

Big Boom Kayak Bass Fishing Tournament Rules and Standards

The terms and conditions presented in this document apply between the Big Boom Kayak Bass Fishing Tournament and those persons registering for and participating in the event (“Competitor”). “Events” include both “Tournaments” (meet-up competition) and “Challenges” (distributed competition where participants do not congregate). The pronouns “he,” “him,” “himself,” and “his” herein are used as generic, gender-neutral terms and do not restrict or confirm access on the basis of sex.

Each Challenge or Tournament (referred to herein as “Competition”) is conducted according to Competition Rules found in the document:

1. *Big Boom Kayak Bass Fishing Tournament Rules and Standards* (stipulated below) and covers the terms, conditions and standards required of Competitors.

As a condition of participation in any Competition, the participating angler (“Competitor”) agrees to fully and completely comply with all Competition Rules. Failure to comply will result in a penalty or disqualification.

For each Competition, the Tournament Director has responsibility for interpretation and enforcement of the rules and may amplify or clarify them to make them more relevant or complete.

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1. Participation and Eligibility

A. **TourneyX® Registration** — All Competitions are conducted using **TourneyX®**. Each angler who wishes to participate in such an event must create a freeTourneyX user account before the first day of competition.

i. Anglers who desire to compete are required to sign up for the event and pay the entry fee on TourneyX.

B. **Entry Fees** — Entry Fee amounts, administrative surcharges, registration deadlines, late fee exceptions, and refund or transfer restrictions are required and are non-refundable except in case specified by the Tournament Director.

Competitor understands and agrees that payment for the Event does not secure a guarantee or promise of satisfaction.

Competitor's failure or inability, for any reason except as otherwise provided herein, to participate in any or all of the activities of the Event does not relieve or suspend the Competitor's obligation to make all payments required on a timely basis, nor entitle the Customer to a refund or credit, except as provided below.

C. Payment — Competitor agrees that once an Event Registration is submitted, this Agreement is a legally binding and enforceable obligation of Competitor.

D. Competitor's Right to Cancel — Any competitor who wishes to cancel an Event Registration may do so by emailing the administrator (bigboombass@gmail.com).

For Tournaments, if cancellation email is dated more than 15 days prior to the Event, no administrative fee will be charged. Any cancellation dated 15 days or fewer before the Event shall result in a per person administrative fee equal to the lesser of \$25 or 30% of the Event Registration Fee.

Once an Event has started, no cancellations will be accepted and no refunds will be provided.

E. Pre-Tournament Check-in — Each Competitor in a Tournament is responsible for reviewing the schedule of events. Each Competitor must check in with Competition staff at the time and place designated in the schedule of events for verification of eligibility, signing of waivers, and rules acknowledgement.

F. Captains Meeting Attendance — For Tournaments, Competitors are required to attend an on-site Captains Meeting or view of a recorded "Virtual" Captains Meeting Webcast. Official Identifiers for Competitions are distributed at Captains Meeting on the evening before or early the morning of competition, or during check-in. Competitors unable to attend the Captains Meeting must download and print the Identifier Form from the Competition's tourneyx.com dashboard or pick one up at a Late Arrival/Check-in station.

2. Eligible Species — For "Bass" Competitions, only "black bass" are eligible for scoring. That designation includes the three most common species (Largemouth Bass – *Micropterus salmoides*, Smallmouth Bass – *Micropterus dolomieu*, and Spotted or Kentucky Bass – *Micropterus punctulatus*) as well as other less well-known species or varieties:

- A. Shoal Bass – *Micropterus cataactae*
- B. Redeye Bass – *Micropterus coosae*
- C. Suwannee Bass – *Micropterus notius*
- D. Guadalupe Bass- *Micropterus treculi*
- E. Bartram's Bass – *Micropterus bartrami*
- F. Alabama Spotted Bass – *Micropterus punctulatus henshalli*
- G. Mean Mouth Bass – hybrid offspring of *M. dolomieu* and *M. punctulatus*

B. Check-in — Competitors at Tournaments who have already submitted digital photos by upload to TourneyX, must be in the Judges Check-in Line at Tournament HQ by the Competition End Time.

