



# ROCORI Spartan Fishing Team Handbook 2021

# **WELCOME TO THE ROCORI SPARTAN FISHING TEAM**

Welcome to the ROCORI Spartan Fishing Team. Our team's eligibility extends to all students who are in grades 9 through 12. We encourage both boys and girls to participate in the team.

ROCORI Spartan Fishing Team has a mission of educating and training youth in grades 9 through 12. Through this the organization strives to emphasize a co-educational, safe, ethical, respectful, chemical free, dignified, learning experience. **Participation is a privilege, not a right.**

## **Angler Expectations:**

1. Anglers are responsible for providing a boat captain for league events.
2. Anglers are expected to wear their current team supplied jersey at league and tourneys.
3. Complete registration form and pay registration fee. Registration includes membership to the bass federation (TBF) and the student angler federation (SAF).
4. Every student angler, boat captain, and SAF club will have insurance coverage for all official SAF school club events, which includes \$1 million of liability coverage, \$25,000 Excess Medical Coverage, \$1 Million for any allegations of misconduct and \$25,000 'Amber Alert' coverage
5. Respond to email communication as needed.
6. Represent the Rocori Fishing Team in a positive manner.
7. Learn and practice boater safety skills.
8. Be respectful to other people and their property.
9. Keep a positive attitude when arriving and leaving from practices or competition events
10. Maintain satisfactory grades in school
11. Student Athletes are responsible for their own travel to and from practices or events
12. We are a team! Help each other, encourage each other and practice good sportsmanship so we can all be successful.
13. Thank your boat captains, sponsors, volunteers, and parents. If it weren't for them we wouldn't have a team.

## **PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT**

Each ROCORI Fishing Team participant is required to comply with all state and federal fishing laws.

Each ROCORI Fishing Team participant is expected to come prepared for each event with the following items:

- Life jacket. (Self inflating life jackets are not allowed in Tournaments)
- Weather-appropriate clothing including raingear
- Your own fishing rods and tackle
- Food and beverages

## **Boat Captains:**

1. Boat Captains must be out of high school and a minimum of 19 years of age.
2. Please refer to [highschoolfishing.org](http://highschoolfishing.org) for boat requirements
3. Boat captains will need to register online for tournaments. We will let you know where to register before the tournaments
4. A 16' boat or larger is required for tournaments

## **Tournaments:**

1. All of our tournaments require advanced notice for participation. Please respond timely to emails regarding registration for individual tournaments.
2. We will provide you with as much advance notice as possible of tournament times, regulations, and locations. Note that sometimes we are not notified until only a few days before an event. This will be communicated via email.
3. Anglers and Boat captains are required to read all tournament rules before participating in any given tourney.
4. Anglers and boat captains are required to attend rules meetings at each tournament. Rules meetings are when you get your scales. This is the responsibility of the individual teams and boat captains, not the coaches.
5. Tournament info can be found at

[mnsatt.org](http://mnsatt.org)

[Highschoolfishing.org](http://Highschoolfishing.org)

[Bassfederation.com](http://Bassfederation.com)

## **STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR/CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a member of the ROCORI Fishing Team you understand that you have been given a unique privilege to participate in this High School sport.

- You will promise to follow all rules that the Club, School and District have adopted.
- You will be respectful of all your fellow team members and coaching staff at all time and represent the school with pride and integrity whenever participating in a High School Fishing League event or activity.
- Athletes and Parents will respect their Coaches and follow their direction. Athletes and Parents understand that they need to follow this direction especially during our league events at all times for safety reasons to protect all Athletes, Coaches, Volunteers and Spectators.
- I promise to make safety the number one priority.
- Courtesy and Sportsmanship go hand in hand with safety to create a safe and fun environment. They also portray our sport in the best possible light within our school and the greater community. There will be a strong emphasis on the value of team unity, sportsmanship, and hard work. Fishing Club is a fun sporting competition that is a once in a lifetime experience which we hope you enjoy and take with you well into your future as adults.
- Along with the safety rules the following conduct and sportsmanship rules will be strictly enforced:
  1. Blatant violations of safety rules, discourteous behavior including heckling, bullying, trash talking, temper tantrums or disobedience of directions from coaching staff will not be tolerated and subject to removal from the team.
  2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products are strictly prohibited.

## **Discounts:**

1. Our team anglers get discounts at many different companies. It is very important that you do **NOT** share the discount codes or login information to anyone other than team members. **IF WE ABUSE THIS PRIVILEGE, IT WILL BE TAKEN AWAY.** Discounts and codes will be provided after the roster is finalized.

## **FEES POLICY**

Fees to participate with the ROCORI Fishing Team must be submitted at the time of enrollment with the team. The fees are needed to secure equipment, uniforms, and additional team administrative costs.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Facebook, website, and other social media accounts are for the purpose of promoting the athletes and the team to local and national communities. If you or your athlete do not want their picture or name on our social media sites, it is your responsibility to let the coach know.

## **WEATHER SAFETY**

- ROCORI Fishing Club is an outdoor sport. We could be occasionally fishing in the wind and/or rain. We will stop for low visibility, lightning, or hail; the Head Coach will make the final decision. Dress accordingly for the weather.

**IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A RULE OR PROCEDURE, ASK A COACH.**

## **UNIFORMS**

League rules prohibit the following:

- Clothing that exposes any part of the torso such as; cut-off t-shirts, halter tops, tank tops.
- Short shorts, low riding shorts or pants revealing undergarments or buttocks.
- Any clothing with any type of designs, messages, etc. that have direct or indirect references to alcohol, tobacco, sex or sexual connotations, drugs, gambling or profanities.

Anyone not appropriately dressed while competing will be sent home.