**A MANDATORY PRE-TOURNAMENT SAFETY & RULES MEETING** will be held at Newburg Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Entry forms, waivers, and entry fees will be in person at the NVRSFD no later than 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Tournament starting time is 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Tournament ending time and weight-in shall be no later than 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2022. Weigh-in begins at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at Newburg Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department Newburg, MD.

 **\*\*ENTRY FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE\*\***

**ADDITIONAL RULES:**

1. Anyone under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

2. All federal, state and local laws and safety regulations shall apply.

3. Participant’s signature on the entry form shall be proof of acceptance by the participant of the terms and conditions of the Tournament’s waiver of release.

4. There will be a mandatory boat and safety check prior to the Tournament start time.

5. **Bow Only All fish must be shot with an Arrow while fish are in the water.**

6. **FISH DISPOSAL IS THE RESPONIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANT.**

7. No more than four (4) persons allowed per boat. **Charter captain cannot participate.**

8. This is a BIG 5 Trailered Tournament. No more than 5 fish may be weighed (Weight of 1 fish will be used for tie-breaker)

9. **LIFE VESTS SHALL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN ENGINE IS RUNNING!**

10. No dip nets or gaff poles over four (4) feet long permitted.

11. Any tampering with fish while result in automatic disqualification.

12. Anyone receiving a citation for fish, game, or boating violations will be disqualified, along with his/her team.

13. Five (5) fish shall be deducted from a team’s BIG 5 catch for every five minutes the team checks in late to weigh-in. (Check in for Weigh-in will be allowed starting 6a at the station).

14. Tournament Committee shall have the final say on all disqualifications, rule interpretations, and disputes.

15. If weather and/or safety concerns prohibit the start of the Tournament, it will be delayed until determined safe by the Tournament Committee or rescheduled. If needed to be rescheduled, new date will be announced by or on

May 20, 2023.

16. Good sportsmanship and exercising safety measures should be practiced at all times.

17. Any misrepresentation of one’s catch shall be grounds for immediate team disqualification.

**18. Changes and/or additions to these rules may be made by the Tournament Committee at the Mandatory Pre-Tournament Safety and Rules Meeting.**

19. Participants must provide photo identification to receive prize money.

20. Furthermore, The NVRSFD reserves the right to cancel or reschedule the tournament due to low participant turnout.

21. **No sting rays (ray are legal but ray tournaments are illegal in Maryland)**

22. **No Spear, Guns or Blow Guns**

**23. If participant decides to not come to weigh-in, contact must be made with Mike prior to 7a. This is due to safety concerns to make sure your group did not have a water emergency.**

**24. *All proceeds will be used to support Newburg Volunteer Rescue Squad & Fire Dept.***

**Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



NVRSFD

3RD Annual

Big 5 Bow Fishing

SnakeHead

Tournament



May 20 – May 21st , 2023

Check in 3:00 – 5:00pm May 21st

Captains Meeting 5:30pm May 20th

Fishing starts 7pm May 20th

Weigh-in 7am May 21st

Tournament contacts:

Mike: 240-705-6653

Station: 301-259-2105

Waiver and Release:

PLEASE KEEP THIS RELEASE KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that the undersigned, for the sole consideration Newburg Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department allowing the undersigned to participate in the Foundation’s BIG 5 Bow Fishing Trailered Tournament and Fund Raiser on May 20 – May 21, 2023 does herewith release and discharge and by these present, does for the undersigned, his heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns release and forever discharge the Foundation and College and all persons, firms, corporations, both known and unknown, of and from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of actions, or suits at law or in equity of whatsoever kind or nature, for or because of any matter or thing done, omitted, or suffered to be done by anyone prior to and including the date hereof on account of all injuries both to person or property resulting, or to result, from any and all accidents or claims which may arise during the course of the Foundation’s BIG 5 Bow Fishing Trailered Tournament and Fund Raiser to be held on the 20th of May and 21st of MAY. The undersigned, by reason of agreeing to this Release, neither admits nor denies liability of any sort and the NVRSFD have made no agreement or promise to do or omit to do any act or thing not herein set forth and the undersigned further understands that this Release is made in order to induce the Foundation and College to allow the undersigned to participate in the Foundation’s BIG 5 Bow Fishing Trailered Tournament and Fund Raiser and this Release is made to terminate all controversy or claims for injuries or damages of whatsoever nature, known or unknown, including future developments thereof, in any way growing out of or connected with the Foundation’s BIG 5 Bow Fishing Trailered Tournament and Fund Raiser. The undersigned specifically agrees that this Release shall be a complete bar to all claims or suit for injuries of damages of whatsoever nature resulting or to result from the Foundation’s BIG 5 Bow Fishing Trailered Tournament and Fund Raiser. FURTHER, as an inducement to the NVRSFD to allow the undersigned to participate in the Foundation’s BIG 5 Bow Fishing Trailered Tournament and Fund Raiser, the undersigned agrees to indemnify the NVRSFD, and their officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, successors and assigns, against, and to hold them harmless from, and promptly reimburse them for payments of money by reason of any claim, demand, or proceeding arising from any claimed occurrence or any act, omission, or obligation of the undersigned or any one associated or affiliated with the undersigned at the Foundation’s BIG 5 Bow Fishing Trailered Tournament and Fundraiser. FURTHER, the undersigned agrees he or she is knowledgeable of and will adhere to all local, state, and federal legal requirements pertaining to bow fishing, including equipment and boats/motors, on bodies of water and waterways that allow competitive recreational bow fishing competitions, including all safety measures listed in such requirements (i.e. floatation devices, emergency signaling, boat capacity, lighting, etc.). I, the undersigned, agree to waive all rights or recovery and my insurers also waive all rights of subrogation of damages against Newburg Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department, and their agents, officers, directors, employees, and volunteers for damages. ENTRY FEES and BIG FISH FEES can be made by cash or credit card. Contact Mike at (240) 705-6653.