournament. Lake Jocassee is off limits to tournament participants from 6:00 PM on the day and night prior to the event.
9. All contestants reporting to the scales later than 4:00 PM on the day of the tournament shall have two ounces per minute subtracted from their total weight.
10. All tournaments are for "biggest fish" with either a winner take all or one placement for every ten entrants up to a maximum of five placements (winners). The winners shall be determined by single fish weight, weighed in on the certified scales at the Jocassee Outdoor Center by tournament officials.
11. All tournaments will pay 80% of the total proceeds after polygraph expenses have been deducted. The payback schedule is as follows:

<b>Tournament Payback Table</b>					
	<b>Number of Entrants</b>				
	<b>1 - 10</b>	<b>11 - 20</b>	<b>21 - 30</b>	<b>31 - 40</b>	<b>40 or More</b>
1st	80%	45%	40%	35%	30%
2nd		35%	30%	25%	20%
3rd			10%	15%	15%
4th				5%	10%
5th					5%

12. All those employed by the Jocassee Outdoor Center shall not be held responsible for the safety or personal property of anyone involved in the tournament.

13. All decisions as a result of this tournament are final. Any and all disputes will be handled privately between JOC and the individuals involved in the dispute. Protests must be submitted within 48 hours after the end of the tournament, otherwise the results will be final.
14. Only one legal trout (15 inches minimum) can be entered per person per tournament.
15. All contestants agree to take and pass a polygraph test if required. A refusal to take the test or failure of the test will result in disqualification from this tournament and all future tournaments sponsored by the Jocassee Outdoor Center.
16. The "Donny Rule" will apply to all contestants. If a contestant is considered to be too intoxicated to take the polygraph test, then JOC will hold the award money and trophy, if applicable, until the following tournament at which time the individual will be allowed to take the polygraph again. Any additional expenses incurred as a result of the second test will be withdrawn from the cash award. If the individual is too intoxicated on the second attempt, the award will be forfeited and the money will be redistributed according to the existing rules. The decision of intoxication will be at the sole discretion of JOC and the decision will be final.
17. In case of a tie, those involved in the tie will split the cash among placements impacted and all will receive equal points towards the Jimmie Orr Championship. For example, if two entrants tie for first place, those two will split the cash for first and second place and both will receive five points for the Jimmie Orr Championship. If there is a tie for last place, those involved in the tie will evenly split the last place cash.
18. No unpaid contestant will be allowed in the boat unless he/she is a tournament participant under the age of 16.
19. No refunds will be given after the tournament starts. If boat problems or other issues prohibit you from participating, you must withdraw before the official start of the tournament in order to receive a refund.
20. All contestants agree to allow tournament officials to search their boat prior to the start of the tournament.
21. In addition to the ongoing tournaments, there will also be an overall Big Fish pot with a 80% cash pay out at the end of the last tournament on April 14, 2007. The Big fish pot will pay for the top three (3) fish caught throughout all of the tournaments. First place will win 40%, second place will win 25% and third place will win 15%. To participate in the Big Fish pot, you must fish in at least two tournaments. Although this is an overall contest that spans across all tournaments, you must enter and pay \$10 for each tournament that you want to participate in. This is an optional event and you do not have to participate in any tournament and you do not have to participate in all tournaments, but no fish will qualify unless the entrant was registered and has paid for the tournament in which the fish was caught. It is possible for one person to win all 3 places if that person has caught the top three fish of the tournament season.
22. All tournament entrants will automatically be entered into the Jimmie Orr Championship at no additional charge. Points will be accumulated after the first tournament that the participant registers for and participates in. The winner of the Jimmie Orr Award will be based on a point system as follows: One (1) point for every tournament that you participate in, every fish weighed in will result in points equivalent to the weight of the fish, and points will be accumulated for first through fifth place (1<sup>st</sup> place = 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place = 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place = 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place = 2 points, 5<sup>th</sup> place = 1 point). The participant with the most points upon conclusion of the last tournament will win the Annual Jimmie Orr Championship trophy.
23. Kids under 16 years of age may fish free in all tournaments. Participants must complete an entry form and provide proof of age prior to entry. These participants will not be eligible for cash prizes, but will be eligible for prizes provided by the Jocassee Outdoor Center and other sponsors. Prizes will be awarded for first through third place for the biggest fish.
24. **No fish will be weighed in or will qualify for tournament awards without a signed copy of this document. This document must be signed by participant and JOC staff for payment receipt and boat check.**

I, the undersigned, have read and do hereby agree to the rules and regulations as defined herein.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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