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Spring Tournament, Rule 18 Clarification

Dear Members and Tournament Participants-

The MSSA Tournament and Executive Committee would like to clarify Rule 18 of the 26th Annual Spring Tournament, "Championship on the Chesapeake."

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused and would like to assure you that we are continuously working to uphold the integrity of our tournament. Fairness and enjoyment are our two main priorities in this tournament and I hope this clarification will help in that effort.

If you are still unsure of your status please fill out the Professional Angler Qualification Questionnaire located on our website at www.mssa.net or call the office at 410-255-5535 for further instruction.

Thank you for your concern and I hope this will help you in determining your eligibility.

Sincerely,

MSSA Tournament Committee

AMENDMENT TO RULE 18

18. THIS IS AN AMATEUR TOURNAMENT ONLY. No vessel registered to fish in the Amateur Division may have on board during tournament hours as: captain, crew, angler, consultant, or observer ("Professionals") persons who are or have been DURING THE PAST TWO (2) YEARS a: professional or paid captain, charter boat captain, mate on a charter boat, holder of a commercial fin-fishing license issued by any government entity; or professional angler. Professionals include, but are not limited to: persons who derive income from fishing; persons who have either won \$20,000 in tournament money (NOT INCLUDING Calcutta's), or have won three (3) or more tournaments in the past two (2) years; persons who are paid to endorse fishing products; persons holding a license as a fishing guide; any captain or crew of a "For-Hire Boat"; self-professed professionals; and, persons whom are publicly known as professionals. All such persons are encouraged to enter the Charter Boat and Professional Category.

Angler's requesting a, determination of amateur status, are encouraged to complete MSSA's PROFESSIONAL ANGLER QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE (30 days prior to the Tournament).