

VKT TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS



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The terms and conditions presented in this document apply between Virginia Kayak Trail, LLC (“VKT”) and those persons registering for and participating in VKT events (“Angler”). “Events” include all “Meet-up” Events (a structured tournament with VKT staff members present for scoring and promotion) and “Online Challenges” (statewide competitions where participants are not required to congregate).

For each Event, the VKT Owner, Tournament Director (TD) or a designated VKT Representative has responsibility for interpretation and enforcement of the “VKT TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS” and may amplify or clarify them to make them more relevant or complete. The VKT Owner will review the TD’s or designated VKT Representative’s actions and, if appropriate, incorporate the revisions in the VKT Tournament Rules and Regulations. Such revisions will be highlighted in red in the body of the VKT Tournament Rules and Regulations. Announcement of the rule changes will be communicated to all current VKT members along with the date they are in effect.

1) VKT Membership

- a) Active Membership in VKT is NOT a prerequisite for participation in VKT Events.
- b) VKT events are open to anyone who meets all requirements specified in this document, “VKT TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS”.

2) Tourney-X® Registration

- a) All VKT events are conducted using Tourney-X®. Each competitor who wishes to participate in such an event must create at least the available free Tourney-X® user account before the first day of competition.
- b) Anglers who desire to compete in any VKT event are required to sign up for the event on Tourney-X® by 7:00 PM Eastern Time Zone, the night prior to the start of the event.

3) Entry Fees:

- a) Anglers who desire to compete in any VKT event are also required to pay for the event on Tourney-X® by 7:00 PM Eastern Time Zone, the night prior to the start of the event. The entry fee will be paid via PayPal. Cash is not an accepted method of payment.
- b) The Big Fish side-pot is 100% payback that is awarded to the Angler with the longest measured fish who also paid fees into the side-pot for that event. Anglers who do not pay into the side-pot are not eligible to be paid even if they catch the longest measured fish for that event.
- c) All Anglers are allowed to participate in the Big Fish side-pot by paying the fee into the side-pot. In the event that ZERO fish are caught by Anglers participating in the Big Fish Side-pot during an even, the Big Fish side-pot collected for that Event will be returned to the Anglers who paid into the Big Fish side-pot.

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- d) Angler understands and agrees that payment for the Event does not secure a guarantee or promise of satisfaction.
 - e) Angler'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 Angler's obligation to make all payments required by "VKT TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS" in a timely manner, nor entitle the Angler to a refund or credit, except as provided below.
 - f) Payment — Angler agrees that once an Event Registration is submitted, this Agreement is a legally binding and enforceable obligation of the Angler.
 - g) Angler (or Third Party who is paying on behalf of the Angler) knowingly and irrevocably authorizes VKT to charge electronically Angler's (or Third-Party) PayPal account, bank account and/or credit card for any and all amounts due for Angler's registration, attendance, and participation in the VKT Event.
 - h) Angler's Right to Cancel — any Angler who wishes to cancel an Event Registration may do so by emailing VKT (vayaktrail@outlook.com).
 - i) For all Events: 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.
 - ii) Once an Event has started, no cancellations will be accepted and no refunds will be provided unless deemed necessary by the Tournament Director.
 - i) VKT is not responsible for any refunds of expenses related to travel or lodging reservations or other payments involving third parties.
- 4) Specific Event Types:
- a) Single Day Meet-up Events (Tournaments): Pre-Event Check-in meeting (Captain's Meeting) will happen approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of competition as listed on the Tourney-X® event page. Each Angler in this type of event is responsible for reviewing this document, "VKT TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS" and the event schedule listed on the Tourney-X® event registration page for pre-event check-in times and location before arriving at the event. Each Angler must check in with the VKT Tournament Director at the time and place designated in the event schedule for verification of eligibility, signing of waivers, and rules acknowledgement. All Anglers shall meet at the designated time and location at the end of the event to determine scores of the five (5) longest bass of the day.
 - b) Multiple Day Meet-up Events (Tournaments): Pre-Event Check-in meeting (Captain's Meeting) will happen approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of competition as listed

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on the Tourney-X® event page only on the first day of competition. Each Angler in this type of event is responsible for reviewing this document “VKT TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS” and the event schedule listed on the Tourney-X® event registration page for pre-event check-in times and location before arriving at the event. Each Angler must check in with the VKT Tournament Director at the time and place designated in the event schedule for verification of eligibility, signing of waivers, and rules acknowledgement. During this type of event the scores of the five (5) longest bass of Day 1 and the five (5) longest bass on Day 2 on the Leader Board when judging is complete will be combined to determine the aggregate score. All Anglers shall meet at the designated time and location at the end of the event to determine the winner.

