



Canadian Association of Smallmouth Anglers

Tournament Rules (last updated July 10, 2012)

1. Entry fees of 25.00 dollars will be paid per member. Junior members (16 years old or younger) compete for free. If more than 2 adult entrants are in the same boat, then a maximum of \$60.00 dollars per boat will be charged, provided all anglers are members. Non-members may enter the tournament at \$35 per non-member. Membership is \$15 per adult, \$7.50 per junior. Lunker pool entries are automatically included in all entry fees.
2. Cash payout provided for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes, plus lunker prize. Trophies are provided for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishes. At the annual Ice Breaker and Ironman tournaments, only first place will receive trophies.
3. All participants must have a valid Nova Scotia fishing license.
4. 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.
5. All participants are required to wear an approved PFD (must be fastened) while the combustion engine is in operation.
6. Consumption of alcohol or non-prescription drugs is not permitted immediately prior to or during the tournament; anyone caught with these items will be banned from further competition that year.
7. Each boat must have a 'live well' to keep a limit of fish alive for the duration of the tournament. Acceptable livewells include containers large enough to hold 5 fish plus sufficient water and must have an aerator. If a competitor experiences a breakdown, for whatever reason, fish may be placed in another competitors live well as long as the fish are tagged.
8. 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.
9. At the end of competition it is the responsibility of each team to check-in with tournament officials. A limit of five fish to be weighed-in, with no more than five fish in the live well at

any time. It is the responsibility of each team to have their fish weighed and returned to the lake.

10. Only artificial baits can be used. No 'live bait' or 'prepared (dead) natural 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.
11. Anglers are to treat fish with respect. Excessive rough handling will result in disqualification and banning from the remainder of the seasons tournaments.
12. This association practices strict live release of all bass. Each team will be permitted to weigh in a limit of **FIVE** smallmouth bass with a no minimum length. No team will come to the weigh 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. Competitors who have not reached the official checkpoint by the designated return times will be penalized at a rate of one pound (16 oz) per minute that they are late. Teams more than five minutes late will be disqualified for that tournament.
13. Pre-fishing of the tournament waters will be allowed up to and including the Sunday preceding the tournament.
14. All fishing must be done from the boat.
15. Trolling is permitted.
16. Tournament times: 7:00 am -1:00 pm unless noted otherwise. The annual Ironman tournament will be from 08:00 am- 2:00 pm. Competitors can leave the registration site **30 minutes prior to tournament start time** but cannot commence fishing until tournament start time.
17. Random boat checks (via draw system) may 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.
18. CASA 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. It is the intention of CASA 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.
19. All decisions by the Tournament officials are final.