C. Early Check-in — Competitors who could not or did not upload their photo submissions to TourneyX must turn in their digital media (i.e., memory card), camera, or camera phone with USB cable in order for judges or tournament staff to download them to a computer and then manually upload them to TourneyX for subsequent evaluation and scoring.

D. Emergency Competition Termination — In the event of emergencies, such as weather conditions that pose an imminent threat to Competitors, the Tournament Director may terminate Competition before the scheduled Competition End Time. An *Early Termination Announcement* with an Adjusted End Time will be broadcast to Competitors via Email and Group Text Messaging and will also be posted on the TourneyX site and media sites. The Announcement will specify a report-in time and location. If safe to do so, upon receiving the Announcement, Competitors should make their way to the specified location at the time identified.

Competitors are required to stop fishing as soon as they receive the Early Termination Announcement. No fish *caught* after the Adjusted End Time may be submitted for scoring; however, to accommodate those seeking shelter immediately, Competitors have up to 15 minutes after the Adjusted End Time to take a photo of the fish caught before the Adjusted End Time. Only photos with time stamps 15 minutes or less after the Adjusted End Time, verified by the photo time stamp on the Competitor's camera or camera phone, will be eligible for scoring regardless whether the Competitor was in cell range and received the Announcement at the Adjusted End Time.

Continuing to fish when bad weather rolls in can be hazardous. It's up to the Tournament Director to decide whether to let the Competitors "tough it out" or pull the plug early. If the TD shuts down the competition early, he will send emails and texts announcing an "early quit time" to all competitors. *No fish caught after the TD's early quit time is eligible for scoring.*

What if you catch a nice fish just seconds before the "early quit time" text; can you high-tail it to shelter before taking a photo? Yep, that's fine. You have 15 minutes to get to safety and take the photo. **THIS DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT YOU CAN KEEP FISHING FOR FIFTEEN MORE MINUTES.**

Okay, but what if an angler is out of cell range and doesn't get the "early quit time" message until much later? *It doesn't matter whether the angler gets the word immediately or hours afterwards; the TD's official "early quit time" is what counts.* Some anglers will choose to fish in areas with no or poor cell reception, and they may not get the text or email until they're on their way back to HQ at the originally planned time. If they fish through the storm and catch some decent fish after the "early quit time" they are going to be disappointed. Those fish don't count. Competitors who choose to fish in areas with poor cell reception must understand this is one of the risks they're taking and decide for themselves if the rewards outweigh the risks.

3. Pre-fishing — Practice in Eligible Waters is permitted until six hours prior to competition start time. There are no restrictions regarding areas, type of watercraft, or types of bait used in pre-fishing.

4. Competition Area

A. Competitive fishing is allowed only on publicly accessible waters within the geographic area designated for the competition.

B. Competitors may launch from any public-access shore. Crossing restricted property to reach eligible water is not permitted.

C. Areas posted continuously as "Off Limits" or "No Fishing" by regulatory authorities or owners do not qualify as "Eligible Waters." Areas that have restricted fishing hours or dates are eligible water only during the times and days when boating and fishing are permitted.

D. Competitors are not restricted to fishing where they start out each day but are permitted to paddle, pedal, motor, drag, carry, or transport boats on vehicles or trailers to other eligible water area during tournament hours.

E. Kayaks must not be anchored in such a position as to prevent or block access for other kayaks or powerboats.

F. Wade fishing is not permitted. Competitors may depart the boat to catch and land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. If a Competitor must go out of sight of his kayak for any reason (e.g., for a restroom break or to contact a tournament official by phone or other means, or to report an emergency), he must cease fishing until he returns to his kayak, at which time he may resume fishing.

