



Tailgate Tour Championship – Lake Chickamauga 2026 Official Rules

1. GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION:

- 1.1. These Rules and Regulations are the Official Rules of the iKon Boats Tailgate Tour Grass Roots Tournament Series for 2026
- 1.2. For the 2026 season, the Tailgate Tour Championship will be a field of 25 boats that includes:
 - 1.2.1. Top 5 teams from each of 4 qualifiers
 - 1.2.2. Team AOY – If team AOY also qualifies by way of a top 5 finish, the next team down in points will be awarded a spot at the Championship.
 - 1.2.3. Highest finishing team competing out of an iKon Boat from each of 4 qualifiers.
 - 1.2.4. Call downs for each Qualifier will happen until a full field of 25 boats is filled.
- 1.3. Participants acknowledge and agree that they have reviewed, understood and will abide by the rules set forth in each Qualifying Event and the Series Championship
- 1.4. All local, state & federal laws applicable to the Event and participation in the Event shall apply at all times including, without limitation, the penal code.
- 1.5. All local, state, U.S. Coast Guard, Parks & Wildlife, and federal boating and fishing regulations or off limits, shall apply at all times.
- 1.6. Anglers are permitted to compete in more than one qualifying event but are not required to compete in more than one event to qualify for the Grass Roots Tournament Series Championship.
- 1.7. Top 5 Teams (1st – 5th place) from each Qualifying Event will qualify to compete in the 2026 Tailgate Tour Championship.
- 1.8. If a Team, consisting of the same two anglers finishes in the top 5 in more than one event, the next place down will be awarded with a Championship qualification.

2. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1. Each Participant must have registered with Fishing Chaos:
(<https://share.fishingchaos.com/club/aRbh9zL4s5kL8Hl0mgNr>)
- 2.2. Each Team/Boat must consist of 2 anglers. At least 1 member of the team must be at least 18 years of age. Each angler under 18 years of age must have signed parental consent if not accompanied by a legal parent or guardian.
- 2.3. If applicable, boat captain must have required state boating license.
- 2.4. A properly completed and signed official entry form must be received by iKon Boats prior to entry deadline. Entry deadline shall be 2 hours prior to take-off of the scheduled date of the tournament.
- 2.5. All competitors must complete and sign a W-9 before receiving any monetary or prize rewards as a result of the tournament. When required, a FORM 590 or W-8 BEN provided by iKon Boats if tax status or address changes occur.



- 2.6. **Guide Restrictions:** Anglers who have guided professionally for Bass on the host lake for a fee within the 12 months preceding the event are **NOT** eligible to participate.
- 2.7. **Professional Anglers:**
- 2.7.1. Anglers who have competed in more than one **MLF Tackle Warehouse Invitational**, or the **National Professional Fishing League (NPFL)**, within the last **12 months** prior to the EVENT, are **NOT** eligible to compete.
 - 2.7.2. Anglers who have competed in the **B.A.S.S. Elite Series**, **BassMaster Classic**, **Major League Fishing Bass Pro Tour**, or **Major League Fishing Team Series** in the 24 months prior to tournament date are **NOT** eligible to compete.
3. **INSURANCE:**
- 3.1. During official practice and competition days of any iKon Boats Tailgate Tour Grass Roots Tournament Series, no competitor may operate boat unless that competitor has documented proof of a minimum of \$300,000 per occurrence boat owners' liability insurance covering the boat being used in the tournament. Proof of insurance must be with the boat being used in the tournament at all times.
 - 3.2. Random insurance checks will be conducted and any boat captain who does not have proof of in-force insurance with \$300,000 coverage may be disqualified. Each policy must show an effective start and expiration date. Tournament officials have sole authority to determine if insurance policies meet iKon Boats Tailgate Tour Grass Roots Tournament Series requirements.
4. **PRACTICE AND COMPETITION:**
- 4.1. **Off Limits: Lake Chickamauga will be off-limits to all qualified competitors from 12:01 AM on 10/19/26 - 11:59 PM on 10/20/26. (No practicing on Monday & Tuesday)**
 - 4.2. **There will be 3 official practice days of practice: Weds, 10/21 – 10/23, 2026. The Tailgate Tour Championship will consist of 2 days of competition beginning at safelight on Saturday, October 24, 2026.**
 - 4.3. Special off limits and practice periods may be announced by tournament officials for each qualifying event and the championship. Unless otherwise specified, all official times are time zone-specific to the local host community. The competitor must know and observe these dates. During any posted off-limits, practice and competition, anglers cannot solicit, gather or intentionally receive any information from anyone other than another competitor in the tournament. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Competitors may only fish with other competitors during official practice. Flying over tournament waters, other than a ticketed commercial airline, is prohibited during official practice and competition unless approved by the Tournament Director. The use of drones for the purposes of locating or catching fish or to gain a competitive advantage is prohibited in both official practice and competition. During the official practice, competitors are not allowed to live well or keep any bass unless they have permission from tournament officials.
 - 4.4. During official practice, competitors are not allowed to fish at night. Night is defined as 30 minutes after official sunset to 30 minutes before official sunrise.



