



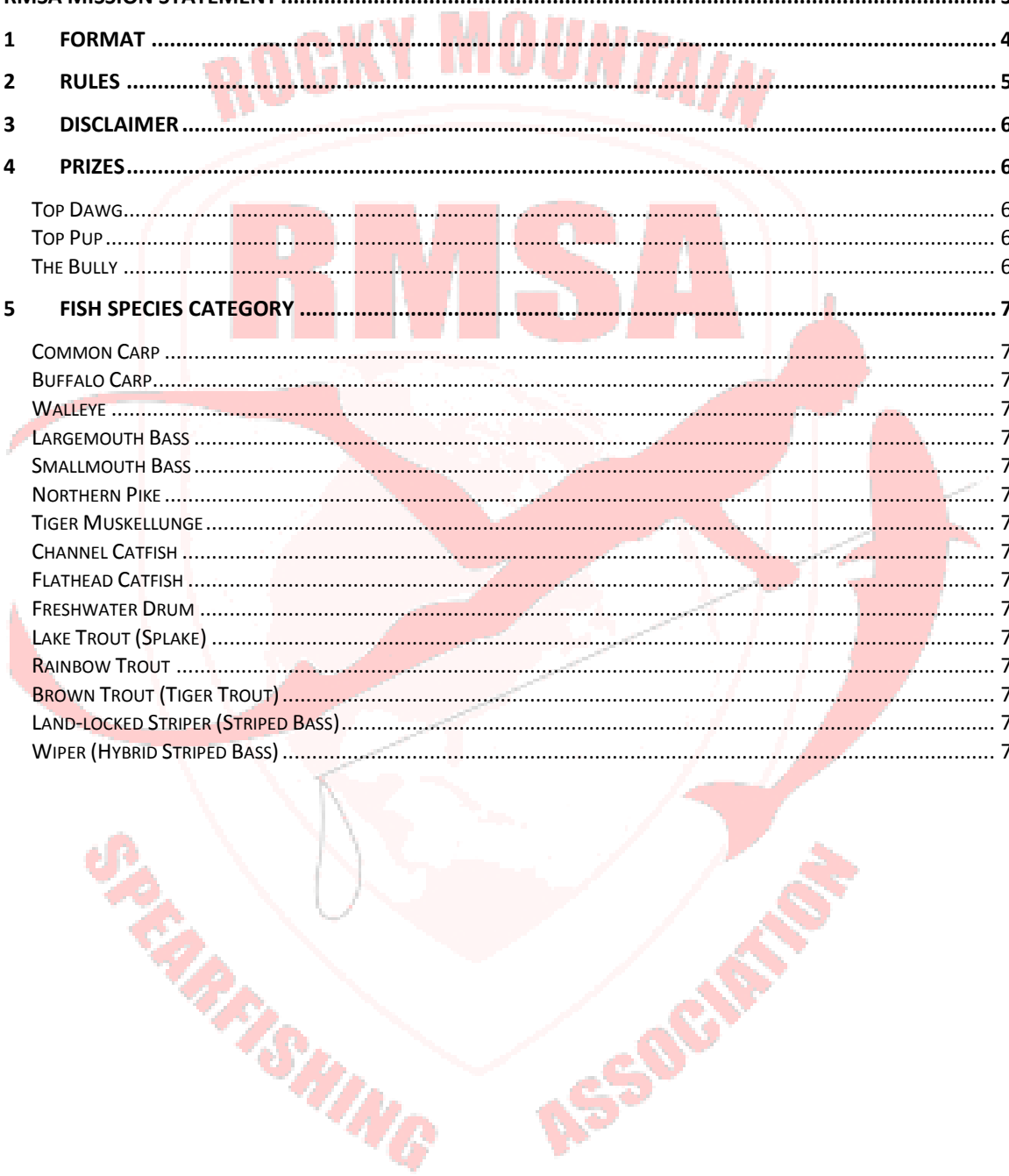
RMSA Top Dawg Freshwater Tournament Regulations

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- Selective divers set their sights on only those prize fish for consumption –
- Be selective, fish for the future -

