

## **ALX Rods KAYAK Challenge**

Start Date Lines in – SEE EVENT PAGE ON TOURNEY X  
End Date ALL Photos submitted SEE EVENT PAGE ON TOURNEY X  
Time Zone – Competitors location / water fished  
Eligible Water –Entered Region- Public-access

Tournament HQ:

Virtual (TourneyX)

### **PLEASE SEE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR REGION SPECIFIC RULES**

Tournament Format:

The event is a 5-fish Catch-Photo-Release (CPR) tournament powered by TourneyX. There is no limit to the number of bass photos Competitors may submit during the Competition Period. Regardless of the number of photos submitted, only the five longest bass submitted by a Competitor throughout the period of competition will post to his score and will determine their final ranking.

Event Registration:

\$30 Entry Fee and \$10 optional for Big Bass Entry Fee

Tourney X Membership and Registration: Prior to the first day of competition, each angler who wishes to participate must (a.) sign up as a Tourney X user and then (b.) register on Tourney X and pay an entry fee for the “**ALX Rods Kayak Challenge Event**” that includes the state or states that the competitor intends to fish in and submit his photos from.

Competitors are not restricted to their own state of residence or to fishing in only one region. Region specific rules are published under **Terms and Conditions** on the Tourney X page.

This is a public access water event. All submissions must be from a region that the angler has registered to compete in.

Photos for the event may be submitted only for bass caught from eligible public waters.

Competition Period:

**Start date:** SEE EVENT PAGE ON TOURNEY X **(based on competitor's time zone)**

**End-of-competition** SEE EVENT PAGE ON TOURNEY X **(based on competitor's time zone)**

Start—Competition begins at **6:00 a.m.** on the first day of the Competition Period. Photos of fish caught only after the Competition Start time are accepted.

End—Competition ends at **8:00 p.m.** on the last day of the Competition Period. All photos must be submitted to TourneyX by the Competition End time.

Identifier:

Identifier card and code will be released the evening before the tournament starts, and will be available by logging in to your Tourney X account and going to “My Dashboard” and then clicking on “View Identifier and Code”. The IDENTIFIER CARD with correct tournament markings will be available to print. All submitted photos must have **this Identifier Card in the frame. If you are eligible for the \$100.00 Credit contingency award, please circle the “Y” on your identifier in the Rod Section (bottom left). Please see Contingency /Additional Award section of the rules for more details.**

Eligible Water & Location:

Competitors may submit fish caught ONLY in Eligible PUBLIC waters. Public-access waters is any water that has either free access or paid access to anyone with a valid fishing license. NO private ponds-- No Trespassing – NO crossing private property to access public water.

Pre-fishing

Practice in Eligible Water is permitted until up 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. Fishing on the event’s eligible water after the specified pre-fishing deadline will result in disqualification from the Event.

Awarding of Prizes

\*\*Payments will be paid out via PayPal, to the same email address that the payment was made from unless otherwise specified by the angler receiving payment.

Payout pot is determined from the total number of entries minus Tourney X tournament fees, PayPal, and any other fees associated with the event.

Tournament payout will be 1 spot for every 6 anglers.

1-6 entries = 1 place paid – 1st place; 100% of payout pot

7-12 entries = 2 places paid – 1st place; 60%: 2nd place; 40% of payout pot

13-18 entries = 3 places paid – 1st place; 50%: 2nd place; 30%: 3rd place; 20% of payout pot

19-24 entries = 4 places paid – 1st place; 47%: 2nd place; 27%: 3rd place; 17%: 4th place; 9% of payout pot

25-30 entries = 5 places paid – 1st place; 45%: 2nd place; 25%: 3rd place; 15%: 4th place; 9%: 5th place; 6% of payout pot

31-36 entries = 6 places paid – 1st place; 43%: 2nd place; 23%: 3rd place; 14%: 4th place; 9%: 5th place; 6%: 6th place; 5% of payout pot

37+ entries = 7 places paid – 1st place; 42%: 2nd place; 22%: 3rd place; 13%: 4th place; 8%: 5th place; 6%: 6th place; 5%: 7th place; 4% of payout pot

Up to 7 spots paid out.

