

Kayak Fishing With Christ

Rules and Regulations

For Participation in Our Events



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A) General Rules

- 1) PFD must be worn by each angler at ALL times.
- 2) First Picture submitted to Tourney X in any Tournament must be a selfie style showing angler wearing an approved PFD and their kayak at the launch location and a measurement of 0.00. (picture will be culled by Tournament Director)
- 3) Angler must have all Coast Guard required safety equipment (light source, whistle or other audible signal device, Coast Guard approved chest-style life preserver [PFD]).
- 4) Each fish can only be submitted once.
- 5) State Adjustment Factor (SAF) will be used in Nationwide Tournaments. It applies to all fish submitted except for Big Bass. The SAF will NOT be applied to Big Bass.
- 6) All fish will be immediately released unharmed after photo has been taken. No fish will be kept in ice chests, baskets, stringers, etc.
- 7) All fish must be caught live.
- 8) Fish may be held with fish grips prior to photo but must be free while photo is taken.
- 9) Fish must be caught using conventional methods (rod, reel, fly rod).
- 10) Only one rod may be used to catch at a time.
- 11) All fish must be hooked inside the mouth.
- 12) Snagging or snatching fish is not permitted.
- 13) Only artificial lures may be used.
- 14) A white light (visible 360 degrees) must be used before sunrise and after sunset.

B) KFWC Entry Fees

- 1) Entry fee must be paid PRIOR to the event.
- 2) In the event an angler cannot pre-register, entry fees will be collected at launch location (if applicable).
- 3) Late entry fees will be accepted at the discretion of the tournament director.

C) Participation and Eligibility

- 1) Tournaments are open to KFWC members only, unless otherwise stated by tournament director.
- 2) All anglers must have a valid fishing license and follow all state governed rules.
- 3) All anglers must wear their PFD at ALL TIMES.

D) KFWC Waiver

- 1) Each angler must sign a KFWC waiver of liability before the start of events.
- 2) Anglers who fail to sign a KFWC waiver may be disqualified and or prizes in tournament(s) for which the angler did not have a valid waiver on file.

E) Watercraft

- 1) No electric or gas motors are permitted.
- 2) Only human-powered vessels will be allowed (canoes, kayaks, stand up paddleboards (SUP)).
- 3) Special permissions will be made for special needs anglers on a case to case basis with the Tournament Director.
- 4) Only one paid entrant per vessel.
- 5) All fish must be taken from your vessel.

F) Measuring Device

- 1) The Hawg Trough and the Ketch board are the only approved measuring device
- 2) Hawg Trough or Ketch board may be checked at any time, for accuracy.
- 3) Hawg Troughs and Ketch Board must be marked to the $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- 4) Lines must be colored in completely.
- 5) A sticker or other contrast must be applied to the lip of the Hawg Trough.
- 6) If Hawg Trough or Ketch Board cannot be read, measurement will be rounded down to nearest legible mark.

G) Legal Water

- 1) Must have public access or ramp.
- 2) No stock ponds.
- 3) No fenced in or private properties.
- 4) All posted signs (no trespassing, private area...) must be honored at all times, and no fishing will be permitted in these areas.

H) Scoring

- 1) Each angler will be given a unique identifier (provided by the Tournament Director).
- 2) The letters "KFWC" AND the unique identifier must be visible in each photo.
- 3) Tail must touch the $\frac{1}{4}$ " line to be measured at that length. Fish will be measured to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ ", rounding down.

I) KFWC Identifier Cards and Unique Identifier

- 1) The letters “KFWC” AND the unique Identifier must be visible in each photo.
- 2) Each registered angler must use a KFWC Identifier Card with the appropriate unique identifier in all photo submissions. KFWC Identifier Card is found on KFWC Facebook Group under files. Anglers who are unable to print the KFWC Identifier Cards may write “KFWC” and their unique identifier code on the back of their hand, in place of the KFWC Identifier Card.
- 3) Photo submissions in which KFWC and the angler unique identifier cannot be seen or the code is illegible will be removed.

