

CHSC Bylaws

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MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Clark Hill Striper Club, Inc. (the "Club") is to provide an environment in which all Members from novice to veteran will be comfortable...one in which all may improve their fishing skills and enjoyment through a free and open exchange of information not only as it pertains to tackle and technique, but where, when and how fish have been caught.

Even though the collection and award of prize money creates an air of competition, it should be friendly competition and only a byproduct of our main purpose of FUN and FELLOWSHIP.

Our goal will be achieved if each Member can return from an outing with the satisfaction of having enjoyed the activity and perhaps having learned something. There is much fun and enjoyment to be had and certainly there is much to be learned

OFFICERS/BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

An effort has been made to reduce the number of rules to a minimum and continue to provide for the orderly conduct of group activities. To provide for the conduct of the meeting, the scheduling of activities and to be responsive to the will of the majority, the following officers shall be elected by the Membership at the December meeting each year:

PRESIDENT:

Schedule and conduct meeting and activities of the group, appoint Committees as necessary to conduct group activities and to delegate certain positions as required to carry out the business of the club in an orderly manner.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Assume the duties of the president in his absence.

SECRETARY:

Maintain an accurate and up-to-date membership roster; keep meeting minutes and attendance records and points total. File the Club's annual report with the Secretary of State.

TREASURER:

Maintain a record of receipts and disbursements and provide reports as required. Supervise and/or conduct such fund raising or other money matters as may be undertaken.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The board of Directors shall be comprised of the above four officers plus one at-large member to serve for a period of one year and two at-large members to serve for a period of two years each.

1. The purpose of the BOD is to oversee management of the Club and represent the membership in advancing the mission statement and bylaws of the Club. Appropriate feedback and recommendations will be presented to the Club for consideration and appropriate actions.
2. A quorum for any decisions of the BOD will consist of a minimum of five of the seven Board Members.
3. The Chairman will be selected by the BOD from the at-large members to serve a one-year term.
4. The BOD will meet annually in January to discuss Club business and to elect a Chairman and then will meet on an as-needed basis.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The President shall appoint the Director, who shall serve for a period of one month, and shall be responsible for all details pertaining to tournaments to include: collection of fees and disbursement of prizes; setting the time and duration of the tournament; designation of weigh-in site (landing site parking lot); supervision of weigh-in; and determination of winners.

MEMBERSHIP

Each Active Member is eligible to hold office and entitled to vote for officers and on all matters submitted to the Membership for a vote. To be considered an Active Member, all club dues and fees must be up-to-date. Membership consists of two classes to include boaters and non-boaters. The total number of Members will not be limited unless by majority vote of the Active Membership, but, in any case, non-boaters will be limited to one-third of the total membership.

ANNUAL MEETING

At the December meeting each year, the President will report on the activities and financial condition of the corporation, and the Members will elect the Club's President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, one At-large Member to serve a one-year term, and two At-large Members to serve for a period of two years each, who will serve as the Club's Board of Directors.

DUES

Individual dues are \$20.00 plus a \$20.00 initiation fee upon joining. A Family Membership is offered at \$35.00/year plus a \$20.00 initiation. A Family Membership will cover all members of the immediate household, including spouse, children and stepchildren. Dues are to be paid annually at the January meeting.