- c) Single Day Online Events (Tournaments): There will be no Pre-Event Check-in meeting (Captain’s Meeting). Each Angler in this type of event is responsible for reviewing this document “VKT TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS” and the event schedule listed on the Tourney-X® event registration page. All fish must be submitted to Tourney-X® by the Event Close Time as listed on the Tourney-X® event registration page. If you have problems with service or uploading it is your responsibility to make sure you leave the water in enough time to get to a place where you can have them uploaded before the deadline. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- d) Multiple Day Online Events (Tournaments): There will be no Pre-Event Check-in meeting (Captain’s Meeting). Each Angler in this type of event is responsible for reviewing this document “VKT TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS” and the event schedule listed on the Tourney-X® event registration page. In a multiple day event all fish must be submitted to Tourney-X® within 36 hours of the time the picture is taken. The fish will be denied or disqualified if submitted more than 36 hours after taking the picture. All pictures must also be submitted to Tourney-X® by the Event Close Time as listed on the Tourney-X® event registration page. If you have problems with service or uploading it is your responsibility to make sure you leave the water in enough time to get to a place where you can have them uploaded before the deadline. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- e) Special Events (Tournaments): Including but not limited to, scoring all the fish you catch in one day or multiple days, different species other than Black Bass, etc. All rules will be posted for these special events on the Tourney-X® event registration page. All Anglers are still responsible for reading and understanding this document, “VKT TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS”

5) Eligible Species:

- a) For “Bass” VKT Events, only “black bass” are eligible for scoring. That designation includes the three most common species listed below:

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- i) Largemouth Bass – *Micropterus salmoides*
 - ii) Smallmouth Bass – *Micropterus dolomieu*
 - iii) Spotted or Kentucky Bass – *Micropterus punctulatus*
- b) For Special Events involving other species (e.g., Hybrid Striped Bass, Striped Bass, Sea Trout, Flounder, Redfish, Walleye, Catfish, Musky, Pike, etc.) the species of fish permitted for scoring will be specified on the Tourney-X® event registration page.
- 6) Competition Rules:
- a) There must be at least 3 Anglers to start an Event.
 - b) All contestants must have a valid Virginia fishing license unless exempt per VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) rules and regulations.
 - c) There is no minimum length for a measured fish.
 - d) Only one rod and reel may be used at one time. Being used is defined as having the bait/lure in the water, whether or not the Angler is holding the rod.
 - e) The first Angler at a location has the right of way; other Anglers should stay at least 50 feet away for safety and courtesy. If you feel you have been encroached upon by another Angler, you must issue a verbal statement to the impeding boat. The offended member will notify the Tournament Director of any infractions.
 - f) No illegal drugs or alcohol are allowed during any events. You will be disqualified if caught.
 - g) No live bait is to be used in any event, only artificial baits. Pork baits are allowed. Fish scents and attractants are permitted.
 - h) 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.
 - i) Acceptable measuring boards include the “Hawg Trough” manufactured by Hagen’s (pictured below), a Yak Gear Fish Stik (Generation 2 only, with vertical lines on the fence and locking tabs that make the board more rigid) and the Ketch Co Measuring Board. Measuring boards may be shortened by removing inches from the upper end (opposite the fence). For example, one may cut a measuring board off at the 26-inch mark in order to fit crossways between a watercraft’s 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 measuring board into pieces and does not affect the measuring board’s accuracy may be repaired and reinforced for use. Violation will result in denial of photo.

