

Bronze Back Bassers Fishing Club Tournament Rules

TEAM OF THE YEAR POINT STRUCTURE:

Fifteen points for 1st place, one point for 15th place, scaled in between.

Five points for each tournament fished.

One point for each fish weighed up to the maximum of five fish.

Three points for the lunker fish of the tournament. Two day tournament - the biggest fish overall receives the points.

Therefore, if you win the tournament, have 5 fish and the lunker you can receive 28 points.

Points go to the Captain. You are only allowed 2 substitutes per year for which the points will count. If you fish a 3rd tournament with a sub, points do not count.

1. Single Day Tournament: 50.00 dollars will be paid as a team whether one or two entrants. Lunker pool entries of 10.00 dollars a boat will be optional. Chain Pickerel pool entries of 10.00 dollars a boat will be optional.

Two-Day Tournament: 220.00 dollars will be paid as a team whether one or two entrants, Lunker pool is included. There will be no Chain Pickerel pool. There will be a Lunker awarded each day.

An annual 20.00-dollar per person trophy fee is required.

Total cash payout for all tournaments paid down to 3rd spot. First 50%, Second 30% and 3rd 20%.

2. All participants must have a valid Nova Scotia fishing license.

3. Each team member must meet and comply with all the safety requirements of the Canadian Coast Guard. All teams are required to practice safe boating, sportsmanlike conduct and courtesy to all non-competitors who may also be using the tournament waters.

4. All participants are required to wear an approved PFD (must be fastened) while the combustion engine is in operation.

5. No alcohol or non-prescription drugs will be permitted in the boat during the tournament; anyone caught with these items will be banned from further competition that year.

6. Each boat must have a 'live well' to keep a limit of fish alive for the duration of the tournament. If a competitor experiences a breakdown for whatever reason fish may be placed in another competitor's live well as long as the fish are tagged.

7. Fishing may take place anywhere on the tournament waters except within 25 yards of another boat (this means that you may not cast your lure within 25 yards of another boat) unless permitted by the other team.

8. At the end of the tournament it is the responsibility of each team to check in with tournament officials. It is the responsibility of each team to have their fish weighed and returned to the lake prior to retrieving their boat; failure to do so will mean disqualification. A limit of five fish to be weighed in, with no more than six fish in the live well at anytime.

9. Only artificial baits can be used. No 'live bait' or 'prepared bait' will be permitted. Only one rod and reel may be used at any given time but others may be rigged and ready for use in the boat.

10. This is strictly live release association; each team will be permitted to weigh in a limit of FIVE smallmouth bass with a minimum length of nine inches, measured from a pinched tail to the tip of the snout. No team will come to the weigh in with more than five fish in their possession. A 1/4 lb (0.25 lb or 4 oz) penalty will be deducted from the total weight for one dead fish or any fish the Tournament Committee deems unfit for release after the tournament. A fish submitted for a weigh-in that does not meet the minimum nine-inch length will not be weighed and a 1/4 lb (0.25 lb or 4 oz) penalty per short fish will be deducted from the total weight. Competitors who have not reached the official checkpoint by the designated return times will be penalized at a rate of 1 (one) lb (16 oz) per minute that they are late. Teams more than five minutes late will be disqualified for that tournament.

11. This is strictly live release association; each team will be permitted to weigh in one Chain Pickerel. No team will come to the weigh in with more than one Chain

Pickereel in their possession. A 1/4 lb (0.25 lb or 4 oz) penalty will be deducted from the total weight for one dead fish or any fish the Tournament Committee deems unfit for release after the tournament. In the event that a tie in weight occurs the overall length will be used to decide the largest Chain Pickereel. Competitors who have not reached the official checkpoint by the designated return times will be penalized at a rate of 1 (one) lb (16 oz) per minute that they are late. Teams more than five minutes late will be disqualified for that tournament.

12. Pre-fishing of the tournament waters will be allowed up to and including the Sunday preceding the tournament.

13. All fishing must be done from the boat.

14. Trolling is permitted.

15. Single day tournament times 06:30 am till 2:30 pm in July and 07:00 am till 3:00 pm in Sept. Night time tournament 2:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Two day tournament 07:00 am till 3:00 pm. All tournaments will be a trickle start utilizing a numbered system. Registration to be complete 15 mins prior to blast off.

16. Random boat checks (via draw system) will be incorporated. These checks will include inspection of safety equipment, fish care capabilities and fishing licenses. These boat checks will take place at the weigh-in site or other designated site.

17. Bronze Back Bassers is not liable for any loss of equipment, injury or death during the tournament. It is the responsibility of every boat owner to have adequate liability insurance in place prior to the event; a waiver will be required to be signed by all participants. It is the intention of Bronze Back Bassers to provide an honest sportsman like tournament. In the interest of good sportsmanship, competitors are reminded the spirit of the rules will prevail in all judgment cases. Please abide by the unwritten rules of sportsmanship.

18. All decisions by the Tournament officials are final.