



## VIRGINIA GENTLEMEN FOUNDATION COBIA CUP RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The deadline for registration is Friday, July 31, 2015 at 7:00P.M.
2. The Virginia Gentlemen Foundation ("The Tournament Committee") reserves the right to refuse entry to angler or vessel.
3. The entry fee is \$400.00 per boat.
4. A representative from each team is required to attend the Captains Meeting to ensure the team is aware of any rule changes and clarifications.
5. Each boat entered in the Tournament will be eligible for only one (1) prize.
6. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect all boats entered into the Tournament.
7. Each boat must have an up to date active Virginia saltwater license.
8. License will be checked at weigh in.
9. Lines in – 6:00am August 1<sup>st</sup>. Boundaries must be in state waters.
10. No free gaffing of any nature.
11. No snagging, spearing, or hooking the fish anywhere other than the mouth.
12. No help from any other boat. Fish must be hooked and landed by the designated boat and team entered in the tournament.
13. Fish will be tissue sampled for age of death by volunteer scientist.
14. If the boat does not have a blanket license, each angler must have a personal saltwater license.
15. A boat may not be replaced after the entry deadline, unless broken down. A Tournament official must be notified of the changes before "lines in."

16. All fish must be caught on hook and line.
17. Fish shall not be mutilated in any way other than hook and gaff marks.
18. Two or more boats congregating close enough to pass fish may be disqualified from the Tournament.
19. Scales will be open from 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm August 1st. All fish must be weighed by the official VBAC Tournament Weigh Master.
20. All fish must be weighed in at Virginia Beach Fishing Center, Marina Shores Marina, or Whitehouse Cove Marina (Poquoson) not later than 6pm August 2nd.
21. Fish will be checked for freshness and are subject to inspection of stomach contents.
22. All protests must be submitted no later than 30 minutes after the weighing of the last fish.
23. Prizes will be awarded at 8:30pm at Marina Shores Marina during the Banquet Party.
24. Prizes are awarded solely on the basis of the combined weight of two fish. In the event of identical weight, the first team weighed in will be declared the winner.
25. Winning anglers may be requested to submit to and successfully pass a polygraph test prior to being presented any prize.
26. Boat registrant must be present, and positive identification required for all prizes.
27. According to Virginia Regulations, no fish less than 37 inches will be weighed.
28. Each team's score will be a combined weight of the two fish that team submits for weigh-in. Teams may only weigh-in two fish.

**Final Rules and Regulations will be distributed at the Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>  
Captain's Meeting.**