CONTINGENCY / ADDITIONAL AWARD-

**IN EVENTS WITH 10 OR MORE ENTRIES - 1<sup>st</sup> place receives a \$100.00 product credit redeemable at [www.alxrods.com](http://www.alxrods.com)**

**IN EVENTS WITH 5 OR MORE ENTRIES - The **Highest placing finisher , REGARDLESS OF FINISHING POSITION**, that owns an ALX Rod REGISTERED in the the previous **9** months will receive a \$100.00 purchase credit redeemable at [www.alxrods.com](http://www.alxrods.com) This contingency can be won once per rod registered, if the a registered owner is deemed ineligible, it will roll down to the next eligible registered owner. *Pro staff are ineligible.***

Winners will received a discount code via email. **ONLY ONE AWARD IS VALID PER ORDER AND AWARDS CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER DISCOUNTS.**

Cash prizes will be processed and distributed as quickly as possible following announcement of Competition results, verification of eligibility, and identification of winners.

The event is responsible for the Tourney X and PayPal fees

1. **Participation** - Participation in this event is open to all who meet the eligibility criteria set for forth herein for the competitor and the watercraft used.

**Watercraft & Propulsion Acceptable**

Kayak – a small single-hull watercraft not exceeding 44 inches in width and 18 feet in length with all

accessories attached. The vessel is publicly obtainable, marketed and sold as a kayak by its manufacturer and / or its subsequent dealer network.

## Stand up Paddleboards (SUP)

Watercraft propulsion is restricted to paddle, pedal, pole, or electric motor.

use of a single electric propulsion unit per watercraft in competition is approved with the following restrictions:

Competitors must comply with all boating regulations pertaining to motorized kayak/electric-propulsion watercraft registration, use, and operating restrictions for the designated fishing area. Violation will result in disqualification from the Event.

Electric motor used to propel a watercraft must be attached to the kayak in a safe manner for operation, and may not exceed the lesser of manufacturer's labeled Maximum HP/Thrust Capacity, 3 HP, or 155 foot-pound thrust.

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 the watercraft was pulled no more than 100 yards from the danger zone. Violation will result in disqualification from the Event.

2. Trolling -lure(s) attached to a single rod and towed behind a watercraft while underway is NOT permitted in Competition.
3. Event Registration - Competition will be conducted using a Tournament Management System ("TMS"). Each angler who wishes to participate must create a TMS user account before the first day of competition. Any Competitor who desires to compete is required to sign up for the Event and pay the entry fee on the TMS.
4. Fish Eligibility -*Species*—only "black bass" are eligible for scoring. That designation includes the three most common species Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and Spotted or Kentucky Bass as well as other less well-known species or varieties know as Shoal Bass, Redeye Bass, Suwannee Bass, Guadalupe Bass, Bartram's Bass, Alabama Spotted Bass, and Mean Mouth Bass
5. The minimum length of bass scored in competition is **12 inches**, Photos of bass shorter than the minimum specified will be denied.
6. Bass must be hooked in the mouth or jaw. It may not appear to have snagged, snatched, or hooked in the body or a fin. Bass must appear to be alive. If bass appears to be dead, mutilated, frozen, mangled, or otherwise damage, or it appears to have been mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered, the photo will be denied.
7. *Caudal (Tail) Fin*—The tip of at least one lobe of the caudal (tail) fin must be contact with the measuring board. If the entire caudal (tail) fin is lifted away from the measuring board so that the tip is no long in contact, the photo will be denied.
8. *Eye*—The left eye must be visible in photo. Violation will result in denial of the photo.
9. Competition Period- Competition start and end dates and times - Any Competitor who begins fishing before the official Competition Start Time on any day of competition will be disqualified from the Event. Under no circumstance will a fish photographed outside of the official Competition Start and End times be considered for scoring.

10. Check In –**Check In** –**All photos must be submitted to the TMS (Tourney X) WITHIN 48 HOURS of the time stamp attached to the photograph – NO EXECEPTIONS. Any photos submitted past the 48 HOUR period after the photo was taken will be DENIED.** All photos must be submitted by the time specified on the end date. Any photo submitted after that time, regardless of when the fish was caught or the photo was taken will not be considered for scoring.

11. Competition Area - Competitive fishing is allowed only on publicly-accessible waters within the geographic area designated as “Eligible Water.” Violation will result in disqualification from the Event. Competitors may launch from any public-access. Crossing restricted property to reach Eligible Water is not permitted. Competitors are not restricted to fishing where they start out each day but are permitted to relocate to other Eligible Water during tournament hours. Watercraft must not be anchored in such a position as to prevent or block access for other watercraft or powerboats. Violation will result in disqualification from the Event.