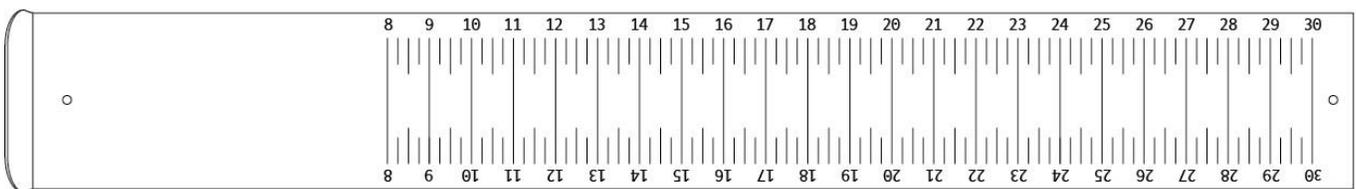
5. Permitted Methods of Capturing Fish — All bass must be caught live, the Competitor using only equipment and legal methods that comply with all sportfishing statutes and regulations of the states and body of water in which they are taken. Competitors are responsible for research of fishing and boating regulations. Snatching or snagging fish is not permitted. When visually fishing a bed for spawning bass, to be admissible all bass must be hooked inside the mouth.

6. Cooperation and Assistance: Up until the end of the established pre-fishing period, competitors may fish with and receive direct assistance from other anglers and professional guides on the eligible waters. Before and during this event, competitors may (a.) share gear, tackle and equipment, (b.) assist in photographing a fish for submission, and (c.) may communicate with and fish in proximity to other people, including competitors; however, then may not receive assistance in catching fish, including boat positioning, casting, retrieving, hooking, playing, or landing a fish.

7. Fishing Tackle and Equipment

A. All bass must be caught on rod, reel, line and hook with artificial lures only. No traps, snares, set lines or other methods of fishing other than rod, reel and line are permissible, even if legal under state game laws.

B. Each Competitor must have a Hawg Trough, the only acceptable measuring device. “Hawg Trough” is a specific brand of measuring device manufactured by Hagen’s. It does not refer to any other rounded or flat measuring board. Hawg Troughs may be shortened only by removing inches from the upper end opposite the fence. For instance, one may be shortened by cutting it off at the 26 inch mark in order to fit crossways between the kayak gunwales. However, it may not be broken, snapped, or cut apart and then reassembled at any point between the two ends. A crack that does not separate the Hawg Trough into pieces and does not affect the accuracy of the Hawg Trough may be repaired and reinforced for use



C. Each competitor must have a mobile phone with camera or a digital camera with memory card and/or download cable to submit digital photographs.

D. Nets and grippers (e.g., Fish Grip, Boga-Grip) may be used for landing bass during tournament competition, but grippers must not remain attached to the fish in photos.

E. Only artificial lures and biodegradable artificial lures may be used. No live bait, preserved bait, or prepared bait will be permitted during competition, with the exception of pork strips or rinds.

F. Only ONE casting, spin-casting, spinning, or fly rod and reel may be in use at any one time. A hung lure that is not in or on the water is not considered in use and may be set aside while another is in use. Other rigs as specified above may be in boat ready for use; however, only ONE is permitted in use at any given time.

G. If a Competitor breaks his line while setting the hook or retrieving a fish, he is allowed to make an attempt with the rod being used or by hand to secure the line and land the fish to be counted as legal. He may NOT hook the line with another lure, rod and reel, or other device. If a Competitor loses his rod and reel while landing a bass he MAY use another rod and reel to retrieve the lost outfit. If that rod and reel is verified to be the lost outfit that and the bass is still hooked, it may be landed, photographed, and submitted as a legal fish.

