

Virginia Beach Anglers Club

Surf Tournaments Club Sponsored Teams

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I. Intent

- A. VBAC is committed to fielding teams experienced in tournament fishing.
- B. Selecting participants that will represent the club well.
- C. Providing all interested club members with an opportunity to be selected for a team.

II. Eligibility

- A. Shall be in good standing.
- B. 18 years or older at the time of the tournament for Ocracoke, Hatteras Village, Nags Head and CHAC Surf Tournaments. Minors are encouraged to fish in the other tournaments.
- C. Participation
 - 1. Shall have participated with the VBAC by helping with at least one club activity during the year prior to the day that the entry fee is required to be paid. (Suggested Activities – Club Officer, Club Board Member, Newsletter, Club Sponsored Tournaments, Club Adopt-A-Spot Clean-up, Awards Banquet, Boat Show, Oyster Roast, Meeting Refreshments, Raffles, Club Apparel Sales, etc.) The person in charge of the activity will keep a record of who participates in the activity, but it is YOUR responsibility to make sure your name gets recorded with the person in charge.
 - 2. The President has discretion as to additional activities that count towards the participation requirement.

III. Team Requirements

- A. Tournaments require a 6-person team.
- B. 4-wheel drive vehicles, minimum of two.

IV. Team Selection

- A. Returning Team

The entire team (e.g. all six returning anglers) may return to the same tournament the following year if that team finishes first, second, or third.

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B. Two Team Tournaments

The intention is for VBAC to put forward the most competitive team possible.

1. A team which finishes first, second or third in the previous years tournament will be designated as Team A.
 - a) If multiple VBAC teams finish in the top three, both teams will return as previously registered. The highest finishing team will then be designated as Team A.
 - b) If one or more team members do not return to Team A, the surf fishing committee, at a meeting with a quorum of the committee present, may select one or more anglers from Team B or those who have submitted a registration form for the tournament to fill out Team A.
 - c) Team B will be filled out by random drawing from those who have submitted a registration form for the tournament.
2. All anglers from the previous years tournament will be ranked from 1 to 12 based on their total points scored (for tie-breakers, see F. for additional guidelines), regardless of the team they competed for in the tournament. Anglers who did not score any points in that tournament will be removed from the rankings.
3. Team A
 - a. Comprised of the top six ranked anglers.
 - b. If one or more of the top six qualifying anglers do not return for Team A, the available position(s) will be filled by the next highest ranked angler(s) until there are no eligible anglers remaining.
 - c. If the list is exhausted and there are less than four returning members, the surf fishing committee, at a meeting with a quorum of the committee present, may select one or more anglers from the previous year to return for Team A until Team A consists of total of four returning anglers.
 - d. The remaining position(s) on Team A will be available for random selection by drawing from those who have submitted a registration form for the tournament.

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4. Team B

- a. All six positions will be selected by random drawing from those who have submitted a registration form for the tournament.
- b. If a team finished first, second, or third in a given tournament and one or more team members do not return, the rules from IV.B.1 of this section apply.

C. One Team Tournaments

The intent is that there will be at least two team members that have tournament experience.

1. If Section IV, A does not apply, then the following process should be used.
2. The first three positions for the team will be filled by anglers which finished in the top three places (based on points scored) of the same tournament from the previous year.
3. The last three places will be available for selection by random drawing of those who have submitted a registration form.
4. If only two members of a team score points during a tournament, those two members will return to the same tournament the following year. The remaining four places will be available for selection by drawing four names from those who have submitted a registration form.
5. If less than two members of a team score points during a tournament, the Surf Fishing committee, at a meeting with a quorum of the committee present, may select from all the remaining anglers from that team to the next years team.
6. The remaining four places will be available for selection by drawing four names from those who have submitted a registration form.
7. If less than two tournament anglers choose to return and fish, any remaining positions will be available for random selection by drawing from those who have submitted a registration form for the tournament.

D. Participation

1. If a returning team member fails to support the Club by helping with at least one Club activity (Bylaws IX.B) during the previous year, that angler will be removed from the upcoming year's team.

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2. The next highest scorer of the previous year's team will fill their spot on the upcoming year's team. Otherwise, the normal selection process will apply.
- E. When
- Selection is held in March for all the Surf Tournaments except for the Ocracoke Invitational, which is held in February.
- F. 4-Wheel Drive Vehicle
1. A minimum of two 4-Wheel Drive vehicles are required in order to access the fishing sites.
 2. If those vehicles are not available from the returning team members, the drawing for the necessary positions will be as follows:
 - a) The applications submitted for the drawing will be divided into two groups, those with four-wheel drive vehicles available, and those without four-wheel drive vehicles.
 - b) Names will be drawn from those who have four-wheel drive vehicles available until the vehicle needs are satisfied. If there are still positions to be filled, then the names from both groups will be mixed together and the remaining positions will be filled by names drawn from the combined group.
- G. Alternates
1. After the Teams are filled, alternates will be selected and ranked by drawing all the remaining names and ranking them in the order drawn.
 2. If a team member leaves the team, then the alternates will be called in the order drawn until a replacement is found.
 3. If a replacement cannot be found from the alternates, then the replacement will come from the membership at large.
 4. Anglers selected as alternates need to be committed to fish these tournaments. If an angler drops out, an alternate angler becomes fully responsible to repay the fees associated with fishing the tournament, regardless of the amount due or the time frame of which exists before the start of the event.
 5. New members joining the club after the drawings at the March meeting may have their names added to the end of the alternate lists.

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H. Exceptions

The Surf Committee has the right to adjust the team selection criteria or team composition if needed.

