



# Angler and Parent Handbook 2025-2026 Edition

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## President's Welcome

Dear Anglers and Guardians,

Welcome to Osceola Anglers!

We're thrilled to have you as part of our growing community of passionate student anglers. As a high school fishing club based in Osceola County, Florida, we are proud to be at the forefront of a sport that continues to grow in popularity among youth across the nation. Competitive bass fishing has become more than just a hobby—it's a path to scholarships, national recognition, and lifelong skills.

Thanks to the dedication of our volunteers, sponsors, and especially our anglers, Osceola Anglers has experienced remarkable growth. With your support, we've been able to send teams to the High School Fishing World Finals and National Championship and provide scholarship opportunities to help our anglers pursue higher education.

As President and CEO of the club, it's my mission to continue building a strong foundation that supports not only competitive success but also leadership, character, and community service. Through fishing, we help develop the next generation of community leaders while instilling values of respect, teamwork, and environmental stewardship.

We take great pride in giving back to our community. Our members have supported causes such as childhood cancer, fallen officers' families, breast cancer research, and local law enforcement. We've also actively participated in local events including the County Fair and Rodeo, Spring Fling, Student Angling for Success, and more. Additionally, our club partners with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to assist in conservation efforts and scientific research.

We encourage all new members and families to get involved—whether you're on the water competing or helping behind the scenes. If you're passionate about fishing, driven to learn, and eager to make a difference, then you're in the right place.

The true strength of Osceola Anglers lies in its members. Thank you for being part of something special. We look forward to a successful and exciting season ahead!

Tight lines,

Lamar Chisholm

## About Us

Osceola Anglers High School Fishing Club, Inc. is a Non-Profit 501c3 organization formed in 2014 to create an opportunity for high school students in Osceola County, Florida to participate in the sport of Bass Fishing.

The mission of our club is to provide competitive tournament fishing experience, while also providing an environment for high school students to take responsibility, learn how to communicate and run a productive organization. We will offer the opportunity to teach the newcomers of the sport, as well as to experienced anglers. Our club is designed to teach new techniques, methods and ideas related to bass fishing and illustrate how science plays a significant part in fishing. Our “team” tournament style helps build strong and lasting friendships between our members, and our members will also learn social skills and to take pride in their own work, as they conduct their own meetings and establish committees to achieve goals. Most importantly, our goal is to have fun and catch lots of fish.

The purpose of the Osceola Anglers High School Fishing Club, Inc. is to promote, stimulate, and encourage high school students in the art of bass fishing through education of proper techniques, ethics, and sportsmanship. We will stress the importance of “catch and release” and guide our members accordingly in the conservation of our aquatic and natural resources. We will strive to develop life and leadership skills while fulfilling all the responsibilities owed to our community and state enhancing one’s skills in the further development of youth competitive and recreational fishing. We will also encourage strong academics and strive to provide scholarship opportunities for our members.

The club is open to all eligible high school students who reside in Osceola County.

The student anglers, with the guidance of adult advisors, run the club.

## Contact Information

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### Board of Directors

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### Social Media

Facebook: [Osceola Anglers, High School Fishing Club](https://www.facebook.com/Osceola-Anglers-High-School-Fishing-Club)

Instagram: [osceola\\_anglers](https://www.instagram.com/osceola_anglers)

## The Angler Executive Board

The Angler Executive Board is comprised of eight officers and five committee spokespersons. They will make policy changes based on feedback received from the club. The club votes in each angler board member. Each position will have an adult advisor to help guide them in better decision-making and leadership skills. Anglers will have the opportunity to run for any position they believe they can succeed in. Great care should be given to each position, and the angler who chooses to run for that position should have a clear understanding of the dedication and involvement required to be successful.

Each candidate will briefly describe who they are, why they have chosen the position, what makes them the best choice for that position and what they plan to accomplish in that role.

Executive board members are required to arrive 30 minutes before each meeting and must not miss more than five meetings, events, or tournaments in total.

### Angler President\*

As your club's president, you will be planning, organizing, and carrying out responsibilities associated with running a successful organization. The angler president is responsible in ensuring that all tasks and responsibilities are done correctly and completely. Most members will help you succeed if the tasks and expectations are clearly defined and reasonable. Solicit feedback from your advisors and club members throughout the year to aid in the continuous improvement of the club. Keep the club motivated and enthusiastic about our purpose and mission.

The angler president will preside over the meetings and represent the club at every event. Making certain meetings and events are well planned, organized, and starts and ends on time.

The role of angler president is significant and attendance at regular club meetings and events is crucial.

Remember, planning and preparation count, and enthusiasm is contagious. You are the face of the club and it's an honor to be elected by peers.

- Leads all club meetings and events.
- Oversees planning, organization, and task completion.
- Keeps the club mission-driven and motivated.
- Represents the club at all events.
- Encourage feedback from advisors and members.
- Ensure meetings and events start and end on time.

### Angler Vice President\*

The angler vice president of the club should be fully informed and prepared to carry out the duties of the angler president when needed. The role of angler vice president is found in one word: service - service to the angler president; service to the club officers; and service to the members of the club. As angler vice president, you are the right hand of the angler president; you can and should assist the angler president and other officers with their duties and ensure their responsibilities are executed properly, knowing and upholding all rules and regulations set forth in the bylaws.

Recruiting and retaining club members is essential to a successful program. The angler vice president is responsible for recruiting, induction, and immediate involvement of new members after registration. Encourage members in good standing to run for a position you think they can succeed in.

The angler vice president will also work with each committee to keep them on track and have all the material and information they need.