8. Watercraft & Propulsion

A. Watercraft acceptable for use in Competition are:

a. Small, narrow watercraft that the manufacturer identifies and sells as a kayak, including inflatable kayaks and modular kayaks

b. Stand-up paddleboards (SUP)

c. Other watercraft specifically approved in advance of competition. If unsure about the acceptability of a watercraft, contact the tournament director (bigboombass@gmail.com) in advance for eligibility determination.

d. Under no circumstance will the following watercraft be approved for use in competition:

i. Gas- or liquid-fueled motorized or hybrid fuel/electric powerboats or personal watercraft

ii. Sailboats

iii. Jon boats

iv. Canoes, pirogues, coracles, and rowboats

v. Dingies and skiffs

vi. Float tubes, inflatable rafts, and rigid inflatable boats (e.g., Zodiac)

vii. Pontoon boats, pontoon-style pond boats, or similar.

B. Watercraft propulsion is restricted to paddle, pedal, pole, or electric motor. (See electric motor restrictions, below.)

C. Unless specifically prohibited, use of electric motors in competition is approved with the following restrictions:

a. Electric motor must be attached to the kayak in a safe manner for operation.

b. An electric motor used to propel a watercraft may not exceed the lesser of (a.) manufacturer's labeled Maximum HP/Thrust Capacity, (b.) 3 HP, or (c.) 155 foot-pound thrust.

c. Competitors must comply with all boating regulations pertaining to motorized kayak/electric-propulsion watercraft registration, use, and operating restrictions for the designated fishing area.

d. No more than one electric motor may be attached to a kayak regardless of combined horsepower/thrust/power rating. Motors with dual props operated by a single power source are permissible as long as the unit is manufactured and sold as a single unit.

D. Towing, transport or relocation assistance from another watercraft, including “mothershipping,” is NOT permitted except in cases of emergency, as when pulling a kayak from a danger zone or restricted area. Once the emergency has ended, the Competitor may resume fishing only if no appreciable relocation occurred.

E. Trolling (i.e., lure(s) attached to a single rod and towed behind a watercraft while underway) is permitted but will be counted as your single rod in operation.

9. **Photo Standards** Digital photographs of each bass submitted to judges for scoring must meet these criteria:

A. Unique. Each digital photo submitted by the same Competitor in each Competition must be of a different bass. Subsequent digital photos submitted by the Competitor of the same bass will be culled and, if determined to have been deliberately submitted with intent to defraud, will result in disqualification of Competitor and banishment from future Competition.