12. Fishing Tackle, Equipment, and Methods -A. All bass must be caught live, the Competitor using only equipment and legal methods that comply with all sport fishing statutes and regulations of the states and body of water in which they are taken. **Only artificial lures and biodegradable artificial lures may be used.** Competitors are responsible for research of and compliance with all applicable fishing and boating regulations. Snatching or snagging fish is not permitted. All bass must be caught on rod, reel, line and hook with artificial lures only. No other methods of fishing other than rod, reel and line are permissible, even if legal under state game laws. Acceptable measuring boards include the “Hawg Trough” manufactured by Hagen’s , a FishStik Version 2, The Ketch Co Measuring Board. Only ONE casting, spin-casting, spinning, or fly rod and reel may be in use at any one time. A rod and reel is considered to be “in use” when a lure attached to it by a line is in or on the water.

13. **Each competitor must use a mobile phone with camera to submit digital photographs. Phone / Camera must be set to Time-Date and GPS stamp the photograph AT/FOR THE LOCATION AND TIME THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN, NOT THE LOCATION OF THE PHONE WHEN THE PHOTO WAS TRANSFERED. Most smart phones do this automatically unless you have disabled it in your settings, CHECK YOUR SETTINGS. PHOTOS SUBMITTED MUST HAVE DATA THAT DIFINITIVELY CONFIRMS THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN WHILE FISHING ON PUBLIC-ACCESS WATERS. IF PUBLIC WATER CANNOT BE VERIFIED BY THE DATA/PHOTO SUBMITTED THE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED / DENIED / DISQUALIFIED.**

14. Photo Standards—Digital photographs of each bass submitted for scoring must meet these criteria:

A. *Unique*—Each digital photo submitted by the same Competitor in each Event must be of a different bass. Subsequent digital photos of the same bass submitted by the Competitor will be denied.

B. *Visible/Legible*—Each photo must be in sharply focused and clear enough for a judge to:

i. Verify the correct Identifier / ID Code. Inability of the judge to verify will result in denial of photo.

ii. Verify the bass’ condition. Violation will result in denial of photo.

iii. Verify the bass’ length. Judge will score fish at the greatest length of which he is certain in increments of ¼ of an inch.

iv. Verify whether its jaw or lip is in contact with the measuring board fence. Inability of the judge to verify will result in a penalty of 1 inch.

v. Except where covered by hand or fingers, the entire bass, from its mouth/jaw to the tip of its caudal (tail) fin + 1 inch, must be visible in photos. If either end is covered or cropped off, the photo will be

denied.

C. *Centered*—Camera lens positioned directly over the center of the bass' body, which contributes to accurate measurement by judge. Photos taken at a low angle in order obscure an open mouth may be denied or penalized at the judges discretion.

D. *First-generation*—Each digital photo must be a first-generation image (not a photo or screen-shot of another photo). Violation will result in denial of photo.

E *Identifiable*—Official Identifier Form above, below, or beside that bass (not covering any portion of the bass, unless attached to the Competitor's hand or arm). Neither a hand-drawn form nor an image of the Identifier Form on a smart phone are permissible. Violation will result in denial of photo.

15. *Background*—Competitor's watercraft clearly visible in the photograph. Violation will result in denial of photo.

16. *Hand Position*. Hand or finger(s) may be in contact with the caudal peduncle (fleshy, scaled part of the bass' body at the base of the caudal fin) but not touching any portion of the caudal fin (tail fin). Violation will result in a **1-inch deduction in score**.

17. II. No portion of a hand or finger may be under the fish's operculum (hard gill flap). Violation will result in denial of photo.

18. H. *Mouth*. Bass' lip or jaw must be in contact with measuring board fence (bump board, upright), and the fence must be visible in the photo. Violation will result in denial of photo.

ii. Mouth is preferred closed for uniformity of measurement. If mouth is clearly open less than 1/4 inch, no penalty will be assessed. If judge considers the mouth to be open 1/4 inch or more, even if it is structurally unable to close, a one-inch penalty will be assessed.