- Acts as second-in-command to the president
- Assists with officer duties and upholds club rules.
- Oversee recruitment and induction of new members.
- Works with all committees to ensure they're supported.
- Encourages club participation and leadership development.

### Angler Secretary\*

One of the most essential roles of the club is that of the angler secretary. The angler secretary is responsible for managing all the agendas, minutes, committee reports, tournament reports, member roster, and historical reports. Send adequate notice of events, meetings, and tournaments. The angler secretary will send meeting minutes as soon as possible after meetings.

This position will coordinate communication between members, parents/guardians, sponsors, and executive board members. The angler secretary will assist in arrangements of venues for meetings, events, and tournaments.

- Manages agendas, minutes, rosters, and reports.
- Sends timely notices for meetings, events, and tournaments.
- Coordinates communications with parents, sponsors, and members
- Assists with logistics for venues and scheduling.

### Angler Treasurer\*

The angler treasurer is responsible for the club's collection and disbursement of tournament fees, liability forms, fundraising money, sponsor donations, and gifts received. Responsible for accurate record keeping of financial reports to present at each club meeting. Budget preparations to present to the adult board members for approval of disbursement of funds for end of year banquet.

Angler Treasurer must be present during boat checks for tournaments to ensure disbursement of captain's fees. Any captain fees not disbursed during boat checks must be given out during weigh-in.

- Manages tournament fees, donations, and all financial records.
- Presents financial reports at meetings.
- Coordinates captain fee disbursements during boat checks or weigh-in
- Prepare an annual budget for banquet and club expenses.



## Angler Points Master\*

The angler points master may be one of the most challenging and rewarding roles. The Angler points master will be responsible for the official record keeping of meetings, events, and tournament attendance as well as accurately recording the individual and cumulative totals of each member and team throughout the club year. Reports will be created for submission by the Angler Marketing and Social Media Director to local newspapers, websites, and social media, as well as the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). The angler points master must be familiar with all tournament rules and able to enforce them as needed and will have the final say in the acceptance or rejection of points. Points master will remain in constant contact with Tournament and Captain's Committee.

- Maintains records of member and team points and attendance.
- Provides accurate, timely reports for media, websites, and DFW.
- Must know tournament rules and enforce them fairly.
- Communicates closely with the Tournament and Captain Committees

## Angler Rules and Safety Advisor\*

The rules and safety advisor will act as the club's ceremonial emcee and will be responsible for proper flag etiquette and leading prayer and pledge of allegiance before each meeting and tournament. They will be responsible for keeping meetings in order and will need to know all the bylaws and rules of the club and State regulations. Any tournament violations or complaints are submitted to the rules and safety advisor. Any violations will be evaluated with the adult advisor and the tournament committee.

- Leads flag etiquette, prayer, and pledge at events.
- Enforces bylaws, safety rules, and order during meetings.
- Investigate tournament violations in collaboration with advisors.
- Ensures compliance with club and state regulations.

## Angler Marketing and Social Media Director\*

The angler marketing and social media director will stay in constant communication with the local papers to report the most current, relevant, and up to date information to the public community. Responsible for promotion of all community service and fundraising events.

They will also keep in touch with our sponsors and make sure that pictures and promotions are being sent and will also coordinate sponsor displays for each tournament and ensure sponsor tagging on all appropriate social media sites.

- Works with local media to report on club activities.
- Promotes fundraising and service events.
- Coordinates sponsor displays and tags on social media.
- Ensures ongoing sponsor engagement and publicity.

## Web Master\*

The web master is responsible for the maintenance of Osceola Anglers website, ensuring it is up to date, running properly, at good speeds, and available to users.

The web master will stay in constant communication with the angler marketing and social media director ensuring the most current, relevant, and up to date information is posted. It is also the responsibility of the web master to collect pictures from meetings, events, and tournaments for posting to website.

- Maintains and updates the club website.
- Posts photos and event info promptly
- Works closely with the Marketing and Social Media Director

\*One year of active membership recommended; upperclassman preferred

## The Angler Committees

### Tournament Committee

The tournament committee is responsible for deciding the tournament location and boat order. They also give out exemption forms and will be responsible for boat checks prior to take-off and confirming all boats have returned safely by checking the check-in board to ensure everyone is off the water.

- Selects tournament locations and creates boat order
- Handles boat checks and safety confirmation.
- Distributes exemption forms.
- Ensures accurate check-in after tournaments.

### Fundraising Committee

The fundraising committee is responsible for choosing what fundraisers to do for the season and the set-up process and financial goal for each event. All fundraising events will be presented to the club for approval. All fundraising committee members should attend all fundraising events.

The fundraising committee is also responsible for the annual scholarship tournament, including advertisement for the tournament and delivery of sponsors' apparel.

- Choosing and organizing seasonal fundraisers.
- Sets financial goals and coordinates event logistics.
- Manages annual scholarship tournament and sponsor apparel.

### Sponsorship Committee

The sponsorship committee is responsible for making sure we have adequate sponsors for all tournaments and events. This includes keeping a tally on all anglers making sure they meet their sponsorship obligation for the club. The Sponsorship committee will report to the club which teams are missing sponsorships. They will also be responsible for contacting our sponsors inviting them to the scholarship fundraising tournament, annual banquet, and delivering sponsor plaques at the end of each season.

- Ensures adequate sponsors for club events.
- Tracks member sponsorship fulfillment
- Contacts sponsors for events and deliver plaques at season's end.