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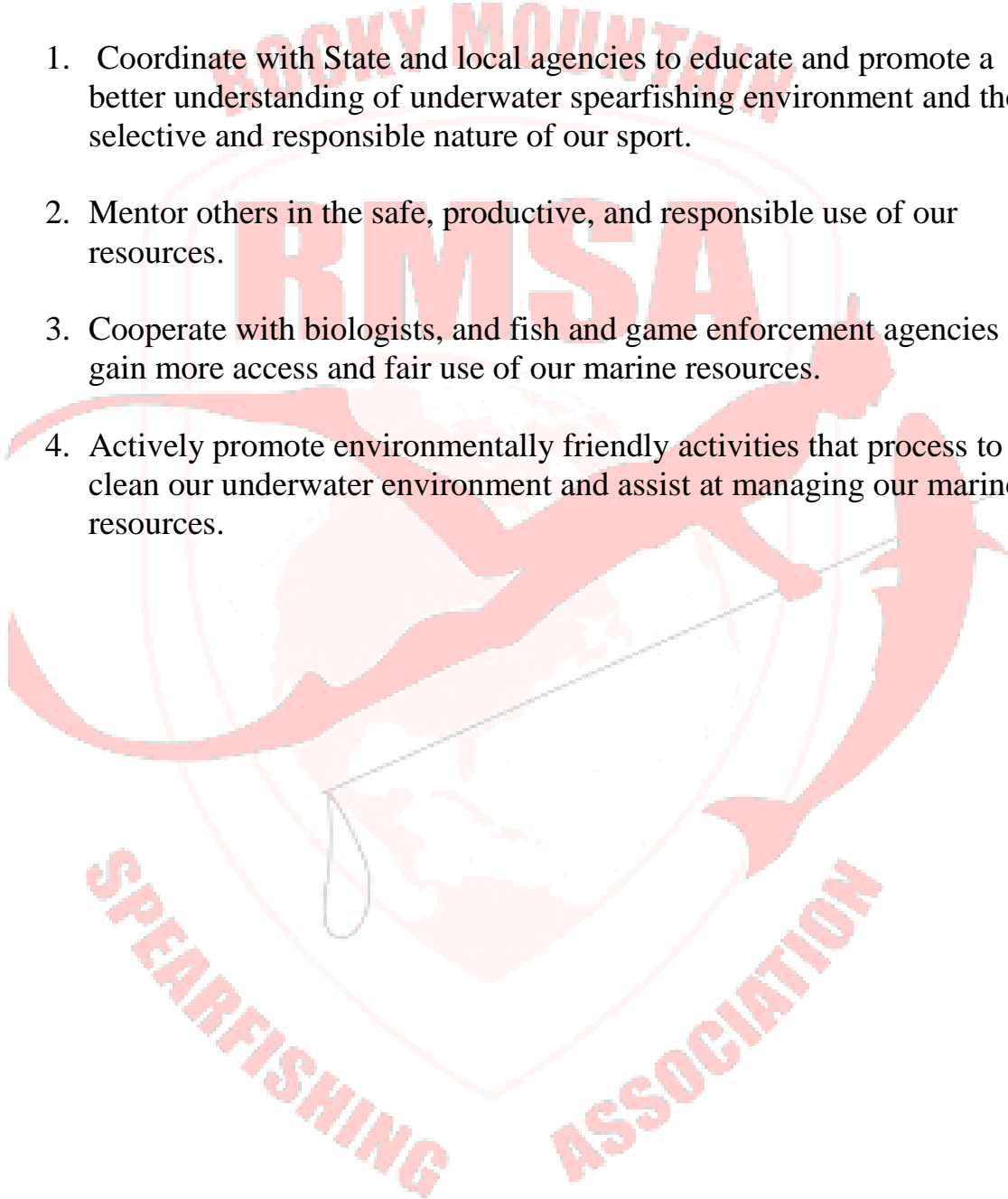
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RMSA Mission Statement

Four major principal roles as being representative to the underwater spearfishing community:

1. Coordinate with State and local agencies to educate and promote a better understanding of underwater spearfishing environment and the selective and responsible nature of our sport.
2. Mentor others in the safe, productive, and responsible use of our resources.
3. Cooperate with biologists, and fish and game enforcement agencies to gain more access and fair use of our marine resources.
4. Actively promote environmentally friendly activities that process to clean our underwater environment and assist at managing our marine resources.



1 Format

This is an online style tournament.

