

Flounder Derby Full Rules and Regulations

1. **Participation and Eligibility** - Participation is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Minors age 15 to 17 are eligible to participate with a parent or guardian signature on the release form. A completed participant registration and entry fee must be received no later than the published deadline. You will need to have a valid North Carolina saltwater fishing license to participate. Please read all the rules and regulations and remember to sign your waiver and release of liability.
2. **Registration and Capt'n's Meeting** – Participant registration will be open online and also at the captains meeting 7pm Friday, September 11th, 2026 at the Brunswick County Fishing Club located 3911 Hickory View Dr., Sunset Harbor, NC. The Capt'n's meeting will be live streamed on Facebook for those who cannot make the Capt'n's meeting in person. Attendance at the live or online Capt'n's meeting is mandatory for each participant unless authorized by the tournament Director.
3. **Safety** – Safe boating must always be observed. Participants are required to comply with US Coast Guard regulations, including the possession of US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFD) and a whistle. If you are on water before sunrise, you must have working navigation lights.
4. **Sportsmanship** – All participants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. Noncompliance with tournament rules and regulations are grounds to immediate disqualification, and any prizes awarded must be returned.
5. **Permitted Fishing Methods** – All fish must be caught with hook in line only. Artificial bait and live bait are allowed.
6. **Permitted Fishing Locations** – Participants can launch their boats 30 minutes prior to lines in. Participants can then Fish in any area they choose as long as they launch from a public ramp in Brunswick County. If participants have their boat on a private lift or in a marina they may launch from there as long as they pass by a public ramp and take a photograph with a time and GPS stamp enabled prior to lines in. Participants may not receive assistance, including, but not limited to following a non-participant boat, the placing of markers by a non-participant, or receiving electronic voice or data communication from a non-participants. All Fishing locations must be in Waters accessible, according to the law and US Coast Guard regulations. Individuals may also choose to fish from land or pier anywhere in Brunswick County as long as it's an area accessible to the public.

7. Scoring – Target species will be flounder. Individuals will be scored on the weight of one flounder. One entry per person. All entries must be of legal size according to the current North Carolina regulations of individual will be disqualified.
8. Check-in - Check-in will begin at 2 PM Brunswick County Fishing Club located at 3911 Hickory View Dr., Sunset Harbor, NC. All participants must check in no earlier than 2 PM and no later than 3 PM.
9. Post check-in party – starting at 3 PM. There will be a post tournament party, including beverages and tournament winners prize ceremony and sponsor recognition.
10. Protest - All protest must be in writing and delivered to a tournament official within 30 minutes of check-in. The tournament Director has the final say and all decision decisions. All protest must be accompanied by \$100 deposit made out to the Brunswick County Fishing Club.
11. Rule Changes – Rules interpretation will be presented to the tournament director. The decisions of the tournament director are final and are not subject to appeal.
12. Release of Liability – A waiver and release of liability form is a part of the registration pack and every Capt'n is required to read initial sign and date the waiver and release liability form or they will not be eligible to participate.
13. Prize Structure - Checks will be awarded to the top three based on 50 people. For every 20 people after we reach 50 we will add another place. If any recipient wins over \$600 they will be required to fill out required tax documentation before receiving prize money.