## Captain Committee

Meet and recruit possible captains when needed for tournaments and select captain of the year, based on established criteria. The captain committee will also help recruit captains to fish in our annual fundraising tournament. The committee is also responsible for assisting captains, as needed, as well as traffic control, during club tournaments. Drawing for boat order will be made at the meeting prior to the tournament and Captains will be notified by a member of the captains committee.

- Recruits and communicates with tournament captains.
- Selects Captain of the Year
- Assists captains and manages traffic at events.
- Notifying captains of boat order before tournaments

## Public Relations and Social Media Committee

The Public Relations and Social Media Committee will stay in constant communication with the marketing and social media director for the most current, relevant, and up to date information to be distributed. Keep all information updated on the club's social media sites, by downloading pictures and creating albums for all events and tournaments.

- Works with the Marketing Director on timely updates
- Posts photos and event recaps to social media
- Maintains up-to-date public communication.

## Adult Advisor Board

Each position and committee listed above will be sponsored by 1-2 adults. Adult advisors are there to provide advice and leadership for the anglers to run a successful club. They also promote and encourage community involvement, arrange speakers and other learning sessions for club meetings, and community outreach and conservation projects for the club.

If you are interested in volunteering your time and skills, please speak with any club member for more information.

## President and CEO of Osceola Anglers, Inc.

The Osceola Anglers President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the club and shall preside at all meetings of the club. The President shall appoint all committees of the club and be a member of all the committees. The President ensures that all club officers perform their respective duties in accordance with the bylaws.

## Adult Secretary

The Club Secretary is responsible for ensuring notes are kept at each meeting and other projects assigned by the President. The Secretary is responsible for parent/guardian communications.

## Adult Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for keeping a record of all funds within the club. Stays in contact with the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committees. Provide a financial report for all meetings.

## Adult Points Advisor

Oversee data entry and calculation of points earned by each fishing team and/or individual at each tournament, meeting, and all events. Maintains and verifies accuracy of point standings for each team/and or individual, as this determines scholarships.

Points standing must be given to the webmaster for posting on website prior to the next club meeting, after each tournament and event.

## Adult Rules and Safety Advisor

The rules and safety advisor will need to know all the bylaws and rules of the club. Any tournament violations or complaints submitted by the angler rules and safety advisor are to be reviewed to determine if a violation has occurred and brought forth to the tournament committee. The adult president of the club must be notified of any violations prior to finalization of consequences.

Adult rules and safety advisor will also assist the weigh-in master in ensuring accurate recording of fish caught at all tournaments. A copy of the handbook and bylaws must always be available.

## Adult Marketing and Social Media Advisors

Marketing and Communications will stay close in contact with all committees. The Adult Marketing and Social Media Advisors oversee the Osceola Anglers Website, press release distribution, and all social media accounts, as well as staying in contact with the media.

## Adult Tournament Advisor

The Adult Tournament Advisor keeps a record of all tournaments for the season. Must keep anglers updated with upcoming tournaments, make certain boats are legal and safe before going out into the water through pre-tournament boat checks and obtain tournament exemptions when necessary. They will also be contacting any county or city to verify weigh in locations use and possible hotel group discounts.

## Adult Fundraising Advisor

The Adult Fundraising Advisor keeps a record of all fundraisers for the club. Make sure all anglers get involved. Works closely with the Angler Fundraising committee in making decisions on what kind of fundraisers the club can complete for the season. Make sure fundraisers are profitable. Inform the Adult Board President/CEO and board of directors on any suggestions before approving with the club and be present at all fundraising events.

## Adult Sponsorship Advisor

The Adult Sponsorship Advisor keeps a record of all sponsorships for the club. Making sure that each club member meets his or her obligation for the club. Also, we must keep a record of how and when the sponsorship was used. Must keep the Adult President/CEO and board of directors updated on all incoming and outgoing sponsorships. Works closely with the Anglers Sponsorship Committee, making sure all sponsorships are being used correctly.

## Adult Captain Committee Advisor

The Captain Committee Advisor will oversee the angler captains and work closely with the Adult Advisor President. Keep captains informed of tournament schedule, add-ons, or cancellations. Must be prompt in contacting captains immediately, due to any conflicts or weather conditions. Make sure every angler has a captain for the upcoming tournament. Provide an appropriate captain for the anglers, keeping in mind the gender and safety of the team. Must maintain an updated record, at all times, of the club's captains' personal and boat information. Making sure Captains are up to date with their boat insurance, registrations and boat is in good working order. Their boat must have life jackets, flares, and working lights. Adult captain committee advisor will also be responsible for ensuring anglers are using established criteria when selecting the captain of the year.

A drawing for boat order will be made by the tournament committee at the meeting prior to the tournament and Captains will be notified by a member of the captains' committee.

## Adult Volunteer Coordinator

The Volunteer Coordinator provides direction and organization of setup and tear-down of all tournaments and events. Recruit adult volunteers, maintain volunteer databases, act as a single point of contact for communication, and assign responsibilities for each event/tournament.

## Non-Discrimination Policy

Osceola Anglers will not discriminate against any member on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, or sex. The club expects that all relationships among people participating in club activities will be respectful and free of bias, prejudice, and harassment.

## Students with Disabilities

If available, volunteer captains may be able to modify the bass boat to accommodate a high school student with disabilities. Adaptive fishing equipment is not provided.

An associated captain for the student with disabilities is preferred, for the health and safety of the angler. The angler's parent/guardian must be present during the times of tournaments and events.