Like all our other tournaments, this is a freedive and scuba event. Your choice! Anyone from anywhere in the world may participate this bragging rights tournament. The biggest (longest) fish in each individual category at the end of the tournament wins Top Dawg for that category. At the end of the tournament there will also be a winner dubbed “The Bully”. The Bully will be determined by adding up the total length of each individuals biggest fish in each category. So you will want to enter a fish in as many categories as possible. Just because your big fish didn’t win you the Top Dawg for the category, doesn’t mean it still won’t help you in participating for being crowned “The Bully”. Participants must purchase a numbered tournament hat, completed the registration and liability form to be entered. The tournament will run from **May 1st until October 31st**. All participants must follow all state/ federal rules and regulations where they will be spearfishing. Any violation of state/federal laws, tournament rules or anyone caught cheating will result in automatic disqualification from the tournament and any/all future tournaments. Entries to be submitted, will need to be a photo/video of the fish with your tournament hat visible as well as time stamped with a witness. Examples of this would be your dive watch, cell phone, and current day’s newspaper, anything to legitimately show the day you shot the fish. Photo/video must also include the measurement of the fish. Fish must be laying on a **FLAT** surface! The measuring tape must be lying flat under the fish and **NOT** laid over the top. The measurement, from the start of the tape to the end of the tape, must be clearly visible in the photo/video. Any submissions where the measurement cannot be undoubtedly seen will be unaccepted. Multiple photos may be required to show clear proof of length measurement, entry hat and time stamp. All measurements shall be made from the fork of the tail to the hook of the jaw. Along with the photo/video submission you must also include, hat number, written measurement, time and date, who was witness to the taking of the fish and what category you are entering in. It’s not up us to decide what category you are submitting your entry to. You may submit as many fish throughout the tournament for every category as you wish. Meaning, if you submitted a fish today and go out tomorrow and shoot a bigger fish, you can “cull out” your smaller fish by submitting your bigger fish. This will play a key role in “The Bully”. There will be 2 divisions in the tournament. Top Dawg and Top Pup. Top Pup division will be for 16 years old and younger and will not have individual categories. Their division will be awarded by the biggest, overall fish throughout the tournament. Parents, no shooting fish for your kids! They can handle it! Just ask them! If you are making a submission for the Top Pup division the rules are still the same but you must write that it is a Top Pup entry. RMSA can change tournament rules at anytime. You must comply with the rules at all times. If we make changes due to some unforeseen reason, we will update you on the Official Tournament Facebook page. It is not our responsibility to make sure you see them. Be sure to have the notifications turned on for the page to alert you of any updates. As always, safety is the upmost importance. Remember there is no fish worth your life! Always dive with a buddy and remember 1 up, and 1 down! From all of us at RMSA we would like to wish you all the best of luck!

2 Rules

All submitted fish must be speared with a rubber/pneumatic gun or pole spear.

Tournament waters restricted to all freshwater bodies of water in anywhere in the world where local/state/province/federal/country regulations allow it.

All entries must be submitted within 20 days of being taken.

In the event of a 2 person tie for The Bully, the tie breaker will be the total length of each person's 2 biggest fish

All participants must follow all state/federal laws in the areas they are spearfishing. Any violation or suspected violation, of any of the laws and/or tournament rules, will result in disqualification from the tournament and possible disqualification from all future tournaments.

This tournament works mostly off of honesty.

We try our best to format it to prevent people from cheating. ***Don't be that person!***

Any participant who gets caught cheating or is suspected of cheating after review from the board at RMSA will be disqualified and will automatically be barred from ever being allowed to participate in future tournaments. **Be honest!!!**

All submissions must have a witness to the measuring of the fish. Witness must be stated in your entry.

All submissions must include photographic evidence of the length of the fish, your entry hat and it must be time stamped. Written along with your submission there needs to be your hat number, who was witness to the fish being taken, the category you are submitting to, written length of the fish and the date taken. If we cannot clearly see the length of your fish or you leave either your entry hat or time stamp out of the photo/video, your entry will not be accepted.

Example of entry

Top Dawg walleye entry

Hat number 01

Date taken 5/1/2018

Witnessed by John Doe

Length - 28.5"

(Post photo/video CLEARLY showing the start and end of the measuring tape showing the length and your entry hat!)

The method of measurement will be from the hook of the jaw to the fork of the tail. All measurements go to the closest 1/4 of an inch. To take over the leader board you must beat the previous leading fish by 1/4 of an inch! Any ties will revert back to the first entry that was submitted.

Top Pup division is for all kids from 16 years of age and under.
Top Dawg division is open to everyone from 16yrs and up.

RMSA reserves the right to challenge any submission. Proof must be provided from the person submitting the entry if additional information is asked for by RMSA

3 Disclaimer

RMSA or any of its people cannot, and will not, be held liable for any death or injuries to any participants by them or their families partaking in the tournament.

4 Prizes

Top Dawg

For adult (older than sixteen years old) division only, a winner from each fish category will be awarded as Top Dawg. The prize will be sponsored and/or cash prize.

Top Pup

For youth (sixteen years old and younger) division only, only one winner will be awarded as Top Pup with overall largest fish that is one of these Top Dawg fish species. The prize will be sponsored and/or cash prize.

The Bully

Overall winner for Top Dawg division only will be awarded as The Bully. The prize will be cash prize and special hat for 'The Bully' along with massive bragging rights!!!

5 Fish Species Category

Common Carp

Buffalo Carp

Walleye

Largemouth Bass

Smallmouth Bass

Northern Pike

Tiger Muskellunge

Channel Catfish

Flathead Catfish

Freshwater Drum

Lake Trout (Splake)

Rainbow Trout

Brown Trout (Tiger Trout)

Land-locked Striper (Striped Bass)

Wiper (Hybrid Striped Bass)