II) Photo Criteria

- 1) Kayak must be visible in all photos.
- 2) Photos must be taken with location services on.
- 3) Photos must be uploaded to Tourney X as soon as fish is caught.
- 4) If cell service does not allow for uploading at time of catch, it must be uploaded prior to leaving launch location or as close to launch location as cell service provides.
- 5) Markings on the measuring device must be clear and legible to the ¼”.
- 6) A sticker or other contrast must be at the lip of Hawg Trough or Ketch board.
- 7) Photos must be taken directly from above, not at an angle.
- 8) The letters “KFWC” AND the unique identifier must be visible in each photo.
- 9) Fish must be photographed using a smartphone or smart device.
- 10) Photo must include the entire fish.
- 11) Fish visibly unharmed and in good condition.
- 12) Fish must be facing left.
- 13) Lip of fish must be touching the end of measuring device.
- 14) Mouth must be CLOSED (1” deduction for cracked or open mouth. If the Hawg Trough can be seen between the lips, the mouth is cracked.)
- 15) Dorsal fin must be facing upward in the photo.
- 16) Photo must be taken by same angler who caught fish.
- 17) No restraining devices (stringers, fish grips, etc.) allowed in any photos.
- 18) Hook must be removed from fish before taking photo.
- 19) Fish eye must be uncovered and visible.
- 20) No hands under fish gill plate.
- 21) The tail must be uncovered and the hand cannot be on the tail in the photo.
- 22) Fish must be submitted within 24 hours after catch. Fish will be DQ'd if not submitted timely.

K) Weigh-In

- 1) Anglers must return to the launch point at the designated time.
- 2) Anglers must turn in identifier or verbally check in with tournament director at designated time.
- 3) Failure to check in at designated time will result in tournament disqualification.
- 4) If angler must leave tournament early, the angler must notify tournament director when leaving and arrange for fish to be judged.

L) Qualifying Fish

- 1) Black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, peacock bass) must be 12" or greater in length.
- 2) Fish will be caught, measured, photographed, submitted, and released.
- 3) Fish will be photographed using a smartphone or smart device.
- 4) Photos must be taken with location services on.
- 5) Photos must be uploaded to Tourney X as soon as fish is caught.
- 6) If cell service does not allow for uploading at time of catch, it must be uploaded prior to leaving launch location or as close to launch location as cell service provides.

M) Rules, Interpretations, and Protests

- 1) All rules are decided by KFWC leadership and tournament directors.
- 2) At the conclusion of each tournament, all winners will view submitted fish prior to awards.
- 3) Any challenges to the tournament results or rules must be presented prior to awards. *See Section P-Polygraph*
- 4) Once prizes have been awarded, tournament results are declared final.

N) Ties

- 1) In the event of a tie, the angler with the longest fish breaks the tie.
- 2) If the longest fish is equal, the next longest fish is compared to break the tie, and so on.
- 3) In the event of a tie after comparing all fish, a drawing will determine the tie breaker.

O) Competitor Conduct

- 1) Competitors participating in any KFWC 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, KFWC, its members, officers or representatives, tournaments or sponsors.

- 2) 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 that reflect unfavorably upon KFWC's efforts may forfeit tournament winnings, face suspension from future KFWC events, be permanently banned from competition, or any combination thereof deemed appropriate by KFWC.
- 3) It is an obligation of competitors to refrain from comments in public forums and social media or to the news media that unreasonably attack or disrespect the integrity of KFWC tournaments, tournament officials, sponsors, fellow members, fellow competitors or the KFWC organization. Competitors are encouraged to express themselves and have the right to question the rules officials. Public comments that a competitor knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of KFWC or member clubs may result in disciplinary action.
- 4) Publicly disputing any judgment decisions by KFWC tournament directors or judges will result in participants receiving one warning followed by permanent disqualification for repeated offenses. Any public dispute of final rulings, ongoing determination by judges or judging panel is grounds for immediate disqualification from the current event and termination of any eligibility for future events, even if previously qualified. This is not in place to prevent any disputes; it is done to ensure that a fair and unbiased approach is used and the approved challenge and appeals processes are followed in determining the best possible outcome.

P) Polygraph

- 1) By participating, all anglers agree to all rules set forth.
- 2) If an angler believes cheating has occurred during the tournament, angler must challenge results prior to awards.
- 3) Concern must be brought immediately to tournament director.
- 4) Challenging angler will be responsible for payment of polygraph (determined by tournament director).
- 5) Polygraph must occur no later than one week from date of challenge.
- 6) Refusal of polygraph is an admittance of guilt which will result in statewide ban.