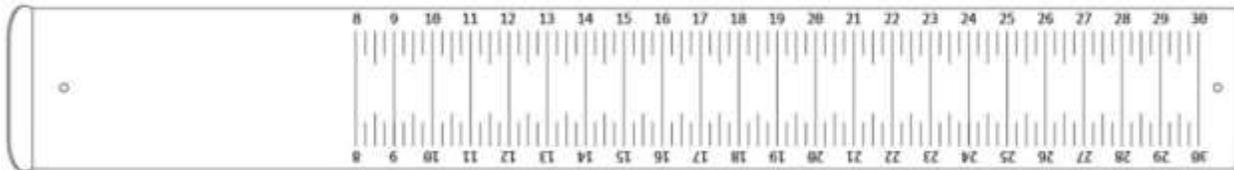
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Hawg Trough



- j) Each Angler must have a mobile phone with camera or a digital camera with memory card and download cable to submit digital photographs to the Tourney-X® app.
 - k) Grippers (e.g., Fish Grip, Boga-Grip) may be used for landing bass during Event competition, but grippers must not remain attached to the fish in photos.
 - l) If a Angler breaks their line while setting the hook or retrieving a fish, they are 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. They may NOT hook the line with another lure, rod and reel, or other device. If an Angler loses their rod and reel while landing a bass they 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.
 - m) There is a maximum of one person in a kayak during any event.
 - n) All angling must be done from the kayak. A contestant may leave the kayak, either on land or into the water to make the kayak more accessible to public fishing waters. Emergency bathroom breaks are permitted.
 - o) Landing nets are permitted and encouraged for the safety of the fish.
 - p) Trolling as a method of fishing is permitted.
 - q) Contestants may fish anywhere on Event waters available to the public and accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by club, local, state or federal regulations or within approximately 50 feet of a Angler's kayak that was first in position.
 - r) ALL VDGIF Owned Public Fishing Lakes are off limits. List can be found here <https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/lakes/public-fishing/>
 - s) Each kayak must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. (e.g., light source, whistle or other audible signal device, Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver [PFD], etc.)
- 7) Watercraft & Propulsion
- a) Watercraft acceptable for use in VKT events are: Small, narrow watercraft that the manufacturer identifies and sells as a kayak, including inflatable kayaks and modular

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kayaks and other watercraft specifically approved in advance of competition by VKT Owner. If unsure about the acceptability of a watercraft, contact VKT Owner in advance for eligibility determination.

- b) 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) Dinghies and skiffs
 - vi) Float tubes, inflatable rafts, and rigid inflatable boats (e.g., Zodiac)
 - vii) Pontoon boats, pontoon-style pond boats, or similar.
- c) Watercraft propulsion is restricted to paddle, pedal, pole, or electric motor. (See electric motor restrictions, below.)
- d) Unless specifically prohibited in the VKT Rules, use of electric motors in VKT competition is approved with the following restrictions:
 - i) Electric motor must be attached to the kayak in a safe manner for operation.
 - ii) An electric motor used to propel a watercraft may not exceed the lesser of
 - (1) manufacturers labeled Maximum HP/Thrust Capacity
 - (2) 3 HP, or
 - (3) 155 foot-pound thrust.
 - iii) 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.
 - iv) Anglers must comply with all boating regulations pertaining to motorized kayak/electric-propulsion watercraft registration, use, and operating restrictions for the designated fishing area.
- e) Towing, transport or relocation assistance from another watercraft, including “mother-shiping,” 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 Angler may resume fishing only if no appreciable relocation occurred.

