

Maryland DNR Striped Bass Tournament Data Form

(Updated 5/20/2020)

Tournament Name: _____

Sponsor: _____

Location: _____

Date: _____

Purpose/Objective: _____

Striped bass tournament organizers and directors must follow these instructions:

- 1.) All striped bass must be checked into tournament check stations (or measured in for C & R tournaments)
- 2.) Tournament check stations must record lengths of fish (to the nearest ¼ inch) and record weight (pounds) for each fish checked in.
- 3.) **July/Aug tournaments: Directors must record the number of fish released, and length of each fish released**
- 4.) Catch & Release (C&R) tournaments will record only length.
- 5.) Approval for future tournaments will be contingent upon tournament organizers supplying this information.
- 6.) Data sheets are due to DNR no later than 30 days after the tournament date.

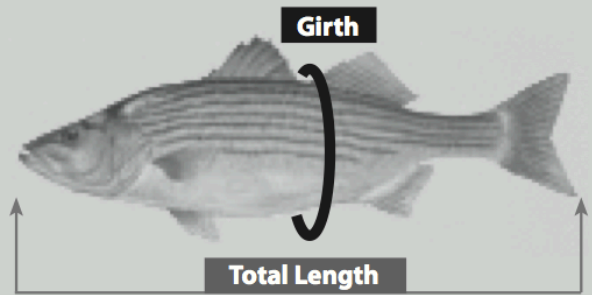
Weigh-in Tournament

Catch and Release Tournament (OR July/Aug Releases)

1. Total number of anglers entered _____
2. Total number of boats entered _____
3. Total number of striped bass recorded _____

How to Measure a Fish

The total length of a fish is the maximum length with the mouth closed and the tail pinched together measured from the snout to the tip of the tail. The best way to obtain this straight line measurement is to push the fish's snout against a vertical surface with the mouth closed and with the fish lying along a tape measure and then pinch the tail fin closed to determine the total length.



Note: Mouth should be shut and tail fin pinched closed.

The girth of a fish is best measured with a fabric ruler. Measuring the girth is helpful in trying to determine if you have a possible record fish, which is determined by total weight. By using the total length and girth of a fish in inches you can get a rough estimate of the weight in pounds with this formula—
(length x girth x girth) ÷ 800= approximate weight.

*Length (nearest ¼ inch) and weight (lbs) of all fish checked in (lengths only for catch & release)

Fish #	Kept or Released (K/R)	Length (nearest ¼ inch)	Weight (lbs)	Fish #	Kept or Released (K/R)	Length (nearest ¼ inch)	Weight (lbs)
1				11			
2				12			
3				13			
4				14			
5				15			
6				16			
7				17			
8				18			
9				19			
10				20			

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Fish #	Kept or Released (K/R)	Length (nearest ¼ inch)	Weight (lbs)	Fish #	Kept or Released (K/R)	Length (nearest ¼ inch)	Weight (lbs)
21				51			
22				52			
23				53			
24				54			
25				55			
26				56			
27				57			
28				58			
29				59			
30				60			
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36				66			
37				67			
38				68			
39				69			
40				70			
41				71			
42				72			
43				73			
44				74			
45				75			
46				76			
47				77			
48				78			
49				79			
50				80			

This form may be copied to accommodate additional fish lengths and weights.

I certify that this information recorded is an accurate account of striped bass entered into this tournament.

Signature: _____

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