## Angler Eligibility

Osceola Anglers is open to all eligible high school students residing in Osceola County, FL. The Angler must be in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade with a grade point average of 2.0 per quarter (i.e. grading period). Must not have graduated from any high school or its equivalent, not older than 19 on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, and who has not exceeded his/her four-year limit of eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics. Anglers are responsible for submitting their progress/report cards to the Adult President/CEO, or his representative at the release of grades by Osceola County. Failure to demonstrate a 2.0 GPA will disqualify the angler from participating in club tournaments. Grades will be checked every 9 weeks; dates will be listed on the club calendar. A parent or guardian must be present at the time report cards are reviewed in person. Alternatively, the report card may be emailed to [osceolaanglers@gmail.com](mailto:osceolaanglers@gmail.com), however it must come from the parent or guardian email.

## Fishing License

All Osceola Angler participants, 16 years of age and over, must have a valid freshwater fishing license. More information can be found through [Florida Fish and Wildlife](#) website.

## Membership Dues and Fees

Prices are subject to change without prior notice.

### Basic Registration Package

A one-time, non-refundable, annual registration fee of \$220.00, plus 5% processing fee is due at the time of registration and includes the following...

- MLF/SAF membership (Fishing League Worldwide)
- MLF/SAF magazine electronic online
- TBF membership and discounts at online store (The Bass Federation)
- Insurance
- Osceola Angler Jersey (Anglers are required to wear jerseys at all events and tournaments and are only available for student anglers and captains).

Captain's jerseys are optional and available for additional cost.

### Deluxe Registration Package

A one-time, non-refundable, annual registration fee of \$290.00, plus 5% processing fee is due at the time of registration and includes the following...

Includes Basic Registration Package plus...

- Osceola Angler Dri-Fit Tee Shirt
- Osceola Angler Hoodie
- Osceola Angler Fishing Gloves
- Osceola Angler Fishing Buff

Captain's jerseys are optional and available for additional cost.

## Tournament Fees

Per team tournament fees are due on the specified date given on the club calendar. Fees are non-refundable; late fees will not be accepted.

### Tournaments

\$20.00 captain fee, per angler

\$5.00 captain big fish fee, per team

\$5.00 angler big fish fee, optional per team

If the team wishes to participate in the tournament and big fish, they must provide exact change. No change will be made available, only exact fees will be accepted.

## Participation Requirements

Active and consistent participation in meetings, events, and tournaments is essential for maintaining good standing in Osceola Anglers. Participation directly influences each member's ranking and eligibility for club recognition and awards. Elected officers may not miss more than five sponsored activities throughout the club year. Transportation to and from all sponsored activities is the responsibility of the angler and their family.

In addition to regular attendance, each angler must secure one individual or business sponsorship annually and provide a door prize for the scholarship fundraising tournament. Each angler team is also required to recruit a fishing team to participate in the annual scholarship tournament. The scholarship tournament is a mandatory working event, and failure to meet these participation requirements will result in ineligibility for any club awards.

If it is determined that an angler can no longer meet the minimum event participation requirement to qualify for end-of-year prizes, they may no longer continue as a member of the club.

### Meetings

Meetings will be held weekly during the first month of the club year. After that period, meetings will be scheduled twice a month, with adjustments made for holidays or weather as needed. All dates are subject to change without notice, and a current calendar of meetings and tournaments will be posted on the club website.

Meetings are for club members only. It is each angler's responsibility to communicate all relevant information shared during meetings to their parents, guardians, and captains. This policy is in place to support the development of communication skills, personal responsibility, and accountability.

Non-club members are not permitted to attend meetings.

### Events

Participation in a set number of club events is required each year. Some of these events are designated as mandatory, and participation is required in order to maintain eligibility for any club awards. Failure to work at the required number of events will result in disqualifications from all club recognitions.

Mandatory working events include hanging or taking down banners for KVLS, where each angler must participate in either setup or takedown. The Silver Spurs Rodeo/Osceola County Fair is also a required event, and each angler must work at least one of the four scheduled days. Full participation in the annual scholarship fundraising tournament is required as well. These mandatory events are subject to change without notice.

### Tournaments

Osceola Anglers tournaments begin in October. To participate, each angler must submit all required forms and pay any applicable tournament fees prior to the event. A release of liability must be signed by the angler, their parent or guardian, and their boat captain. These forms must be printed from the Osceola Anglers website and turned in at the time of registration for each tournament. Forms will not be provided onsite, and a new form must be submitted for EVERY tournament.



## Sponsorships - Mandatory

Providing sponsorship each year is mandatory for all members. The ongoing support from individuals and businesses makes it possible for Osceola Anglers to continue offering opportunities to student anglers. Each member must secure one individual or business sponsor annually and submit the required sponsorship documentation by the posted deadline. If a member fails to secure a sponsor, they will not be eligible for membership and will be prohibited from participating in club meetings, events, or tournaments.

## Teams for Scholarship Tournament - Mandatory

The annual scholarship tournament will be a **MANDATORY** working event and failure to work at the event will result in ineligibility for any club awards.

Recruiting a team to fish in the annual scholarship fundraising tournament is a mandatory responsibility for each angler team. Osceola Anglers members may not participate in this tournament as contestants. Instead, they are expected to secure at least one fishing team to register and compete in the event. Entry fees for the tournament will be announced prior to the event, and each angler is expected to help distribute fliers to local businesses throughout Osceola County. Recruited teams must be registered by the first meeting in April. Failure to recruit a team will result in ineligibility for any club awards.

## Raffle Items - Mandatory

In addition to providing a fishing team, each angler is required to bring a door prize to be raffled off during the annual scholarship tournament. The item must have a minimum value of \$50. These prizes help raise funds for the club's scholarship program. Anglers should understand that no prize is too large, and additional support is always appreciated. All the raffle items are due no later than the first meeting in April. Failure to provide a raffle item will result in ineligibility for any club awards.