REGULAR MEETINGS/TOURNAMENTS

1. Meeting time, unless modified, is 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Members are encouraged to come early, particularly if they plan to eat, in order that the business portion of the meeting may begin no later than 7:30 p.m.
2. Suggestions, recommendations and complaints should be discussed with the President and/or board of Directors. Matters submitted for decision by vote will be decided by a majority vote of those Active Members present with the exception of revising the Bylaws. The revision of the Bylaws will require notification of the Active Membership at least two weeks prior to vote in order that the Membership may be present to vote.
3. No alcoholic beverages, controlled substance or drugs other than by prescription are allowed during regular business meetings, club functions or during tournaments.
4. Nominations will be held at the November meeting and elections will be held in December to fill the various positions. Every attempt will be made to notify all Active Members of the upcoming election and slate of nominees at least two weeks prior to the election.
5. Tournaments will be conducted each month, usually during the weekend following the monthly meeting. Other tournaments and outings may be conducted as brought before the Active Membership and voted upon by those Members present.
6. The Club strongly encourages Members and guests to follow all applicable state and federal laws governing activities relating to fishing and boating.
7. A point system to encourage participation in meetings, club functions, and tournaments will be tallied from July 1 to June 30 each year for an invitational tournament of top-ten point holders. Invitational Tournament date, time, location, and prizes will be decided by the Tournament Committee and voted on by the Active Membership. The top ten points holders will serve as Captains and draw partners from the next 10 points holders. Only the top ten points holders will be eligible for prizes. In the event of a tie for points, the largest fish caught during the previous year's tournaments will be the determining tiebreaker.

Points are awarded as follows:

Meeting Attendance = 25 points each Meeting

Tournament Participation = 35 points each occasion

Attending weigh-in at designated time = 25 points each occasion

Participation in Club functions = 25 points each occasion

8. Tournament rules can be changed at the meeting at which the change is discussed. The change must be approved by a majority of the Members present.

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Tournament participation is limited to Active Members and bona fide Prospective Members. Prospective Members may fish in one tournament only while in that status. Guests of Active Members may participate in two tournaments in any given year. Children under the age of 16 will be allowed to fish in unlimited regular Club tournaments at no charge.
2. During a tournament, the number of participants per boat cannot exceed the maximum number of occupants allowed for the boat as listed in the manufacturer's specifications for that boat.
3. Fees for the regularly scheduled monthly tournament are \$20.00 per entrant, \$10 per additional family member over the age of 16, which will be split as follows: , \$5.00 per boat for Big Fish, \$5.00 per boat for the Top Ten Tournament, and the remaining dollars for Tournament Proceeds.

Tournament Proceeds shall be split as follows for total boat weight:

	<u>1st Place</u>	<u>2nd Place</u>	<u>3rd Place</u>	<u>4th Place</u>	<u>5th Place</u>
25 boats or fewer entered	50%	30%	20%		
more than 25 boats	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%

The BIG Fish pot pays two places. Largest fish pays 65% and the 2nd largest pays 35%. To be eligible for prizes, tournament fees must be paid before the announced start time either at the monthly meeting prior to the tournament or at a time designated by the Tournament Director.

4. During a tournament, a special prize of \$50.00 will be awarded to any Active Member who catches a Hybrid or a Striper weighing 25 lbs. or more.
5. Non-boaters will pay the Boater with whom they fish the tournament a sum of \$10.00 to help offset the expense of operating the boat. Additionally, Non-boaters will be expected to equally share the cost of the trip, i.e. bait, boat and towing vehicle fuel, etc.
6. A tournament participant does not have to launch from the designated weigh-in site.

7. All participants must pay their entry fees and be signed in on the tournament record prior to fishing in the tournament. This can be done at the Club meeting or a designated location determined by the Tournament Director.
8. All participants must be checked in with the Tournament Director by the designated end time of the tournament. Participants who fail to check in with the Tournament Director will not be eligible for tournament prizes, but may have their fish weighed for points.
9. Weight of the fish caught will be verified and recorded by the Tournament Director. In the case of a tie, the big fish per boat will be used as the tiebreaker.
10. Allowed tournament catch is limited to six Stripers and/or Hybrids per boat. Each fish must be 18" or greater in length. Participants are responsible for selecting and presenting the fish for weigh-in. All fish must be presented at one time.
11. Only the Tournament Director may cancel or postpone a monthly tournament, and the Tournament Director will advise the participants of the new tournament time and location.
12. Any decision of the Tournament Director is final in all matters pertaining to the tournament.
13. Any participant who violates any tournament rule will be disqualified. Protests of disqualification must be presented to the Board of Directors within 30 days.
14. Each participant will wear a life jacket while the boat is operated at more than trolling speed.