



## MIDLANDS STRIPER CLUB SCDNR BENEFIT OPEN – April 18, 2026

### Tournament Rules

1. Tournament hours will be from 6:30 a.m. (“Lines In”) until 2:30 p.m. (“Lines Out”) on Saturday, April 18, 2026. Weigh in starts at 3:30 p.m.
2. Entry fee is \$150.00 per boat regardless of the number of persons in the boat. Optional \$50.00 per boat for the Big Fish Pot. Entry fees are non-refundable.
3. All entrants must register by April 16, 2026. All entries mailed in must be received by April 16, 2026. Any entries received after April 16, 2026 will not be accepted and will be returned. There will be no late entries.
4. Striped bass 21 inches or longer (total length) may be weighed. Fish entered must be caught between the Greenwood dam and Lake Murray Dam. All fish must be hooked and landed from a boat and brought to the scales in fresh condition in a live release tube, a closed cooler, or an acceptable soft-sided fish bag or they will not be accepted for weigh-in. Fresh condition will mean clear eyes, red gills, firm flesh, etc. MIDLANDS STRIPER CLUB may polygraph the top places and big fish winners if it so chooses.
5. Contestants must have a valid fishing license as required by the State of South Carolina. All state game and fish laws must be obeyed. Coast Guard safety rules apply to all boats. Approved life jackets/PFDs must be aboard for all persons and worn according to laws governing S.C. waterways. As recommended by the SCDNR, all contestants are encouraged not to fish alone.
6. Any contestant showing signs of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or who operates a boat in a manner which may endanger others, will be disqualified.
7. MIDLANDS STRIPER CLUB SCDNR BENEFIT OPEN is a “boat” tournament. Money and prizes will be awarded based on combined weight of the two (2) largest fish per boat. The tournament will pay places and awards as advertised.
8. All fish must be caught from the same boat, and boats observed congregating are subject to disqualification. Congregating shall be defined as coming within 20 feet of another boat. Emergency exceptions must be approved by radio/phone contact with a tournament official in advance.
9. Tournament Directors may inspect all boats and tow vehicles before the tournament and will assist in running the tournament.
10. It is the responsibility of the contestants in the tournament to bring only their boat’s 2 largest fish to the scales, and present the largest fish first. The official scale will not be used to cull fish. No fish will be accepted after the “last call” by the tournament director or his designees (scale manager).
11. All (100%) of the Big Fish Pot will be paid as follows: 70% to the boat (registered in the optional Big Fish Pot) weighing in the largest eligible fish and 30% to the boat (registered in the optional Big Fish Pot) weighing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest eligible fish. Big Fish Pot Fee is \$50.00.
12. In the event of a total weight tie, the big fish of each boat will break the tie. In the event of a tie for big fish, the money will be divided equally.
13. Contestants who violate any tournament rule are subject to disqualification. The decision of the tournament directors present at the tournament will be final in ALL tournament matters.
14. Any protest must be filed within 15 minutes of official results announcement and must be accompanied with a \$100.00 cash deposit. The MSC tournament directors will rule on the protest with the decision being final. If it is upheld, the deposit will be returned. If the protest is denied, the cash deposit becomes the property of the MIDLANDS STRIPER CLUB.
15. MIDLANDS STRIPER CLUB will not be liable for any accident or injury to contestants or spectators or any damage to property. A contestant’s entry into this tournament constitutes waiver of his or her rights to sue MIDLANDS STRIPER CLUB, its successors, sponsors and assignees, for any such accident, injury, or property damage.