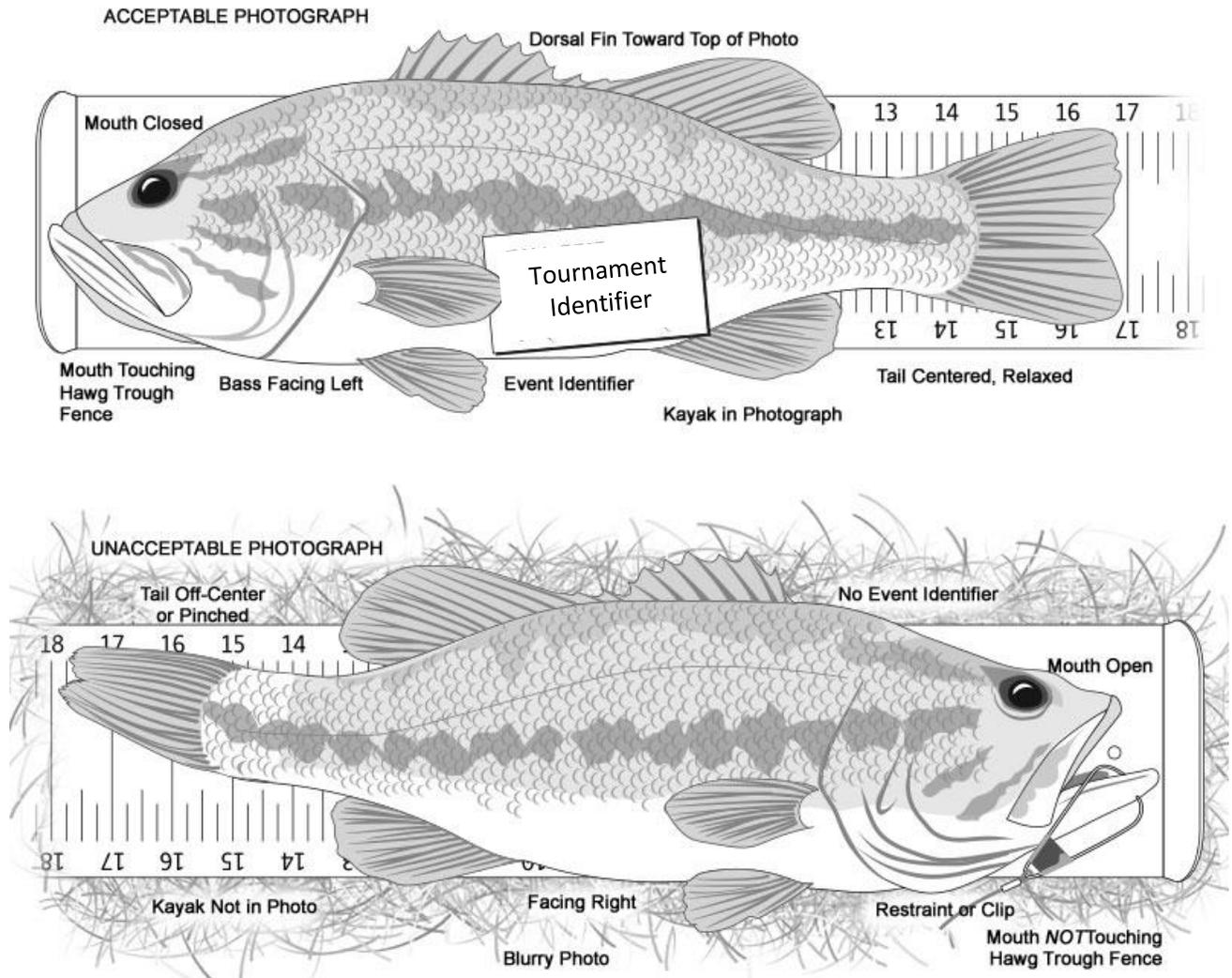
B. Legible. Photo must be clear enough to read identifier, including required ID codes and marks, and judge the length accurately. After carefully examining photo details and cross-referencing other photos submitted for scoring by the same angler in the same event, if the event judge is NOT able to verify with 100% confidence that the Identifier Form and ID Codes or Marks in the photo are valid for both the competitive event and the competitor, then the photo will be denied.

C. Eligible. Each digital photo must have been created within the official Competition Start and End Times.

D. Official TourneyX Identifier Form or Identifier previously identified by the Tournament Director must be placed where it does not cover the bass’ eye or prevent measurement verification. An image of the unique identifier on a smart phone is not acceptable.

E. Competitor’s kayak clearly visible

F. Bass, as depicted below:



- i. Facing left on a Hawg Trough, left side of the fish visible, dorsal fin toward the top of the photo
- ii. Mouth completely closed with jaw and/or lips touching the Hawg Trough "fence." Position camera lens directly over the center of the bass' body to aid judges in determining that bass' mouth is closed and in contact with the fence. Photos judged to have been taken deliberately at an angle in order to make the fish appear longer may be disqualified at the Tournament Director's discretion.
- iii. Tail centered and in a relaxed, un-pinched condition and its tip in contact with the Hawg Trough. Regardless whether or not fingers are squeezing the tail, if the tip is less than 50% as wide as the base, or the longer lobe of the tail is compressed over 50%, that tail will be considered "pinched" and should be spread before photographing to avoid a point deduction.
- iv. To confirm that the fish is alive, the bass' eye must be uncovered in the photo. Photos of bass that appear to be dead, mutilated, frozen or similarly damaged will be disqualified without scoring. Photos of bass that appear to have been mangled, mashed, mauled or otherwise altered in ways that increase their length will be disqualified or approved for scoring at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

v. No restraining device, clip, or band may be used to secure the fish being photographed. Securing the fish with any portion of a hand under the fish's gill flap is prohibited.

