

Keowee Anglers 2014 Tournament Descriptions and Schedule

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For 2014 the Keowee Anglers Board has determined that the Keowee Anglers will run the following tournaments. Please note that some of the rules have changed.

- 4 Random-Match Team Tournaments: April, May, October, November
- Random-Match Team-Member of the Year
- Longest Fish of 2014 Competitions

Team Tournaments

Definitions

Team Tournament Two anglers per boat, tournament prizes are awarded equally to both based on combined catch.

Random Match Anglers sign up for the tournament individually and are matched into fishing teams by random drawing that also matches people without boats to people with boats and Stratum A anglers (members who have won club tournament prize money before) with Stratum B anglers (new members; and renewed members who have won little or no tournament prize money yet). Other criteria may also be included in the drawing as described later in this document.

2014 Bass Team-Tournament Schedule

For 2014 four Random Team bass tournaments are scheduled: **April 2-3, April 30-May 1, October 1-2, and November 5-6**. In all these tournaments, partners are randomly assigned, with one optional exception: if a member has brought a new member into the Club, that member may request to fish with the new member they have brought into the Club in the first tournament in which that new member is able to fish.

We recommend that any member who has not fished for bass before, has not fished with a Carolina rig before, or who has difficulty casting farther than two boat lengths, call and go out with some of the Club Mentors listed on the Club's website before fishing in a team tournament fishing/sharing/team-building outing.

It is also expected that once the team matches are announced, team members will make every attempt to match schedules and have at least one pre-tournament practice fishing session. A 2012 survey found that these pre-tournament outings are so important to the stratum B members of the club that any stratum A members who know they will not be available for a pre-tournament outing should strongly consider not registering for the tournament, but instead put their names on the standby list for the tournament so that stratum B members have a higher probability of participating in a pre-tournament outing.

The random-match algorithm:

- Matches anglers without boats with anglers who have boats
- Matches anglers who cannot attend the luncheon with anglers who can
- Tries to match the most experienced anglers with the least experienced anglers by matching stratum A anglers with stratum B anglers
- Tries to match anglers who have not fished together in the last 8 tournaments
- Tries to match people who prefer to fish the same area of the lake
- Tries to avoid matching people with incompatible fishing styles (casting vs trolling)

Keowee Anglers Team Tournament 1-Page Rules Summary

Here is a quick 1-page summary of the tournament rules. Detailed rules begin on the next page.

- To register for the tournament, Keowee Anglers members must clear their calendars enough to be able to fish on both days of the tournament, so that if the weather prohibits fishing on one day, they are available to fish with their partner on the other day. **Anyone who can only fish on one day may inform the tournament director that they can only fish on a particular day, and if the tournament director finds another who can only fish on that day, then they will be matched together and registered. However, anglers who can only fish on one day are not guaranteed a registration in the tournament.**
- Teams are strongly encouraged to practice as much as desired during the time between the team assignments and the tournament dates. This is a major purpose of the tournaments.
- Each team can fish 4 consecutive hours Wednesday or up to noon Thursday.
- Each tournament has two components, event team prizes for the longest bass caught in the event, and team scores for the Random-Match Team-Member-of-the-Year contest (prizes issued at end of the year).
- Only the single longest bass caught by each team will count toward tournament prizes at each tournament.
- Each team member is limited to two rods at a time and each rod used for trolling needs to be designated as to which team member is fishing with it.
- Fish may be caught on hook and line by any legal means with the added restriction that no more than 2 lures can be attached to any fishing line.
- Bass (largemouth, spots, smallmouth or red eye) must have a minimum length of 12 inches to qualify.
- Fish must be measured rounded down to the nearest 1/4 inch using a ruler with a vertical stop **and 1/4-inch graduations**, with the bass' mouth closed, nose against the vertical stop, and the tail pinched for maximum length.
- Official Tournament Result form must be used. Complete the form following the directions in the form, and each team member must sign to form for the catch to count.
- Each team must record the length of each of the bass caught by each individual team member, identify the up to 3 legal bass caught by one team member and up to 2 legal bass caught by the other team member, culling is allowed.
- To qualify for an award, at least one member of the team must attend the Award Luncheon and be prepared to discuss how the bass were caught, **or, in special cases, the team must submit to the tournament director prior to the Award Luncheon their properly filled in and signed tournament results form with a detailed, written description of how they caught their fish as if they were presenting it at the award luncheon in person.**

Team Tournament Complete Rules

For 2014 the Keowee Anglers Board has approved the following rules summary. Detailed rules, procedures, etc. will be distributed before each tournament.