## Fundraisers

Osceola Anglers will host several fundraising opportunities throughout the year. These fundraisers help cover the cost of prizes and the annual end-of-year banquet. Each angler is expected to participate in fundraising events and is also responsible for selling any assigned fundraising items. Participation in these efforts ensures the success and sustainability of the club's programming and scholarship goals.

## Recap of Participation Requirements

It is mandatory that each requirement must be met to receive club awards. Please refer to descriptions above for complete details.

- Each angler is required to obtain one individual or business sponsorship.
- Each angler will be required to participate in the set number of fundraisers/events.
- Each angler will be required to participate in all fundraising events and sell assigned items.
- Each angler is required to provide one raffle prize (minimum value of \$50) for the scholarship tournament.
- Each angler team is required to recruit one fishing team to participate in the scholarship tournament.
- It is **MANDATORY** for each angler to work in the annual scholarship tournament. Failure to work at the event will result in ineligibility for any club awards.



## Code of Conduct

### Sportsmanship

Osceola Anglers follows the similar sportsman standards as MLF/SAF and TBF Student Angler Federation and is as follows...

Anglers are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification and removal from Osceola Anglers. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters.

Any act of a competitor that reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy shall be reason for disqualification. All anglers are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the State of Florida. Chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of a felony or other crimes involving moral turpitude, or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and compliance with tournament rules shall be grounds for rejecting any application for membership and for disqualification. Any disqualification or suspension from, or other disciplinary action regarding any tournament or fishing organization, shall be grounds for rejecting any membership for participation and for disqualification.

## Parent/Community Involvement

We encourage all parents, guardians, and community members to contribute their time and energy. Volunteers are essential for setting up, running, and closing out each event. Help is needed before, during, and after tournaments and fundraisers. Your support not only ensures smooth operations but also sets an example of teamwork and service for our student anglers.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator — we welcome and appreciate every helping hand!

### Weigh Station Trailer Delivery

**Volunteer Need:** one volunteer responsible for transporting the trailer to and from all scheduled events.

Assistance is needed with the delivery and setup of the weigh station trailer, which is an essential component of every event and tournament.

To ensure a smooth and respectful experience for all, please do not crowd around the weigh-in trailer. This space must remain clear so anglers can efficiently move through the process, celebrate their catch, and return to their boats promptly to release their fish back into the lake. Minimizing the time fish spend out of the water is vital for their health and conservation.

### Chip Board & Weigh-In Bags

**Volunteer Need:** A parent or guardian to oversee check-in, manage weigh-in bag flow, and monitor chip board activity.

Proper check-in is essential for running a fair and organized tournament. Volunteers in this area assist with managing the flow of anglers and weigh-in bags. Each angler must place their boat number on the chip board prior to weigh-in. Teams are allowed only one weigh-in bag, and a maximum of 10 bags will be available at any given time. If no bags are available,

anglers must wait in a single-file line near the chip board. Any team arriving late must notify the Points Master immediately.

## Holding & Bump Tank Coordinators

**Volunteer Need:** One Holding Tank Coordinator and at least two Bump Tank Volunteers for each tournament.

These volunteers play a critical role in maintaining the efficiency of the weigh-in process while also ensuring proper fish care.

The Holding Tank Coordinator helps keep anglers moving through the bump tank line, notifies them when it's their turn to go on stage, and reminds them to thank their sponsors and captains.

Bump Tank Volunteers are responsible for counting the fish, confirming their condition, and noting any that are over 22 inches in length. They must also identify and separate any fish caught by the boat captain from those caught by the anglers.

## FWC Fish Count Volunteer

**Volunteer Need:** one adult to serve as the FWC Fish Count Recorder at each tournament.

The FWC Fish Count Volunteer supports conservation efforts by recording biological data for each tournament. This person stands behind the banner near the weigh-in trailer and is responsible for documenting the total number of fish brought in, their combined weight, and noting any fish that exceed 22 inches in length.

## Stage/Emcee

**Volunteer Need:** one confident and energetic volunteer to serve as the event Emcee.

The Stage Emcee plays a vital role in creating a fun and professional atmosphere during the weigh-in. This volunteer ensures that the tournament scales are operating properly and keeps the event moving at a steady, engaging pace. The Emcee also interacts with the anglers on stage, asking about their day on the water and encouraging them to thank their sponsors and captains publicly.

## Tournament Keeper

**Volunteer Need:** one tech-savvy volunteer to run the Tournament Keeper system at each tournament.

The Tournament Keeper is responsible for the technical accuracy of the weigh-in results. This volunteer ensures that the weigh-in scales are connected to the tournament software and that data is entered in real time. Additionally, they must confirm the printer is properly connected and functioning to produce required documentation and weigh-in summaries.

## Live Leaderboard Volunteer

**Volunteer Need:** one volunteer to manage and update the Live Leaderboard during weigh-in.

This role provides the live visual component of the weigh-in experience. The Live Leaderboard Volunteer is responsible for projecting tournament data onto the display TV for the audience. This includes real-time data entry and continuous verification to ensure the leaderboard reflects accurate and up-to-date standings.

## Photographer

**Volunteer Need:** one volunteer to serve as the event and tournament photographer and help document the day's special moments.