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- f) PFD Usage — At all times while on the water and during event hours, Anglers must wear either an inherent-flotation or inflatable USCG-certified PFD, either vest-style or float jacket. A belt-style PFD, even one that deploys as a vest, is not permitted during any VKT event. The PFD must be properly positioned and adjusted to conform with USGC and manufacturers’ instructions. When an infraction, as described above, is verified by the Tournament Director, the angler is disqualified from participation in the event.
- 8) Photo Standards
- a) Digital photographs of each bass submitted to judges for scoring **MUST** meet these criteria:
- i) Unique. Each digital photo submitted by the same Angler in each Competition must be of a different bass. Subsequent digital photos submitted by the Angler of the same bass will be culled and, if determined to have been deliberately submitted with intent to defraud, will result in disqualification of Angler and banishment from future VKT Competition.
 - ii) 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 judge is NOT able to verify with 100% confidence that the VKT Identifier Form and ID Codes or Marks in the photo are valid for both the event and the Angler, then the photo will be denied.
 - iii) Eligible. Each digital photo must be a first-generation image (not a photo or screenshot of another photo) that was taken on eligible waters within the official event Start and End Times.
 - iv) Official Tourney-X® Unique Identifier issued by VKT NOT the Tourney-X® identifier printed form placed inside the photograph but not touching any part of the fish. A hand-drawn form or image is acceptable. An image of the VKT Identifier Form on a smart phone is NOT acceptable. KBF Identifier cards with hand written codes are acceptable. Hand writing the code on the back of a hand which must be included in the photograph is acceptable and should be done with dark, contrasting permanent marker.
 - v) Angler’s kayak clearly visible in the photograph.
 - vi) Mouth completely closed with jaw and/or lip in contact with the Hawg Trough or approved measuring device “fence.”
 - vii) Camera lens positioned directly over the center of the bass’ body, which contributes to accurate measurement by judges. Photos judged to have been taken deliberately at

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an angle in order to make the fish appear longer may be disqualified at the Tournament Director's discretion.

- viii) Tail centered and in a relaxed, un-pinched condition and its tip in contact with the approved measuring device. 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 deduction.
- ix) 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.
- x) No restraining device, clip, or band may be used to secure the fish being photographed.
- xi) Securing the fish with any portion of a hand under the fish's gill flap is prohibited.
- xii) The entire fish must be in the picture, to include, the belly, back and all fins. The Entire "fence" of the approved measuring device must also be in the picture. From the caudle fin, the judge must be able to see the next whole inch marking. I.e. Fish is 15.50" you must be able to see the 16.50" mark and so on. If your identifier is on the board next to the caudle fin, it must still show at least an inch more than the fish.
- xiii) Fish must have the head pointing to the left, the left side of the fish's body must be facing the camera with the dorsal fins at the top of photo and the pelvic and anal fins downward.

9) Scoring

- a) Event standings, contingency awards and final winners shall be determined by the aggregate length of each Angler's catch during the event's competition day(s).
- b) In a Catch-Photo-Release (CPR) Event, unless a bass is hooked to a restraining device, it is not considered "in possession" by Anglers, so minimum length regulations do not apply for photo submissions.
- c) Unless otherwise stipulated in the VKT Event Rules on the Tourney-X® event registration page, the scores of the five (5) longest bass on the Leader Board when judging is complete will be combined to determine the Angler's aggregate score.
- d) Bass length is determined by its tail touching or crossing the quarter-inch ridge/line on the approved measuring device. If it falls short of a line, the length is rounded down to the next lower 1/4-inch mark that the bass' tail actually touches or crosses. Pinching the

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tail or angling the fish to achieve additional length may result in a deduction, as described in the Photo Scoring Criteria Table below:

Item	Photo Scoring Criteria	Penalty
Body	Any portion of a hand or fingers under the fish's operculum (hard gill flap)	Deny
Body	Finger(s) or hand touching the caudal (tail) fin	1.00 Inch
Body	Entire caudal (tail) lifted away and out of contact with the measuring board	Deny
Body	Eye covered; not visible in photo	Deny
Body	Bass appears to have been snagged, snatched, or hooked in the body rather than mouth	Deny
Body	Bass appears to be dead, mutilated, frozen, mangled, or otherwise damaged	Deny
Body	Bass appears to have been mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered to increase its length	Deny
Fish	Secured by restraining device (e.g. stringer, tape, or clip attached to bass)	Deny
Fish	Photo violates state regulations regarding possession	Deny
Identifier	Official identifier form missing, counterfeit, or incorrect for event	Deny
Identifier	Official identifier form is lying on or covering any portion of the bass	Deny
Identifier	Incorrect event ID code for event	Deny
Mouth	Bass lip or jaw clearly not touching measuring board fence (upright end plate)	Deny
Mouth	Unable to ascertain with certainty that bass lip or jaw is touching measuring board fence	1.00 Inch
Mouth	Mouth slightly open, but clearly less than ¼ inch	0.00 Inch
Mouth	Mouth open ¼ inch or more, even if it appears to be structurally unable to close completely	1.00 Inch
Orientation	Fish does not have the head pointing to the left, the left side of the fish's body facing the camera with the dorsal fins at the top of photo and the pelvic and anal fins downward.	Deny
Photo	Blurry photo/length unclear at the highest mark of which there is no doubt	N/A
Photo	Blurry photo; completely unable to judge	Deny
Photo	Appears to be second-generation (screen shot, photo of photo)	Deny
Photo	EXIF data and other evidence substantiates photo taken outside of eligible waters' boundaries	Deny
Photo	EXIF data, other evidence substantiates photo was taken or outside of competition	Deny