V. Member Responsibility

A. Cost of lodging and Participation fee.

B. Transportation to the event.

C. Tackle, bait, ice, food, etc.

D. Appropriate fishing license and gear.

E. Team members shall wear club shirts while fishing and at clubhouse functions.

F. Notify the Team Captain or the Surf Fishing Committee Chairman as soon as possible if unable to attend the tournament.

G. All VBAC Team members must adhere to and always maintain VBAC personal conduct standards when representing the Club and/or when participating in VBAC functions and events.

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VI. Team Captain

A. Requirements

1. Must have fished in at least one previous tournament.
2. Must accept all the responsibilities.

B. Selection – Will be selected by their Team at their first meeting.

C. Responsibilities

1. Team Meeting

- Review personal conduct standards.
- Oversee the drawing/selection of meals
- Oversee sleeping arrangements (#1 Returnee has 1st choice)
- Oversee bait options and decisions
- Address of lodging
- Check-in and departure times
- Team members schedules and transportation
- Coordinate early arrival of Team Box
- Share everyone's contact information

2. At the Tournament

- Attend Captain's meeting or arrange alternate – critical.
- Review rules, guidelines, and changes with Team
- Go over site and ramp locations
- Review start and stop times
- Prepare tournament and club score sheets
- Contact judges, get phone numbers, give them score sheets
- Oversee scoring on the beach
- Verify scoring and sign score sheets (keep copy/get a pic)
- Police the sites at the end of the day

3. After the Tournament

- Ensure all ties are broken prior to leaving.
- Oversee proper routing of complaints, protests, or challenges.
- Oversee the cleanup of the cottage and ensure proper checkout.
- Resupply the Team Box and return to the Surf Fishing Committee.
- Complete and return all paperwork to the Surf Fishing Committee.
- Prepare tournament summary for the VBAC Newsletter.

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VII. Lodging & Registration Costs

A. Registration Costs

1. VBAC shall pay \$240.00 of the tournament fee for each team.
2. The team members are responsible for the remaining amount and it will be divided evenly between the team members.

B. Lodging

1. Will be divided evenly between the team members.
2. May include a security deposit and insurance that will be returned to the member if not used.

C. Deposit

1. Each member will pay a \$100.00 deposit for each team they are on.
2. The deposit is due at the next Regular meeting after their selection to the team.
3. It is Paid to the Surf Fishing Committee Chairman.

D. Balance

1. The balance of any lodging expenses must be paid to the Surf Fishing Committee Chairman no later than the second Regular meeting following selection.
2. If any additional amount owed is not paid by that time and special arrangements for payment have not been made with the Surf Fishing Committee Chairman, that angler will be dropped from the team and an alternate found.

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VIII. Team Member unable to compete.

- A. If a team member leaves the team prior to making any payments, then they have no further obligation to the team. The alternate will be responsible for their share of lodging expenses.
- B. If a team member leaves the team after making any payments for the tournament, the alternate is responsible for repaying the original team member any monies already paid and any additional monies owed.
- C. If a team member leaves the team after making any payments for the Participation fee and lodging and an alternate is not found, then they forfeit the money paid to pay their share of the lodging.

IX. VBAC Responsibilities

- A. Tournament Entry fee up to \$240.00. Any additional fee will be paid for evenly by the team members.
- B. Funds sufficient to secure accommodations, including the security deposit and/or trip insurance. These funds will be reimbursed to the club by the team members.
- C. VBAC will return to the team members their portion of the security deposit or trip insurance when it is refunded.

X. Scoring

- A. In addition to the Tournament Judge's official score sheet, each individual team member will keep their own score on a personal score sheet provided by the Team Captain. Each individual will write down the scoring fish information on his personal score sheet. The Team Captain will collect the personal score sheets from each member to help verify the scores. All score sheets are to be presented to the Surf Fishing Committee Chairman after the tournament.
- B. Tie Breaker
 - 1. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be determined according to the rules for "tie breakers" in the tournament rule book for that tournament.
 - 2. In the advent there is still a tie, a coin flip will be used.
 - 3. All ties will be broken prior to leaving the tournament.

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XI. Complaints, Protests and Challenges

- A. All complaints, protests and challenges must be submitted in writing by the individual, on their own behalf, to the Team Captain prior to the end of the Tournament.
- B. If the issue is not resolved by the Team Captain,
 - 1. The submittal will be forwarded to the Surf Fishing Committee Chairperson or the Club President within seven days of the event.
 - 2. The issue will be reviewed by the Surf Fishing Committee or Club President and presented to the Board of Directors as required.
- C. In the instance a submittal is made referring to an event occurring outside of a surf fishing tournament, the individual will have 30 days from the day of the event in question to submit this information to the Club's Board of Directors.
- D. If this procedure is not followed, the submittal is subject to dismissal and will not be considered.

XII. Lodging

- A. Only team members are permitted to stay overnight in the team's lodging at any time during the tournament.
- B. In the event a team has only one member of the opposite sex and the reserved team lodging does not have a separate room for that angler, additional lodging will be secured for that angler, and the additional cost will be spread out among all the team members.

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XIII. Surf Fishing Tournaments that VBAC participates in:

A. Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament, Sponsored by Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament Committee

-Late April or early May at Ocracoke, NC

-Entered by VBAC every year since 2000. Second team entered in 2018.

B. Hatteras Village Civic Association Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament, Sponsored by the Hatteras Village Civic Association

-September at Hatteras, NC

-Entered by VBAC since 1986. Second team entered in 1992

C. Nags Head Surf Fishing Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament, Sponsored by the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club

-October at Nags Head, NC

-Entered by VBAC since 1989. Second team entered in 2019.

D. Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament, Sponsored by the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club

-November at Buxton, NC

-Entered by VBAC every year since 1960. Second team entered in 2019.