The photographer plays an important role in preserving the excitement and energy of each tournament. This individual is responsible for taking photos of anglers as they arrive for weigh-in, capturing the anticipation and joy of the event. Additionally, the photographer should take clear and well-composed images of anglers holding their catches, making sure to include sponsor banners and the scale display in the background. These photos are essential for promoting sponsors, sharing highlights on social media, and creating a lasting visual record of the tournament.

## Facebook Live Coordinator

**Volunteer Need:** one volunteer to manage our Facebook Live broadcast and capture key moments on stage.

The Facebook Live Coordinator is responsible for streaming the tournament weigh-in to provide a real-time viewing experience for families, friends, and sponsors. This person must ensure that the live broadcast is active and stable throughout the event. They are also responsible for maintaining a quiet environment around the streaming area by reminding others to limit background noise, as all nearby sounds will be captured during the live feed. Additional responsibilities include photographing anglers on stage and ensuring that sponsor recognition is documented and communicated throughout the event.

## Fundraisers and Events

**Volunteer Need:** We need dedicated volunteers to assist with planning, setup, and execution of fundraising events throughout the season.

All parents, guardians, and anglers are expected to actively participate by helping with setup, organization, and event-day operations. These events often require significant preparation and may begin early in the morning and continue throughout the day.

Please only commit if you are able to follow through, as consistent and dependable support is vital to ensuring the smooth execution of our events and meeting our fundraising goals.

## Communication

### Email / Phone

Communication is the up most importance in the club. If you change your phone number or email address, please send an email immediately to [osceolaanglers@gmail.com](mailto:osceolaanglers@gmail.com) and contact an adult board member.

### Meetings

Osceola Anglers will meet twice a month, (exception of certain Holidays, or weather, date subject to change). Meetings will begin at 7:30 PM. sharp, no points will be awarded after 7:30 PM

If a meeting needs to be cancelled or changed (due to holiday or weather), you will be contacted via email or GroupMe.

### GroupMe

GroupMe is our main form of communication. It is essential that you download the app and be sure you are a member of the appropriate angler committees.

Messages should not be sent or responded to during school hours (typically 7:30 AM – 3:00 PM). Please also be mindful of sending or responding to messages late at night (after 9:00 PM) unless it is urgent or time-sensitive club business.

All communication should remain respectful, appropriate, and relevant to club matters.

## Tournament Rules

The following rules are designed to promote sportsmanship among the anglers and to provide fair competition. Failure to comply with any rules may result in a weight penalty or disqualification from any tournament.

For the safety of all participants, one - (2) two-person team of contestants will be in each boat, with one volunteer boat captain, three people to a boat **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Pursuant to federal law guidelines under the Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, there **MUST** be three people to a boat at all times. No exceptions. No angler may register or plan to fish alone. In the case of a verifiable, unplanned emergency, where one partner is unable to attend and no time is left to find another partner, only then may a tournament official, at their sole discretion, allow an observer in the boat in place of a fishing partner. Observers may fish during the tournament; however, any fish caught by an observer may not be included in the competing angler's tournament weight. If a fish caught by an observer is used toward a competing angler's total weight, the competing angler will be disqualified from the tournament. This violation may also result in denial of future membership or participation in the club.

Osceola Anglers follows similar regulations and standards as MLF/SAF and TBF Student Angler Federation and is as follows.

### Inclement Weather Plan

In the event of unfavorable weather on the day of the event, the event will continue as scheduled during rain only. In the event of lightning or thunder, all boats will be secured, and participants are asked to return to the nearest safest location. It is a group responsibility of the club President/CEO, Adult Captain Advisor, Adult Tournament Advisor, and the Adult Rules and Safety Advisor to determine whether the event should be called or wait until the weather clears. If the event is called, the winning weights will be determined by the fish that were caught up until that point in the day. Cancelling the event may occur if unforeseen dangerous natural events or unexpected problems occur that may impede the tournament.

### Practice Periods and Competition

There is no practice period or off-limits period. You may be on tournament waters anytime until the start of the tournament. Testing equipment on tournament waters is permitted prior to the tournament. Once competition is under way, anglers and captains may not solicit and/or receive information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters from anyone except anglers and captains confirmed in the tournament and through publicly available sources. On competition day, teams may not follow a non-contestant's boat or participate in the placing of markers by non-contestants or the practice of "hole sitting" by anyone. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification.

### Boat Order

Drawing for boat order will be made at the meeting prior to the tournament and Captains will be notified by a member of the captains committee.

## Launch and Return Times

There shall be an official checkpoint for checkout in the morning and check-in in the afternoon and this point shall be designated at the tournament site (boat order chips). At the time of check-out all anglers and captains and their boats shall be in full conformance with all Safety and Tournament rules set forth by Osceola Anglers; at check-in all boats shall identify themselves and proceed immediately to the designated weigh-in area. All anglers must have their boat number chip back on the board at their assigned weigh in time.

EXAMPLE: If you have a 1:00 PM weigh in time, your boat number chip must be on the board by 1:00 PM. Late penalties will be assessed at one pound per minute. After 15 minutes, a disqualification will be enacted. Partners must stay together, through check-in and weigh-in, until weigh-in slips have been issued. **YOU MUST CHECK-IN EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY FISH.**

## Bass Limit

There is a five-bass limit per team for each tournament, no size limit. One - (2) two-person team of anglers will be in each boat, with one boat captain. For the safety of all participants, boat must have three (3) persons on boat during tournament days. You may not cull a dead fish, regardless of size, and must be brought into weigh in. An angler must not allow any bass not legally caught by their team to be counted in their weight. In such cases, both anglers and the boat captain will be disqualified from this and all future Osceola Angler tournaments/events.