- Availability to fish To register for the tournament, Keowee Anglers members must clear their calendars enough to be able to fish on both days of the tournament, so that if the weather prohibits fishing on one day, they are available to fish with their partner on the other day. [Anyone who can only fish on one day may inform the tournament director that they can only fish on a particular day, and if the tournament director finds another who can only fish on that day, then they will be matched together and registered. However, anglers who can only fish on one day are not guaranteed a registration in the tournament.](#)
- Registration deadline The registration deadline is Monday midnight one or two weeks before the tournament (participants will be informed of their team partners on the following day and have two weeks to practice together before the tournament). There is no registration fee. Only Keowee Anglers Members may register. Non-members may register if they first pay membership dues and become members.
- Drop outs If a registered participant must drop out for any reason, the remaining team member may not fish alone. The Tournament Director should be informed immediately so that there is a chance to find an alternate partner for the remaining team member. Until an alternate partner is found, the remaining team member will become a standby in case a position opens on another suitable team.
- Fishing Time Each team will pick its own 4-hour fishing time during the Wednesday or Thursday of the tournament ending no later than Noon on Thursday. The team must select one and only one period of 4 consecutive hours to fish during that period before starting to fish the tournament. Once you start fishing, your 4 hours starts. If you have a fish on the line the second your 4 hours is up, if you boat the fish, you may count it even if it's a few of minutes past your stop time before you get it into the boat. If you fish your period, and are not happy with the results, you may not fish a second period in this tournament.
- Fishing Methods Fish may be caught on hook and line by any legal means with the added restriction that no more than two lures/baits may be attached to any fishing line or any reel, and each team member may have no more than two lines in the water at any one time.

Trolling	If/when a team elects to troll using rod holders, and each rod used for trolling needs to be designated as to which team member will catch fish on that rod. Team members may <u>not</u> alternate catching fish on whichever rod gets the next fish. This rule is required for fairness with non-trolling teams in determining the longest 5 bass, up to 3 from one team member and up to 2 from another.
Qualifying Fish	The only fish that count in the tournament are Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, Red-eye, and Spotted cross-breed Bass with a minimum length of 12 inches caught by the team during their self-designated, 4-hour period.
Measurement	Fish must be measured rounded <u>down</u> to the nearest 1/4 inch using a ruler with a vertical stop and 1/4-inch graduations , with the bass mouth closed, nose against the vertical stop, and the tail pinched for maximum length. If neither team member has a ruler with a vertical stop, then one team member needs to obtain a vertical-stop ruler for use in the tournament before the team fishes in the tournament. Bass need not be saved as proof, but may be recorded and released.
Reporting Results	To qualify, results must be submitted by the beginning of the Awards Luncheon on an Official Tournament Result form emailed to the registrants before the tournament starts. Each team should be sure to take a copy of the form with them on the boat, make an entry on the form after each catch, complete the form while in the boat following the directions attached to the form, and each team member should sign the form before separating after their tournament fishing time. Blank forms will <u>not</u> be available at the Awards Luncheon.
Winning Criteria	The prizes for each tournament event go to the teams with the longest length of their single longest bass on their Official Tournament Result form. Only the single longest bass caught by each team will count toward this tournament event. (The extra fish data will be used to score the Random-Match Team-Member of the Year 2014 Tournament described below.) For these tournaments there will be no tie breaker. Teams who are tied for a particular prize in a tournament will share that prize and the next lower prize(s).

- Awards Luncheon Starts at 1 PM on the Thursday of the tournament. Members who sign up for food at the luncheon must pay for their own food. To qualify for a tournament award, at least one member of the team must attend the luncheon and be prepared to share how the team caught their fish. **In the case where both members of the team can only fish on Wednesday and are not available for the award luncheon, or in the case of an unexpected emergency with the only team member who could have attended the luncheon, an exception to this rule may be made if, before the luncheon, the team submits to the tournament director not only their duly filled-in and signed official result form but also a detailed written description of where/when/how they caught their fish. The detailed explanation needs to contain the same information they would have shared at the award luncheon had they been present and won a prize.**
- Prizes Each member of the team with the longest fish will receive \$30. For the second longest each member received \$20. For the third longest each team member received \$10. And for the 4th longest, each team member receives \$5. In case of a tie there will be no tiebreaker; the prize money for each of the tied positions is pooled and then divided equally to all the team members in the tied teams.
- Weather Delays If there is a weather delay or other change of date, then the Tournament Director will email (call everyone who does not have email) by 10 PM on the Tuesday of the tournament week. A small amount of forecast rain will not result in a weather delay. In the unlikely event that a weather delay is called (it has happened only once in the last 11 years), the tournament director will attempt to change the luncheon commitments along with the tournament. If for some reason shifting the luncheon is not possible, then the luncheon will continue on the original Thursday as planned as a regular monthly meeting, people who signed up for the luncheon may be responsible for paying for a lunch if they do not show, and the presentation of awards will be handled on a different date as announced by the tournament director. In that case, a monthly meeting will follow the luncheon, and a new tournament date may be communicated at that time if it was not already communicated in the original weather-delay communication.
- Disputes All disputes that cannot be settled among the involved parties should be brought to the Tournament Director. In the case of any disputes, the decision of the Tournament Director is final.

Random-Match Team Member of the Year 2014

The Random-Match Team Member of the Year awards recognize the individual Keowee Anglers with the best, accumulated team scores during 3 of the 4 team tournaments.

