



## JRTC PureSkill Team Series Rules

- **Entry Fees & Membership** – Entry Fee is \$500 per tournament. Total of \$1,500 for the series plus a \$50 membership fee. A non-refundable deposit of \$500. is due to secure your spot with the balance due by March 1, 2027. You must be paid in full by March 1, 2027 to fish. 3.5% added for Credit Card payments and \$50 return check fee. You can pay online JRTCPureSkill.com for credit card payments, at James River Tackle store (if paying by cash or check), or by mail. If mailing a check, make payable to: **JRTC PureSkill Tournaments** and mail to 1410 W. City Point Rd, Hopewell, VA 23860 along with your registration form.

**NO Form of Forward-Facing Sonar may be used during official practice or tournament hours.** This includes, but is not limited to Garmin Livescope, Hummingbird Mega Live, and Lowrance Active Target and Eagle Eye. Hummingbird 360 is allowed.

- **INSURANCE** – You must provide a **Certificate of Insurance showing a minimum of \$300,000 in Liability coverage, have a tournament angler endorsement/rider and have JRTC PureSkill Tournaments LLC listed as additional insured. This must be on file before you are allowed to fish. You can have your insurance company email it directly to me at Jamesrivertackle@gmail.com**

- You must have a current liability waiver on file to fish.

- **BLAST-OFF POSITIONS** –Boat number is drawn morning of tournament.

- Life jackets must be worn when boat is on plane.

- **POINTS** –First Place will receive two hundred (200) points, Second Place one hundred ninety-eight (198) points, Third Place, one hundred ninety-seven (197) points, etc. The big fish winner will receive two (2) bonus points. If you are paid but do not show up to fish, you will receive 50 points. Points winner for the year will receive a Plaque.

- **START TIME** – The PureSkill tournaments will begin at safe light and be split into 3 flights (based on a full field) in 10 Minute increments and end at 3:00, 3:10 and 3:20PM.

- **LIMITS/Penalties** – All PureSkill tournaments have a five (5) bass limit. Please be aware of the size limits on each body of water. Buggs is 14", Lake Gaston is 14" and the James River is 12". A Half (0.5) pound penalty will be deducted for each dead fish weighed. A team bringing a short fish to the scales will lose the short fish and their biggest fish. A team bringing more than five (5) bass to the scales will result in being disqualified.

- **TIES** –Big Fish weight to break a total weight tie, if no big fish is weighed by either team, we will equally split the payout. Total weight will break a Big Fish tie.

- POLYGRAPH – Winners and participants are subject to a polygraph exam at any JRTC PureSkill Tournament. Refusal to take a polygraph for any reason will result in disqualification.
- No alcohol or illegal drugs may be consumed during tournament hours.
- If a team receives assistance from a competitor or non-competitor in the instance of a breakdown or other emergency, it must be brought to the Committee’s attention for approval. If possible, a phone call should be made to a committee member to receive clearance for any help a team receives during tournament hours. If a call cannot be made, the instance must be brought to a committee member’s attention before weigh-in. A team member can return to the weigh-in with the team’s catch in another competitor’s or non-competitor’s boat.  
CELL PHONE USE FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY.
- PAYBACK –90% payback. One (1) Big Fish place will be paid. One (1) place paid for every Six (6) boats entered. Completed W-9 form is required if you receive a check.
- OFF-LIMITS/Practice – **Official Practice Day is Thursday before the tournament and NO FORWARD-FACING SONAR is allowed on Practice days. The tournament waters are off-limits the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the tournament.** You may **NOT** get any information or assistance from others in the week of the tournament unless they are members of the JRTC PureSkill **current event** . For any tournaments on the James River, the off-limits areas are as follows: Chipcoaks ponds, both gravel pits blocked by poles and barrels and Hopewell Marina between 1<sup>st</sup> boat dock to the fishing area dock (picture will be provided), behind Dominion Power plant where red NO Trespassing signs are, The Chick. Dam, Private fishing club at the end of swift Creek under interstate 95 bridge, Cornelius creek. No casting over manmade structures to fish other bodies of water. You are not allowed to leave your boat to advance into a spot to fish or have someone sit on a spot for you. Show respect and do not fish on top of other anglers. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL DONNIE (804) 691-4764