## Tackle and Equipment/ Fishing Methods

Osceola Anglers follows the similar sportsman standards as MLF/SAF and TBF Student Angler Federation and is as follows...

Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to a line and a rod and reel with the lure in the water. All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner by the student angler. Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" or prepared bait will be permitted, with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc. Only ONE fishing (casting, spin casting, or spinning) rod per contestant may be used at a time, all other types prohibited. All bass must be caught alive and in a conventional sporting manner. All bass caught while sight fishing must be hooked inside the mouth and immediately shown to your captain/coach for verification. Anyone guilty of snatching or snagging visible fish will have their day's catch disqualified. Gaffs may not be used to boat bass nor be permitted in the boat at any time. The use of grippers in landing bass is prohibited. Dip nets will be allowed. Trolling (defined as operating the combustion engine or trolling motor to extend a cast or lengthen a retrieve) as a method of fishing is strictly prohibited. Always follow FWC Rules & Regulations.

## Fishing Locations

Tournament waters shall be established by Osceola Anglers for each event. Any water within these boundaries posted Off-Limits or No Fishing by state or federal agencies will be OFF-LIMITS. In addition, any live bass-release area established by Osceola Anglers will be OFF-LIMITS. Only that water open to ALL public fishing will be considered tournament waters. All angling must be done from the boat.

Anglers and boat captain must not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Boats must remain in tournament waters during tournament days. Anglers and captain must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Anglers and captain must remain in boat at all times except in case of dire emergency. **In case of an**

**emergency, call 911.** In such an emergency, anglers may be removed from their boat to A BOAT OPERATED BY OTHER COMPETITORS OR A RESCUE BOAT so designated by the Club President/CEO. Partners must remain together at all times, in sight of each other and each other's catch under the conditions cited above, in order for their catch of that day to be counted. The momentary condition of being out of sight of each other for a restroom break is permitted, however ALL FISHING MUST CEASE, until partners are back together. If an angler must violate any of the above conditions (to use a phone to report an emergency or breakdown), both anglers must cease fishing at this point. If after the emergency situation is resolved and enough time is left to resume fishing, a RESTART will be allowed, and the anglers will continue, and their catch will be counted. This applies only to dire emergencies.

## Dress Code

Osceola Anglers are required to wear an official jersey during all tournaments, weigh-ins, and events. Jerseys are purchased at the beginning of the fishing season. The size of shirts and pants must be appropriate to the student's body size and not oversized or undersized. Regardless of gender, all participants must keep their top on. Jerseys must be worn on stage.

Failure to wear jersey's during tournaments and events shall result in loss of club membership, point deductions, or other disciplinary action as determined by the club.

Clothing must be modest and appropriate for a family-friendly environment:

- No low-cut shirts
- No exposed bellies or midriffs
- Shorts must be mid-thigh length or longer.

Attire should reflect the professionalism and sportsmanship expected of all Osceola Anglers members.

## Boat Regulations

Osceola Anglers follows similar regulations and standards as MLF/SAF and TBF Student Angler Federation and is as follows.

### Captain

Each team is required to provide their own boat and adult boat captain to operate it that is at least 19 years of age. Boat Captains will drive boats for their teams. The boat captain has sole discretion to veto any selected location for safety reasons.

Boat Captains are there to act as mentors, coaches, and observers. They may assist the Student Anglers in a manner as to coach or mentor them only. They may suggest fishing areas or techniques, baits, etc., but the final decision, as long as safety is not a factor, on where to fish or fishing methods will rest with the student anglers. The boat captains MAY NOT cast lines or lures, set the hook, or play fish to the boat for the tournament angler on tournament competition days. They may operate the dip net if they choose. Boat Captains will have complete control of the boat and outboard engine at all times. The student anglers may not drive the boat, except for loading and unloading and in case of an emergency. Student anglers may run the trolling motor; however, the Boat Captain has the right to take control of the trolling motor at any time if safety or equipment is at risk. Boat captains are subject to the same rules as the anglers, and penalties if any can be applied to the team in



your boat. Boat Captains are subject to background checks. A completed entry form and event waiver must also be submitted for each boat captain. Boat captains are allowed to fish in an Osceola Anglers tournament and bring in one legal fish to weigh-in but remember to not take away at all from the kids fishing.

Captains are not allowed to fish non-Osceola Angler tournaments (SAF, TBF, BASS, etc.) Boat Captains\Coaches will serve as "officials" in the event and will not be allowed to fish on actual tournament days. Please refer to each organization for complete, up to date, rules and regulations.

Boat captains are subject to the same rules as the anglers, and any penalties may be applied to the team in their boat. All boat captains must complete registration and pass a background check conducted by the Osceola County Sheriff's Office. A completed entry form and event waiver must be submitted for each boat captain.

## Boat and Motor

All boats must be propeller driven. No barges or similar cumbersome crafts will be permitted. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. Boats must contain a properly aerated livewell space to maintain a live limit catch of bass by both anglers. Maximum horsepower for all outboards is not to exceed the horsepower capacity set forth on the "Maximum Capacities" (or comparably titled) plate that includes a maximum horsepower rating affixed to the boat by the manufacturer. By signing the entry form, each contestant agrees to submit his/her boat and/or motor to an inspection by tournament officials or manufacturers personnel. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating plate will be cause for disqualification from the tournament and may result in ineligibility to compete in future Osceola Angler sanctioned tournaments/events. Fishing platforms must be factory-installed equipment. No portable platforms may be used in tournament competitions. Fuel may be carried only in factory-installed and or recommended fuel tanks.