10. Scoring

A. Tournament standings, contingency awards and final winners shall be determined by the aggregate length of each Competitor's catch during the tournament competition day(s).

B. In a CPR tournament, unless a bass is hooked to a restraint device, they are not considered "in possession" by Competitors, so minimum length requirement do not apply for photo submissions, and Competitors may submit as many photos of different bass as they wish.

i. Unless otherwise stipulated, in one-day tournaments the scores of the five longest bass on the Leader Board when judging is complete will be combined to determine the aggregate score.

D. Bass length is determined by its tail touching or crossing a quarter-inch line on the Hawg Trough. If it falls short of a line, the length is rounded down to the nearest 1/4-inch mark that the bass' tail actually touches or crosses. Pinching the tail or angling the fish to achieve additional length will not result in a higher score and may result in deduction in length, as described in Section 11.F, below.

E. In the event of a tie, the tied competitor's "biggest" (top-scored) bass are compared, and the tie breaks in favor of the competitor with the biggest (top-scoring) bass. If the biggest bass are equal, the second-biggest bass are compared and determine which competitor wins the tie. If the second-biggest are identical, the third bass is compared, and if they, too, are identical, then the fourth bass breaks the tie. If all four of the tied competitors' highest scoring bass are identical, then the tie breaks in favor of the competitor whose last Leader Board photo was uploaded earliest.

F. At every tournament and challenge, judges strive to be fair, consistent and objective, applying the following standards in approving or disqualifying photos, and in accepting or adjusting lengths.

Item	Criteria	Penalty
Photo	Blurry photos will be scored at the highest mark of which there is no doubt	n/a
Photo	Photo that is too blurry to judge at all	DQ
Photo	Photo appears to be second-generation (photo of a photo)	DQ
Photo	Photo submitted before or after event date and time limits	DQ
Photo	GPS photo tag or other evidence indicates photo was uploaded out of tournament "permitted waters" zone	DQ
Photo	Multiple digital photos unintentionally submitted of the same bass	DQ

Photo	Multiple digital photos intentionally submitted of the same bass; fraud	Ban
Orientation	Bass is positioned with the head pointing to the right	DQ
Orientation	Bass is positioned with dorsal fin at bottom of photo, pelvic and anal fins upward	DQ
Identifier	Tournament Identifier missing, counterfeit, or incorrect for the event or competitor	DQ
Kayak	Competitor's kayak not visible in photo	DQ
Mouth	Fish lip or mouth clearly not touching Hawg Trough fence (the upright end plate)	DQ
Mouth	Unable to ascertain with certainty that fish lip or mouth is touching Hawg Trough fence	1"
Mouth	Mouth slightly open, but less than 1/8 inch	0"
Mouth	Mouth open 1/8 to 1/4 inch, even if it appears to be structurally unable to close completely.	0.5"
Mouth	Mouth open 1/4 to 1/2 inch, even if it appears to be structurally unable to close completely.	1.0"
Mouth	Mouth open wider than 1/2 inch, even if it appears to be structurally unable to close completely.	1.5"
Body	Restraining device, stringer, tape, or clip of any kind is attached to bass or being used to secure it.	1"
Body	Any portion of a hand or fingers under the fish's operculum (hard gill flap)	DQ
Body	Body off-center or curved so that one lobe of the tail fin extends 1/2 inch or more past the other lobe*	1"