The Random-Match Team Member of the Year is a stratified competition. Members are stratified once a year before the first tournament. Stratum A contains the Keowee Anglers members who are presumed to be the better anglers (and are therefore presumed to be in a better position to share their skills and knowledge with less experienced members) since they have won the most Club prize money and caught more tournament fish over the years. Stratum B contains all new members and any renewed members who have won little or no prize money from the club in previous years. The list of member strata for the year will be published in advance of the first tournament of the year. For each stratum there will be 3 prizes: 1st Prize of \$30, 2nd Prize of \$20, and 3rd Prize of \$10 to be awarded at the regular Club meeting in December.

In each random-match team tournament event described in the previous section, teams include a member from each stratum to the extent possible. Each team records the length of each bass caught by each individual team member, identifies the up to 3 legal bass caught by one team member and up to 2 legal bass caught by the other team member to be used in the Random-Match Team Member of the Year Tournament, and reports this information on the Official Tournament Result Form submitted for each tournament. (NOTE: if one team member has caught 3 bass, and gets another on the line, that member may not hand the rod to their partner in the boat to land. However, the team member may land the 4th fish and use that 4th fish to cull a smaller fish from the original 3 to increase the size of that angler's 3 best bass.)

These team results from each tournament will be added together to create the cumulative score for each member in the Random-Match Team Member of the Year competition as follows:

- For the Random-Match Team Member of the Year tournament, the team score in each event will be the longest total length that can be made from 3 bass caught by one partner and two bass caught by the other partner in that event. (Team members must work together to ensure that each has a good chance of catching fish!)
- Each Team Member will be assigned their team score for each event as described above.
- For the Random-Match Team Member of the Year competition, each Keowee Anglers member will use up to 3 tournament scores. If a member fishes in all 4 tournaments, then the Tournament Director will use the best 3 of the 4 scores.

Keowee Anglers Longest Fish of 2014 Competitions

Again this year, Keowee Anglers is running for its members a Longest Fish competition for any fish species. All fish must be legal length for the species and caught this year by legal means in Lake Keowee between January 1 and December 31 inclusive. (NOTE: jugging is not legal on Lake Keowee.)

Like last year, photographs are again required for entries in this year's contest. We recommend that you get in the habit of carrying a camera with you at all times while fishing since cell phones often do not take clear pictures. **The picture must include the entire fish, head to tail and the ruler WITH VERTICAL STOP AND ¼-INCH GRADUATIONS** you used to make the measurement, with the nose of the fish against the stop and with the ruler markings legible near the tail. (If the fish flops, put it back and take another picture ... fish are tough and won't die being out of water for the time it takes to get a good picture.) A second picture with you holding the fish is not required, but is more interesting as a web site photo if you can take and submit such a picture without damaging the fish.

NOTE: For 2014 this competition is related to the Random-match Team Tournaments by the principle that no fish will qualify for two cash prizes. So any bass that wins a cash prize in any of the Random-Match Team Tournaments during the year is disqualified from this competition. Any fish, including a bass, that is caught during the Random-Match Team Tournaments and does not win a cash prize at that tournament may be submitted for this Longest Fish of the Year competition, as long as its entry is accompanied by the required picture. So remember to take your camera along on the Team Tournament outings as well!

Prizes for fish caught this year will be awarded for each species at next year's January meeting. A cash prize of \$20 will be awarded for the longest bass and cash prizes of \$10 each for the 2nd through 10th longest bass, regardless of species, in the single bass category that includes: Largemouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Red-eye-Bass, and related cross-breeds. In other fish categories, winners will receive non-cash prizes.

Any large bass that win cash prizes during our Random-Match Team Tournaments and are in the size range of the winners of this Longest Fish of 2014 competition, will receive honorable mention when these awards are presented, but no cash prize for this competition.

All entries must be accompanied by information filling in the attached form.

Send entries to by email to keoweangler@gmail.com or by snail mail to Bill Walker, 8 Sail Maker Court, Salem SC 29676-4115

Each angler is limited to submitting only their best fish in each species category, though they can submit an entry for any number of categories.

If you catch a fish that is not in one of the categories below, send the required picture with ruler to Bill anyway, and we will create a new category.

- Largemouth/Spotted/Red-Eye/cross-breed Bass
- Smallmouth Bass
- White Bass
- Crappie
- Sunfish
- Catfish
- Carp
- Trout

In any case of issues or challenges, the decision of the Tournament Director is final.

ENTRY FORM

Keowee Anglers Longest Fish of Species for 2014

Please fill in the form below, attach a picture of the fish (if available), and send your submission by email to keoweeangler@gmail.com or by snail mail to Bill Walker, 8 Sail Maker Court, Salem, SC 29676-4115.

Species category for the fish:

Length of the fish (round down to nearest ¼ inch):

Name of the Keowee Anglers member that caught the fish:

Date of catch:

Time of day of catch:

Bait or lure used with lure color:

Fishing technique (e.g. casting, trolling, jigging, bobber fishing, bottom fishing)

Estimated depth of water:

Estimated depth of lure:

Lake structure and features near the catch:

Story (optional):

Attach picture (required):