

# 2010 U.S. National Skin and Scuba Championships Event Rules

## Times:

- \* Skin Spearfishing: August 5<sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - 6 hours of competition with 30 minutes travel time on both ends of competition time.
- \* Scuba Spearfishing: August 6<sup>th</sup> , 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - 5 hours of competition with 30 minutes travel time on both ends of competition time.

## Entry Deadlines:

- \* Entry deadline is June 28, 2010.
- \* All entries/photos/bios **received** after this date will not be included in the booklet.
- \* **Note** – In order to determine the option of having either a women's division or a mixed team division, we are submitting a deadline entry date of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 for these two divisions only. This applies to skin and scuba teams. There will either be a Women's Division or a Mixed Division. There will not be a competition for both divisions.

## Scoring:

- \* One point per fish and one point per pound. (20 lbs. Maximum weight = a limit of 21 points per fish.)
- \* There will be a 50 fish per diver limit. (This limit may consist of rough fish and game fish combined, or may consist of all rough fish.)

## Awards:

The following awards are proposed:

- \* Women's /Mixed Teams:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place team, Society Trophies (2) Skin & Scuba
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place team, Society Trophies (2) Skin & Scuba
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place team, Society Trophies (2) Skin & Scuba
- \* Men's Teams:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place team, Society Trophies (3) Skin (2) Scuba
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place team, Society Trophies (3) Skin (2) Scuba
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place team, Society Trophies (3) Skin (2) Scuba
- \* USOA All-American Team (Skin & Scuba)
- \* Women's Largest Fish (1) (Skin & Scuba)
- \* Men's Largest Fish (1) (Skin & Scuba)
- \* Women's Individual High Aggregate-Top (3) (Skin & Scuba)
- \* Men's Individual High Aggregate-Top (5) (Skin & Scuba)

### **Fish Species:**

\* Rough fish for the competitions to consist of: Buffalo, Carp, Drum, Long Nose Gar, Spotted Gar, and Suckers. Sizes will vary from 1 pound to 20+ pounds.

\* A game fish aggregate of a maximum of fifteen fish will be imposed. Competitors may weigh-in **any** combination of fifteen game fish of the allowable/proper size. Sizes will vary from 1 pound to 20+ pounds.

\* Game fish species, quantity, and size limits for the competitions to be:

- Alligator Gar (1) – No length limit.
- Black Bass - (2) Largemouth Bass (16” min.), Smallmouth Bass (15” min.), and Spotted Bass (15” min.) - (A **total** of two fish of any combination from this bass group may be weighed in.)
- Catfish (5) Blue, Channel, Flathead. Any species in combination – (16” min.)
- Sauger (3) - (16”min.)
- Saugeye (3) - (16” min.)
- Striped Bass (3) - (16” min.)
- Walleye (3) - (16”min. – 20”max.) No Walleye between 20”-28” may be taken.  
(Note: One Walleye **over** 28” is allowed in the three fish limit.)
- White Bass (10) - (12”min.)

\* Note: Fish that are **not** included in the competitions include: Rock Bass, Blue Gill, Bream, Crappie, Muskie, Northern Pike, Paddlefish, Pickerel, Shad, Sturgeon, and Yellow Bass.

### **Dive Area/Boundaries:**

\* Skin Spearfishing Competition to be the southern or “lower” half of the lake.

\* Scuba Spearfishing Competition to be the whole lake.

\* No spearfishing in tournament area after July 22<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

\* Note: For those coming early to scout the lake, spearfishing will only be allowed on the northern or “upper” half of the lake from July 22<sup>nd</sup> until competition day.

\* The boundary marker that divides the “upper” side of the lake from the “lower” side of the lake will be the bridge that crosses the lake at the “Narrows” area of the lake. (Hiway #16)

\* The north side of the bridge stretching from the east shore to the west shore will be the southern edge of the “upper” lake.

\* The south side of the bridge stretching from the east shore to the water buoys that mark the area known as Lacey’s Narrows Marina on the west side of the bridge will be the northern edge of the “lower” lake.

### **Spearfishing Rules:**

- \* All rules will be in accordance with the Underwater Society of America's Standard Competitive Rules and USOA'S Skin Diving Rules. (Any conflict of rules between the USOA and State/Local Fish/Game Rules will be resolved at competitors' briefing.)
- \* All state and local game/fish rules will also apply.
- \* No free-shafts will be allowed.
- \* Shock line length to be determined at competitors' briefing.
- \* Muscle loaded spear guns only.
- \* No power heads.
- \* Red/White dive flag is mandatory. (Minimum size to be 14 x16 inches.)
- \* Float flags are strongly suggested and encouraged. (Flags on floats must be of proper size and display bottom of flag at least 15 inches above the water.)
- \* Competitors must stay with-in visual range of boat judge during competition.
- \* No spearfishing in tournament area after July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.
- \* All spearfishing competitors must possess proper fishing licenses. License will be checked at the weigh-in.
- \* Competitor must have license on board the boat during the competition.
- \* All competitors (Skin and Scuba) will be required to wear a knife while diving.
- \* An inflatable safety vest/BCD is required for all scuba events.
- \* No diving within 200 feet of boat docks, loading ramps, and all other private and/or restricted structures/areas.
- \* Steel or cable stringers attached to the diver are allowed but not suggested.
- \* No chumming/baiting allowed at any time.
- \* Other rules to be determined / discussed at the briefings.

### **Actions resulting in diver disqualification:**

- \* Any infraction of the tournament rules and regulations.
- \* Diver caught discarding any fish including excess fish.
- \* Diver's catch, or portion thereof, breaking any existing State Fish/Game Laws.

### **Actions resulting in team disqualification:**

- \* Trading fish among teammates. (Each competition must keep his/her fish separate from those of the other team members.)
- \* Trading fish between other divers.
- \* Verbal/physical abuse of any tournament officials.