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Photo	Multiple digital photos submitted of the same bass: unintentional violation	Deny
Photo	Multiple digital photos submitted of the same bass: evidence indicates intentionally	BAN
Photo	Angler's watercraft not visible in photo background	Deny
Photo	Photo submitted more than 36 hours after picture was taken	Deny
Species	Photo of any other than the species or varieties approved for the event	Deny

- e) In the event of a tie, the tied Anglers' longest (highest-scored) bass are compared, and the tie breaks in favor of the Angler with the longest (highest-scored) bass. If the longest bass are equal, the second-longest bass are compared and determine which Angler wins the tie. If the second-longest are identical, the third bass is compared, if the third bass are identical, then the fourth bass is compared, if the fourth bass are identical, then the fifth bass are compared. If all five of the tied Anglers' highest scoring bass are identical, then the tie breaks in favor of the Angler whose last Leader Board photo was uploaded earliest.
- f) At every VKT event, judges strive to be fair, consistent and objective, applying the following standards in approving or disqualifying photos, and in accepting or adjusting lengths:
 - i) Fish must be caught and picture submitted before the Event completion.
 - ii) In "meet-up" format there is a half (1/2) inch per minute penalty for arriving late to the launch site on each day of the event.
 - iii) Fifteen (15) or more minutes late in "meet-up" format will result in disqualification for each day of the event.
 - iv) To be considered on time in "meet-up" format, members must have their kayaks beached. Once on time to the launch site, fishing is no longer allowed.
 - v) The Event director is the official time keeper. Personal time differences will not be considered or taken into account for determining if an Angler is late in "meet-up" format.

10) Leaving a Event early

- a) In "meet-up" format a departing Angler should attempt to contact another Event Angler to inform them that they are leaving. Notifying a Event Angler will ensure that the Angler has not gotten into an accident and will prevent Event Anglers and officials from spending time searching or calling local authorities.

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- b) In “meet-up” format the Tournament Director will review the circumstances under which the Angler quit or abandoned the Event and will determine if the Anglers conduct constitutes unacceptable fishing courtesy and sportsmanship and recommend course of action to be taken.

11) Series Points

- a) VKT will use the following point system for awarding Series Points unless otherwise noted:
 - i) 1st Place = 15
 - ii) 2nd Place = 14
 - iii) 3rd Place = 13
 - iv) 4th Place = 12
 - v) 5th Place = 11
 - vi) 6th Place = 10
 - vii) 7th Place = 9
 - viii) 8th Place = 8
 - ix) 9th Place = 7
 - x) 10th Place = 6
 - xi) Those with fish, 11th place and below = 4 points
 - xii) Those with no fish = 2 points
- b) A series is defined on the VKT website by a group of Events all consisting of the same format and rules guidelines. Series events will run concurrent to one another.

12) Angler of the year "AOY".

- a) All VKT anglers (Anglers who register and fish in regular competition) will compete for Angler of the Year.
- b) The angler accumulating the highest total average of AOY finishing points during all CALENDAR YEAR EVENTS will be the VKT "Angler of the Year".
 - i) Total number of participants for each event will dictate the AOY points for each event. Examples: If 10 Anglers enter an Event 1st place will earn 10 (ten) points and 10th place will earn 1 (one) point. If 50 Anglers enter an Event, 1st place will earn 50 (fifty) points and 50th place will earn 1 (one) point. Registered Anglers whom do not

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catch or submit any fish for scoring during a 2018 Event will receive 1 (one) point. The points awarded for Monthly Online Challenges will be half the value of those which are awarded for one-day or meet-up events. In splitting points for total number of Anglers, half value can at times equal .5 or ½ of one whole point resulting in overall point values containing half values i.e. 1.5, 2.5, 3.5 and so on.

- ii) If more than one Angler has the same total point average at the end of the year, the tie-breaker will be the Angler whom accumulated the highest total of “SCORED FISH” length during the calendar year will win AOY. * Definition of a “SCORED FISH” – A fish that was NOT culled and was photo submitted as a factor in the compilation of an Angler’s overall submitted 5 fish length during any one Event.

13) Code of Conduct

- a) Participating VKT Event Anglers are expected to represent the Virginia Kayak Trail, LLC, sponsors and any affiliated organizations in an ethical and positive manner at all times.
 - i) Examples of unacceptable conduct include unsafe kayak operation, lack of boating/fishing courtesy and sportsmanship, cheating, and the failure to abide by state fishing and boating regulations.
 - ii) VKT participants who fish other Events and violate VKT rules/code of conduct can be removed from competition from the Virginia Kayak Trail, LLC.
 - (a) There is no appeal process.
 - (b) There is no open protesting of decisions from the Tournament Director.

14) In the case of a rule violation:

- a) The Tournament Director and/or owner of the Virginia Kayak Trail will either:
 - i) Determine the punishment or adjudication of the rule violation and any sanctions required, or
 - ii) Present the decision to the VKT members for a vote to determine any sanctions or adjudication, or
 - iii) Present the information to any VKT partner agencies’ officers.
- b) If the Tournament Director or VKT owner determines that they alone will make the decision, the Tournament Director will inform all participants of the violation, any additional information used to develop a decision and what the decision is.
- c) If a participant violates the VKT rules while fishing with a different club or other Event trail, the same procedures will be followed.

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- d) Penalties that may be awarded are not limited to but may include Loss of catch for the day; Disqualification from the Event in question; Disqualification for a number of events or for a period of time; Loss of Event points for a particular Event; Loss of Event credit for Classic eligibility.
- e) The favorable public reputation of the VKT, sponsor and partner agencies in the sport of fishing, the integrity of its officers, and in the community is a valuable asset and provides tangible benefits for VKT Anglers.
- f) VKT event participants whom are issued a citation from a Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Conservation Police Officer or Lake Patrol during an Event shall be disqualified from the Event. There is no appeal for this rules infraction.

15) Waivers and Releases

- a) Name and Likeness Release — By registering for this Virginia Kayak Trail, LLC Event, the Angler grants to Virginia Kayak Trail, LLC (“VKT”) and other partner agencies the right to use all photographs, likenesses, stories, accounts, details of Angler contributions, exploits, interviews, bloopers, and information pertinent to the Virginia Kayak Trail, LLC 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 Angler agrees to accept the terms and condition of the Virginia Kayak Trail, LLC Waiver and Release of Liability Agreement. This Agreement absolves Virginia Kayak Trail, LLC, and partner agencies, its owner(s), officers, staff, and volunteers from responsibility and threat of litigation in the case of injury, loss, or death sustained by a Angler participating in the Event.
- c) Registrants under the age of 16 must have their waiver/release form signed by the parent or adult guardian who will accompany them throughout the event. A printed copy of the Virginia Kayak Trail, LLC Waiver and Release Form will be available at the Event via the Tournament Director and must be signed and on file with Virginia Kayak Trail, LLC before a registrant is eligible to compete.
- d) Registrants over the age of 16 but have not reached their 18th Birthday must have their waiver/release form signed by the parent or adult guardian, but are not required to accompany them throughout competition. A printed copy of the Virginia Kayak Trail, LLC Waiver and Release Form will be available at the Event via the Tournament Director and must be signed and on file with Virginia Kayak Trail, LLC before a registrant is eligible to compete.