I. *Not "In-possession."* In most states, though not all, unless a bass is secured by a restraint device or is placed in a holding container, state regulatory agencies do not consider it to be "in possession" by Competitors, so states' minimum length regulations do not apply for photo submissions. If Event takes place in a state where photographing a fish constitutes "possession," and a photo is submitted of a bass that does not comply with state size limits, the photo will be denied. Refer to regulatory compliance.

19. Scoring

A. Bass length is determined by its caudal fin (tail fin) touching or crossing the quarter-inch ridge/line on the measuring board. If it falls short of a 1/4-inch mark, the length is rounded down to the next lower 1/4-inch mark that the bass' caudal fin actually touches or crosses.

B. If any portion of a bass' caudal (tail) fin extends off the measuring board, the score will be determined by the highest 1/4-inch measurement reached or crossed by the portion of caudal fin on the Measuring Board. Any portion of the caudal fin extending off the Measuring Board is not considered in scoring.

20. Tournament ranking and contingency / additional awards shall be determined by the aggregate length of each Competitor's photos of fish remaining on the Leader Board when judging has concluded. Judge rulings are final. The scores of the **five longest bass on the Leader Board when judging is complete** will be combined to determine the aggregate score.

21. If a Competitor's photo is denied by a judge after end-of-competition, it may be automatically replaced by a previously submitted and auto-culled photo; however, no Competitor may submit a replacement photo after end-of-competition time.

22. In the event of a tie in score, the tied competitors' longest (highest-scored) bass are compared,

and the tie breaks in favor of the competitor with the longest (highest-scoring) bass. If the longest bass are equal, the second-longest bass are compared and determine which competitor wins the tie. If the second-longest 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.

23. judges apply the following scoring criteria to adjust measurements, approve or deny photos, and to penalize photos by deducting points (length) or disqualifying a Competitor.

Item	Photo Scoring Criteria	Penalty
Photo	Blurry photo/length unclear: scored 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	<b>EXIF data OR other evidence substantiates photo taken outside of Eligible Water boundaries. EXIF data CANNOT verify photo was taken on Eligible Water.</b>	Deny
Photo	<b>EXIF data OR other evidence substantiates photo was taken outside of competition hours. EXIF data CANNOT verify photo was taken during competition hours.</b>	Deny
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	Competitor's watercraft not visible in photo background	Deny
Photo	Entire fish not in picture	Deny
Orientation	Bass positioned with right side of body toward camera; head pointing right and caudal fin left	Deny
Orientation	Bass positioned with dorsal fins at bottom of photo, pelvic and anal fins upward	Deny
Identifier	Official identifier Form missing, counterfeit, or incorrect for event	Deny
Identifier	Identifier Form is lying on or covering any portion of the bass	Deny
Identifier	Incorrect Event ID Code for Event	Deny
Fish	Secured by restraining device (e.g., stringer, tape, or clip attached to bass)	Deny
Fish	Photo violates state regulations regarding possession	Deny
Species	Photo of any other than the species or varieties approved for the Competition	Deny
Body	Body length less than 8 inches (KBF TRAIL) or 12 (all other KBF Events)	Deny
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

Body	Entire caudal (tail) fin entirely 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
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
Mouth	Mouth slightly open, but clearly less than 1/4 inch	0.00
Mouth	Mouth open 1/4 inch or more, even if it appears to be structurally unable to close completely.	1.00

#### Penalties

In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director may impose such penalties as deemed appropriate, including without limitation, the following:

- I. Reduction of score (length) as described above or determined by the Tournament Director
- ii. Loss of catch for the day or up until the violation has been remedied
- iii. Disqualification from the tournament in question
- iv. Any additional penalties determined by the Tournament Director

The Tournament Director's decisions on violations are final.

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

25. **PFD Usage** — While on the water during competition hours, Competitors 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 Competition. 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 competitor is disqualified from participation.

26. **Use of alcohol or drugs** (other than those purchased over-the-counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any Competitor during an Event 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 watercraft during 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

27. **Name and Likeness Release** — By registering for this event Competitor grants the right to use

all photographs, likenesses, stories, accounts, details of Competitor contributions, exploits, interviews, bloopers, and information pertinent to the 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.

28. Waiver and Release of Liability — As a condition of participation in the event, and by virtue of registering for the Event, each Competitor agrees to Waive Liability claims, Release and Hold Harmless anyone connected to the Event, its officers, staff, and volunteers 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 a waiver/release form signed by the parent or adult guardian who will accompany them throughout competition.