Tail	Fingers are pinching the tail fin lobes together, or even without being constrained by fingers or a restraint the tail fin tip is half or less as wide as the tail base.	1"
Tail	Tail fin lifted up off the Hawg Trough; fish flapping its tail fin so the entire tip is not in contact with the board	DQ
Fish	Any other fish than the species or varieties approved for the Competition	DQ
Fish	Fish appears to have been snagged, snatched, or hooked in the body rather than mouth	DQ
Fish	Fish appears to be dead, mutilated, frozen, mangled, or otherwise damaged so that it may not to have been taken according to the rules, or eye is covered so the condition of the fish cannot be ascertained.	DQ
Fish	Bass appears to have been mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered to increase its length	DQ

** For fish with worn, bitten-off, mutilated or deformed tail fins, judge will make best estimate of how it would appear if the tail were intact and uniformly shaped.*

11. Awarding of Prizes

A. Prizes and payouts are subject to change based on participation (lower value for less entries and higher value for more entries). Final payout will be adjusted based on entries and sponsorship commitments

B. Prizes will be processed as quickly as possible.

C. Prizes that require processing (e.g. kayaks, paddles, propulsion units) may require additional processing or delivery time. This is done to allow contestants some flexibility in picking the prize they want rather than win an awesome prize and be dissatisfied with the model, color or style. There will be some limitations on picking specific features and model availability, but this method is much better for the overall return on investment for sponsors and contestant satisfaction.

12. Penalties

A. Failure of digital photos to conform to photo requirements will result in deductions of one inch or more in length for each infraction. Multiple violations may result in disqualification of the entry altogether.

B. A minimum 1/2-inch deduction will be enforced for a photograph of a bass with its mouth open 1/8-inch or more.

C. Competitors who have not already submitted their digital photos and are not in the Judges Check-in line by the Early Check-in deadline, as described in Rule 12, shall be penalized at the rate of four inches per minute late; to be deducted from the total length of his catch that day. Any Competitor more than 15 minutes late shall lose all credit for that day's catch. There shall be no excuse for tardiness, and in no case, shall a Competitor be allowed to make up "lost time." After proper recognition at the Judges Station line, Competitors will be allowed ample time to submit their photos; however, all fishing must cease at the official Competition End Time.

D. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director or a rules committee may impose such penalties as deemed appropriate by them, including without limitation, disqualification, forfeiture of entry fee and prizes, and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The Tournament Director's decisions on violations are final.

E. Penalties for rules violations may include the following:

i. Reduction of score (length) as determined by the Tournament Director

ii. Loss of catch for the day of the violation

iii. Disqualification from the tournament in question

iv. Disqualification from future events, which may be from a specific number of events, a specific period of time, or may be a lifetime ban or disqualification.

F. Each Competitor agrees to report to the Tournament Director immediately any violation or infraction of any tournament rules. Failure to report violations, or suggestions to another Competitor that they violate these rules, or false verification of weigh-in forms, may be cause for disqualification.

13. **Safety**

A. During pre-practice and competition, every Competitor must have all applicable required Coast Guard safety equipment, (e.g., light source, whistle or other audible signal device, Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver [PFD]). See [http:// www.uscgboating.org/](http://www.uscgboating.org/).

B. PFD Usage: Competitors must possess a USCG-approved vest-style PFD. Wear of a PFD is **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** for all competitors but is required at all times for competitors under the age of 12. The PFD must be properly positioned and adjusted to conform with USGC and manufacturers' instructions.

D. The Tournament Director has the right to postpone or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the Competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. As stated in Rule 4.D., the Tournament Director has the discretion to terminate Competition early due to hazardous weather conditions.

E. In the event of an emergency situation, Competitors should call 911 first and then notify tournament officials as soon as possible.

F. Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over-the-counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any Competitor, during the official practice or during the tournament, will not be tolerated and will be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future tournaments. No alcoholic beverages or other non-prescription stimulants or depressants shall be allowed in kayaks during the official practice or competition days. Chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of a felony or other crimes involving moral turpitude,

or other conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules, shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and/or for disqualification after circumstances are reviewed by the Tournament Director. Any disqualification, suspension from, or other disciplinary action regarding any tournament or fishing organization, shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation in a tournament, and/or disqualification from a tournament, after circumstances are reviewed by the Tournament Director.

i. The tournament director shall have *predetermined the availability* of cell phone or radio coverage to assure reasonable communications in the event of an emergency. [Note: All competitors should make sure their cell phone numbers are entered in TourneyX and the Tournament Director should have a list of all competitors with cell phone numbers for texting or calls.]

ii. The tournament director shall *have on hand the contact information for emergency rescue and medical services and must maintain the ability to make contact at all times during the tournament.*

iii. The tournament rules shall mandate an on the water speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour between sunset and sunrise. [This should pose no problem for our competitors.]

iv. The tournament director shall have in place a system of accounting for the return of all participants. [Note: This includes not only an end-of-competition check-in but also a way for competitors who leave early to notify the TD.]

14. Competitor Conduct — Competitors participating in any event must observe the applicable rules for the specific event in which they are participating and must conduct themselves at all times in a manner that reflects favorably on the sport of kayak bass fishing. Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, integrity, safety and conservation in support of the sport of kayak bass fishing, especially when in the vicinity of non-Competitors who may be on or beside eligible waters. Any Competitor who violates these principles or behaves in ways the reflect unfavorably up efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters and courtesy, may forfeit tournament winnings, face suspension from future events, be permanently banned from competition, or any combination thereof.

15. Waivers and Releases

A. Name and Likeness Release — By registering for this Kayak Bass Fishing Event, the Competitor grants the right to use all photographs, likenesses, stories, accounts, details of Competitor contributions, exploits, interviews, bloopers, and information pertinent to the Kayak Bass Fishing Event, as well as any video footage, photographs gathered at the Event, for marketing and promotional purposes. This release is granted without expectation for additional compensation upon submission of Event Registration.

B. Waiver and Release of Liability — As a condition of participation in a Competition, and by virtue of registering for the Competition, each Competitor agrees to accept the terms and condition of the Kayak Bass Fishing Waiver and Release of Liability Agreement (below). This Agreement absolves all parties from responsibility and threat of litigation in the case of injury, loss, or death sustained by a Competitor in the Event. Registrants under the age of 18 must have their waiver/release form signed by the parent or adult guardian who will accompany them throughout competition. A printed copy of the Kayak Bass Fishing Waiver and Release Form (below) is available at the Event HQ Check-in Table and must be signed and on file before a registrant is eligible to compete.

Attachment A – Adult Registrants

KAYAK BASS FISHING WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the Event and its related competition and activities, I, the undersigned (or registrant), being at least 18 years of age, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. I affirm that my participation in any Event is voluntary and declare that I am physically fit and capable to participate in such; and
2. I acknowledge that kayak fishing participation and competition involves certain inherent dangers, and hazards; that the risk of injury from the activities involved in this event is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular skills, physical fitness, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
3. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
4. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary Terms and Conditions for Participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and immediately bring such to the attention of Event Staff or Tournament Directors; and,
5. in full recognition and appreciation of the dangers and risks inherent in such activities, I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS ALL TOURNAMENT STAFF AND ORGANIZERS and its owners, officers, managers, officials, volunteer event staff, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, event service and technology providers (including but not limited to TourneyX), and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity (“Releasees”), with respect to any and all injury, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property, whether arising from the negligence of the releasees or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law, and I hereby waive, release, and forever discharge Releasees from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action, for costs, loss, expenses, or damages to personal property, or personal injury, or death, which may result from my participation in the Event.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

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Participant’s Name (Print)	Participant’s Signature

Date of Signing	Participant’s Age

(Note If Participant is under 18 years of age, do not use this form. Registrant and Adult Supervisor must use Attachment B – Youth Registrants)