## Trolling Motor

A small electric trolling motor may be used for slow maneuvering; however, trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. In the event that neither student angler cannot nor wish not to run the trolling motor, the boat captain may run it for them.

## Safety

In the event of an emergency, competitors should **call 911 first** and then notify the Club President/CEO or Tournament Director (number located on exemptions). All persons in a tournament boat shall remain seated in a recommended on-plane seating location when the combustion engine is running. Sitting on pedestal seats while the combustion engine is in operation is not permitted. Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by tournament contenders, observers, and boat captains. Osceola Anglers has the right to delay, shorten, or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the anglers and participants. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. Osceola Anglers reserves the right to impose speed limits on any or all tournaments. Whether or not to impose a speed limit, the area covered by the speed limit and/or the actual speed limit imposed shall be left exclusively to the discretion of the Club President/CEO.

Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.

## Kill Switch

For the safety of all participants, boats must be equipped with some type of ignition/engine stop/shutoff device. The engine stop switch device must be attached to the boat captain's body any time the combustion engine is operating. Anytime the combustion engine is operating and in gear, the boat captain must be the driver in the driver's seat in full control of the boat.

## Life Vest

During tournament day, which includes loading and unloading the boats, each angler and boat captain is required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver. The anglers and captain must wear their life preservers anytime the combustion engine is operating. The preserver must be strapped, snapped, or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the anglers reach their fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification.

All life vests, including brand-new ones, must be checked to ensure proper safety and functionality prior to each tournament. It is the responsibility of the boat captain and anglers to confirm that their life vests are in good working condition and meet Coast Guard standards.

## Insurance

Liability insurance with coverage in reasonable amounts is required on all boats. Proof of insurance must be with the boat being used and must cover all passengers in the boat. Random checks will be conducted. Failure to provide proof of insurance when requested may result in disqualification.

## Live Well

Every boat must have all required safety equipment. In addition, it must have a functional bilge pump and livewell space, properly aerated, to adequately maintain a live a limit catch of bass by both anglers using the boat. Osceola Anglers recommends the use of livewell additive to promote a healthy release of all fish to their natural habitat. Further Osceola Anglers recommends the use of ICE to cool livewell water and improve oxygen levels during summer months. Leave your aerators on recirculate and running. Osceola Anglers shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is proper and adequate.

If you are experiencing live well issues during a tournament, please contact the tournament committee advisor immediately.

## Boat Checks at Tournaments

Each boat MUST be given a livewell and SAFETY INSPECTION check by a tournament committee member. A boat is officially checked-in when the committee member has logged it in.

## Point System

The committee will discuss each category and make sure it is fair to the club. Points may change every year.

## Day of Tournament

Placement in tournaments is calculated as follows...



- + Total weight of fish
- 1 pound per minute late (15 minutes is a disqualification)
- 1 pound for each dead fish
- = Sum of above

Tournament ties are decided first by fish count then by coin toss. Any team not present for coin toss forfeits and receives the lesser placement points.

Leaving a tournament will result in no attendance points.

## Overall Tournament Points

### Tournament Points

At the end of each tournament, the points master will update the spreadsheet using the following calculations

- + 5 attendance points for each angler who fished in a tournament
- + 1 point for winning big fish
- + Tournament finish points (rubric below)
- = Total event points

### Tournament Placement Points

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	200	18 <sup>th</sup> Place	149	35 <sup>th</sup> Place	98
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	197	19 <sup>th</sup> Place	146	36 <sup>th</sup> Place	95
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	194	20 <sup>th</sup> Place	143	37 <sup>th</sup> Place	92
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	191	21 <sup>st</sup> Place	140	38 <sup>th</sup> Place	89
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	188	22 <sup>nd</sup> Place	137	39 <sup>th</sup> Place	86
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	185	23 <sup>rd</sup> Place	134	40 <sup>th</sup> Place	83
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	182	24 <sup>th</sup> Place	131	41 <sup>st</sup> Place	80
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	179	25 <sup>th</sup> Place	128	42 <sup>nd</sup> Place	77
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	176	26 <sup>th</sup> Place	125	43 <sup>rd</sup> Place	74
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	173	27 <sup>th</sup> Place	122	44 <sup>th</sup> Place	71
11 <sup>th</sup> Place	170	28 <sup>th</sup> Place	119	45 <sup>th</sup> Place	68
12 <sup>th</sup> Place	167	29 <sup>th</sup> Place	116	46 <sup>th</sup> Place	65
13 <sup>th</sup> Place	164	30 <sup>th</sup> Place	113	47 <sup>th</sup> Place	62
14 <sup>th</sup> Place	161	31 <sup>st</sup> Place	110	48 <sup>th</sup> Place	59
15 <sup>th</sup> Place	158	32 <sup>nd</sup> Place	107	49 <sup>th</sup> Place	56
16 <sup>th</sup> Place	155	33 <sup>rd</sup> Place	104	50 <sup>th</sup> Place	53
17 <sup>th</sup> Place	152	34 <sup>th</sup> Place	101		

Big Fish      1 Point

## Meetings and Events

Anglers will receive five (5) points for each meeting they attend. Meeting attendance is crucial in the point system and can mean the difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. It is the

responsibility of the angler to sign into each meeting and event to receive participation points.

Points are not awarded for working events. However, each angler is required to work a minimum number of designated events to remain eligible for club awards. Failure to meet this requirement will result in disqualification from all club recognitions. Anglers must sign in and out at each event to receive credit for participation.

### End of the Year Points Tie

Ties are decided by which team has participated in more club events that particular year. If there is still a tie, then a coin toss will be done.