



## Membership Rules

The primary purpose of this club shall be to encourage camaraderie, sportsmanship, integrity, conservation, and development of the skills and knowledge needed to be successful boaters and anglers.

To make sure everyone has a great experience all members must abide by some basic rule:

1. Share any knowledge you have with those less experienced than you and be willing to learn new things from others. One thing that has hurt more relationships than any other thing is the desire to be right and not be open to new ideas. When sharing live by this rule, take the best and forget the rest. Not one way of fishing is the best way all the time so learn as much as you can.
2. This club is a family and even though family may not get along all the time, we will always show respect for one another and keep a positive attitude especially during the rough times.
3. Family participation is encouraged. As such we want to make sure we are mindful of our language and behavior around young children and teens. For Corporate members only the Owner of the businesses has the membership extend to their immediate family. Employees of the business would have to obtain a standard membership in order for the employees immediate family to participate in club activities.
4. We are a fishing club, NOT a social club, bragging club or clique club. Fishing is the soul of this group. If you go out and have a fun time on the water or wet a line with a club member, your family or a friend share your experience on the SWFL Member Club FB page & GroupMe App. No matter how big, small or even if you have been skunked post it and #swflfishingclub. It's about creating experiences and having a great time. Not everyone has the same level of fishing expertise but everyone likes to create great memories with like minded people.
5. Posting on any of the clubs social media pages:
  - a. ABSOLUTELY NO political post on any of the Clubs social media pages
  - b. ABSOLUTELY NO solicitation of any kind on any of the Clubs social media pages
  - c. Corporate Memberships can not solicit but will have their services promoted by the club as per their membership agreement
  - d. No copyright content without permission
  - e. NO Bullying or harassment of any kind
  - f. Every post on the Clubs public FB page of your catch with a SWFL Fishing logo clearly legible and liked by at least 5 current Club Members will be entered into our monthly raffle drawing and announced at our monthly meetings. You must be present at the meeting to win. The logo can be a sticker, shirt, hat or a print copy from our website, [www.swflfishingclub.com](http://www.swflfishingclub.com)
  - g. No hating on people's posts. If you can't make a positive and encouraging comment do not leave one.
6. If you commit to going on a group trip with shared expenses and you cancel at the last minute on more than two occasions you will be put on the Club No Group Fishing list for 3 months on the first violation, 6 months for the second violation and if you are still a member and commit a third offence your name will stay on the list permanently. This list will be available to any Club Member requesting an open spot for a trip in our Private Member group.
7. Our club has a great mix of professional, amateur and beginner anglers. If you're great at fishing, humble yourself and help someone understand the basics. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. If you are a horrible angler, start by stopping yourself from saying that. There is no such thing as a horrible angler, only anglers who haven't learned and practiced enough. Everyone has the ability to learn. The difference between a catcherman and a fisherman is one has made the decision to learn and get better

every single day. If you're a SWFL Fishing Club Member you're on your way to becoming a great angler if you're not one yet.

8. The most important club rule is to HAVE FUN & CATCH more fish than ever before.
9. The Club will have the following important positions to better serve our Members. Board Members will hold or appoint and oversee club members for the following positions:

#### **1. Communications Specialist**

The Communications specialist is the primary advertiser. The communications specialist will manage the email contacts list and send out the meeting notes/information composed by the secretary via email.

Specialist will assist with communicating various events, meetings etc via social media as well as email. This includes reminders of upcoming meetings and events. Specialist will provide content to Webmasters for posting to the website.

#### **2. Member Relations Specialist**

The Member Relations specialist will be the primary new member contact. The specialist will sign people up at meetings and encourage non-members to sign up.

Member Relations will ensure all appropriate documents are obtained and given:

Member Registration form and Liability Waiver; Welcome Packet; Shirt etc. Collect Dues and give to the Treasurer. They also have the responsibility for maintaining the master club roster of active members on Google spreadsheet. Must provide New Member contact information to the Communication Specialist so the email list can be kept up to date. New members will be forwarded to BOARD for meet and greet & introduction at next meeting

#### **3. Event Coordinator**

The Event Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the events and tournaments.

The coordinator will take the lead role in planning the events and tournaments. This includes picking locations, ordering any needed food, ensuring the rules for the tournament are established, and tournament sign ups.

#### **4. Webmaster**

The Webmaster will primarily be responsible for maintaining the club website. They will be responsible for adding various features to the webpage including photos, designs, and informational content. Updating our online event calendar and adding meeting dates, tournament dates, and event dates to inform the members and public of our upcoming events. The Webmaster will add meeting notes to the website as well as any other content including tournament info.

#### **5. Secretary**

The Secretary will be responsible for any and all administrative duties needed in connection with the Club. Take notes at the monthly meetings. At the meetings, ensure members and non-members sign in and assist with any administrative duties as needed including member sign ups.

#### **6. Fundraising**

The Fundraiser will be responsible for generating funds to be used for the club's benefit. This includes purchasing items for the raffles at the monthly meetings, selling raffle tickets, and reporting all funds received to the Treasurer. The Fundraiser will also work on the yearly auction, helping to solicit items to list, place tickets on the items for bidders, and close the auction.

#### **7. Founders**

The Founders are responsible for overseeing the operations of the club and BOARD.

The Founders will act as treasurers and make monthly deposits/ensure club funds are being appropriated as voted on by the BOARD the Founders will assist in all aspects of the club and BOARD. The Founders will conduct the club and BOARD meetings, ensuring that meetings are organized and run smoothly

### **NON-NEGOTIABLES**

We want everyone to have fun at the club but we have a few non-negotiable which if violated may lead to probation, suspension or immediate termination. All memberships are at will and can be terminated for cause by the SWFL Fishing Club Board of Directors.

1. Spreading rumors on any of our social media pages will earn you a 30 day suspension for your first violation. A repeat incident earns you a 90 day suspension and a third will lead to termination from the club for a year.
2. Treating a fellow member in a disrespectful manner could lead to probation, 30- 60 day suspension or immediate termination. Depending on the severity of the offense the Board will determine the consequence and have the final word.
3. Drunkenness or behavior deemed inappropriate at any group meeting or event will lead to a 90 day suspension and possibly immediate termination of membership.
4. Corporate memberships, if any of your employees violate any of the non-negotiables it would be the same as if you yourself violated the rule and the consequences will be imposed on your corporate membership

Cut out logo for FB catch pictures to be entered to win at our monthly raffles:

