

# Online Bass Fishing Tournaments Rules

WHENEVER KAYAK IS USED IN THESE RULES IT ALSO INCLUDE CANOES

The tournament series is open to all kayak and canoe anglers that pay the entry fee and register

through TourneyX .com and have signed a liability release, ( found under **view terms and**

**conditions** on TourneyX tournament page associated with this tourney), and must be e-mailed to

Ecklor@HOTMAIL.COM before you can fish. ( Angler must have the appropriate fishing license for

the waters fished and understand all pertinent fishing regulations that affect the tournament waters.

Online Bass Fishing Tournaments are not responsible for your knowledge or lack of knowledge of

angling laws and breaking any of those laws will result in disqualification. )

## **Registration:**

Registration will be open until 11:59pm the Sunday a week before competition for ALL events. All tournaments will be conducted through TourneyX Management System. TourneyX will offer registration, photo-submissions, and real-time tournament standing. You do NOT have to be a TourneyX member to participate. But must have a TourneyX profile to sign up.

### **Pre-Fishing:**

Once a tourney starts Pre-Fishing is not allowed between tournament days. Any lines in the water during CLOSED periods will result in a disqualification of participation. Entry fees will not be refunded.

### **Approved Launch Locations**

You may launch from any location on tournament water that is open to the public that is on the waters the tourney lists as open to fish .. No private ponds are allowed.

### **Fishing Methods:**

Only artificial baits will be permitted for use during all events.  
NO live bait or dead bait will be allowed during any competition in the series.  
Rod and Reel are the only acceptable fishing method approved for use. Only one rod and reel can be used at a time.

### **Safety Regulations:**

PFD must be worn at all times while in competition. Violators will be immediately disqualified. No alcohol, illegal substances, or non-prescribed drugs may be used at any time while participating in any event. Drug and Alcohol use is strictly prohibited. Any participant found to be under the influence within reasonable suspicion will be disqualified, moneys non-refunded, and receive a score of 0.

### **General Rules:**

All fish will be immediately released unharmed after a CPR photo has been taken.  
Any one fish can only be submitted once. It is the angler's responsibility to ensure that all fish submitted are different and failure to do-so will result in a disqualification of the duplicate fish. A secondary fish will NOT be allowed for submission after final judging is started.

### **Qualifying Fish:**

Catch, Photo, and Release alive only. BASS 14 inch Minimum length  
All events are your best 5 fish limit by total length. For two day or monthly tourneys you will still only count your best 5 fish. Approved fish for competition are Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and Spotted Bass.

Your kayak or canoe must be visible in all photo submissions. If securing/holding the fish with a hand the hand must be between the gills and the caudal fin (tail) and not touching either.



Il fish will be scored by .25" increments. If a fish is scored is slightly under the nearest .25", the measurement will be rounded down.

The only approved measuring devices are the Hawg Trough or Ketch brand board including private labeled versions of these two

### **Weigh-In (Measure In)**

YOUR LAST FISH must be submitted to TourneyX within 15 minutes after the end of each day of competition. EACH FISH YOU CATCH MUST BE ENTERED IMMEDIATELY TO TOURNEYX.Com either in live well or to the entered ENTRY board. YOU MUST ENTER IT RIGHT WHERE YOU CAUGHT IT SINCE JUDGES WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR GPS INCLUDING GOOGLE EARTH EXACT LOCATION. DO NOT WAIT TILL YOU GET HOME TO ENTER THEM THEY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. DO NOT UPLOAD THEM TO ANY OTHER DEVICE AND THEN ENTER THEM TO TOURNEYX. SECOND GENERATION PICTURES DO NOT CARRY GPS WITH THEM AND WILL NOT BE VERIFIEABLE AND WILL BE DISQUALIFIED If an angler encounters issues uploading their fish, they must contact the Tournament Director at 608-399-4303 before the photo submission window has closed. Failure to do so will not allow for the fish to be submitted. NO EXCEPTIONS.

YOU CAN TRUST THAT WE WILL BE EXTREEMELY FAIR AND CAREFUL IN OUR JUDGING, ALL OF US FISH TOURNEYS SOMEWHERE AND WE WANT EVERY ANGLER TO GET THE CREDIT THEY DESERVE FOR THE FISH THEY CAUGHT

### **Judging of Submitted Fish:**

Tournament Pictures will be judged by tournament Director or the directors approved judges .Photos that do not meet requirements will be disqualified.

The Tournament Director and Staff will be solely responsible and retain the right to declare any photos unacceptable.

After prizes are awarded, the tournament is declared complete. A 24-hour protest window will begin from the time competition ends.

After that time All fish are deemed acceptable by of the Tournament Director.

AWARDS WILL BE SENT TO WINNERS WITHIN 7 DAYS

**IT CAN NOT BE SAID OFTEN ENOUGH THAT ALL COMPETITORS ARE EXPECTED TO POLICE THEMSELVES AND OTHER COMPETITORS .. CHEATING IN ANY FISHING TOURNEY WITH FINANCIAL REWARDS IS AGAINST THE LAW. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT AT OUR EXPENSE TO HAVE A POLYGRAPH TEST ADMINISTERD BY A PROFESSIONAL AND BY ENTERING THIS TOURNAMENT YOU ARE AGREEING TO ALLOW US TO DO THIS WITH YOUR FULL COOPERATION**

**Entering your catch**

Recording of fish is completed by the CMPR (Catch , Measure, Photo, Release) method. Anglers are solely responsible for the uploading of their fish to TourneyX.com.

The only approved measuring devices are the Hawg Trough or Ketch type boards.

The identifier must be present in the photo without obstruction AND CAN NOT BE TOUCHING THE FISH ANY WHERE. The fish should be positioned with the face to the left and the dorsal fin up.

The mouth should be closed and touching the front of the measuring device.

1" STANDARD DEDUCTION FOR OPEN MOUTH FOR ALL TOURNAMENTS An open mouth is considered when the color of the Hawg Trough is visible through the opening of the mouth.

The measuring device may cause a pinching of the tail. This will not result in a deduction in the scoring of your fish. The tail must lay flat against the Hawg Trough. If it is raised from the board, you will be asked to submit an alternate photo and/or fish. If one cannot be provided, you will receive a standard 1" deduction.

It is recommended to use a black sharpie to highlight the markings on your Hawg Trough without obstruction...

Photo must include the entire fish. NO obstructions.

Blurred photos will not be allowed.

Fish must face left and dorsal fin must be facing upward.

Tail in any position but resting flat against the Hawg Trough.

Fish visibly unharmed. No restraint devices allowed.

Markings on the measuring device must be visible and legible.

Assigned identifier must be completely visible **and not touching the fish anywhere.**

#### **Delays/Reschedule/Cancellation:**

The Tournament Director may delay, reschedule, or cancel a tournament. If cancelled or rescheduled, the participants have the choice to be refunded or have their fee applied to a future scheduled event.

There will be no refunds for no-shows regardless of reason.

#### **Tie-Breaker:**

In the event of a tie, the following criteria will decide the winner.

1st longest fish

2nd longest fish

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If the 5 fish limit is exactly the same thru all 5 fish, it will be judged by time stamp on the first fish caught.

#### **Entry Fees:**

Registration and Entry fees are as listed on TourneyX.COM . Under the ONLINE BASS FISHING TOURNAMENTS name

And will include the \$5.00 processing fee for each tournament that will be used to pay for the use of TourneyX Management System.

#### **Eligible Watercraft:**

Kayaks or canoes may be man powered or ELECTRIC trolling motor is allowed. Canoes are allowed. Float tubes, bass buggies, jon boats, sailboats, airboats, or air tubs will not be allowed. You may launch or fish from shore on any public property and with permission on private property WHEN FISHING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON THAT PRIVATE PROPERTY. You are permitted to leave your kayak to fish from shore or to land a fish or take the picture and you must always fish within eye sight of your kayak. **Your Kayak must be clearly visible in all pictures** of fish to be entered. If it is not the entry of the fish without the kayak in the picture will be disqualified. .. **THE MAIN REASONS FOR ANGLERS BEING ALLOWED TO FISH FROM SHORE IS SO ANGLERS CAN STILL FISH IN WINDY CONDITIONS FROM SHORE AND ALSO BECAUSE AT TIMES IT MAY BE UNSAFE TO MEASURE A FISH WHILE SEATED IN THE KAYAK for example in heavy current/wind/boat traffic or barge wake.** Only one paid entrant per kayak.

#### **PAYOUT**

**After expenses we will pay down up to 20% of the field**

#### **ANGLER OF THE YEAR QUALIFICATION**

You must fish 4 out of the 5 events in your States series in order to be eligible for angler of the year awards. Your ranking will be based on total length of your fish totaled for your 4 best events. 10% of the average of the fields through all 5 events will receive an Angler of the Year cash award. For example, if the average number of competitors per event for all 5 events is 10 , (1) anglers will receive an AOY cash award . If we average 11 to 20 (2) anglers receive awards 21-30 (3) anglers will receive cash awards.

**You do not need to be a member or pay a membership to OBFT (Online Bass Fishing Tournaments) to fish in our tourneys .**

IF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ONLINE CATCH MEASURE PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE TOURNAMENT THROUGH TOURNEYX OR SIMILAR SYSTEMS YOU KNOW IT IS NOT PERFECT. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO DEAL WITH ANY ISSUES THAT ARISE BUT WE ARE NOT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSSES CAUSED BY WHATEVER SYSTEM WE ARE USING AT THE TIME. **IT IS THE ANGLERS RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE CELL COVERAGE WHEREEVER THEY CHOSE TO FISH AND ANGLERS MUST REGISTER THE FISH WHERE CAUGHT WHEN CAUGHT ON THE WATER OR AT WATERSIDE WITH THEIR KAYAK OR CANOE IN THE PICTURE AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER CATCHING THEM. AGAIN IF ANY ISSUES ARRISE CALL TOURNEY DIRECTOR AT 608-399-4303 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS DURING THE TOURNEY.**