- 4.5. Scuba diving, skin diving, snorkeling in tournament waters is prohibited during official practice.
- 4.6. During official practice, no competitor may livewell or keep bass unless they have permission from a tournament official or are actively competing in another tournament that requires fish to be livewelled.
- 4.7. The use of live bait is prohibited during official practice and tournaments. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 4.8. In the event of significant weather conditions during competition, the Event Director will advise via text message regarding any change, delay, suspension and/or cancellation of one or more hours or day(s).
- 4.9. All boats must take off from the designated official take-off site.
5. **FISHING INFORMATION RULES:**
 - 5.1. Official practice start time is defined as at 12:01AM on the date of the start of official practice.
 - 5.2. No competitor may buy or barter a fishing location during official practice and/or competition dates.
 - 5.3. During official practice and competition days, no competitor may request fishing information from any person that is not a registered competitor of the tournament.
 - 5.4. During official practice and competition days, no competitor may gather fishing information from a source that requires a subscription, special permission, or any kind of membership to access such information. Fishing information that is gathered from publicly available print and online media sources is acceptable.
 - 5.4.1. Examples: fishing magazines that are available for sale without subscription. Websites, forums, and social media platforms that don't require paid subscriptions, memberships, or login access to view are considered public information and can be used as a source of information during official practice and competition days.
 - 5.5. During official practice and competition, cell phone calls and texts are not to be used to gather fishing information. Cell phones may be used for emergencies and other necessary reasons of communication.
 - 5.6. Each competitor/team agrees to report to the Tournament Director immediately any violation of the information rules. Any violation of these rules is subject to penalty or disqualification as determined by the Tournament Director.
6. **TRUTH VERIFICATION TEST:**
 - 6.1. By his/her signature on the official tournament entry form, each competitor/team agrees to submit to a truth verification test and abide by its conclusion should he/she be accused of any rule violation. Failure of a truth verification test is not appealable. The Tournament Director shall be responsible for selecting an independent expert to administer and interpret the test results.
 - 6.2. Unless otherwise determined by the Tournament Director prior to the first day of competition, the Team that is awarded 1st place, and one randomly selected team that finishes in a monetarily awarded place will be selected to take a truth verification test.



7. **SCORING and FISH REGULATIONS:**

- 7.1. Tournament standings, contingency awards and final winners will be determined by the total pounds and ounces weight of each team's catch during the competition days of the tournament. Only **Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted, Redeye or Shoal Bass** will be weighed. Bringing any other species of Bass or other fish to the weigh-in location may result in disqualification.
- 7.2. Tournament Limits for Lake Chickamauga are a total of **(5) Bass per boat**, fish of the species names in Rule 7.1. **Size limit: 15" Minimum for Largemouth Bass. Only 1 Spotted Bass and Smallmouth Bass per angler over 16" per day.** Official length of fish, if measured at check-in, will be determined by tournament officials. Presenting a "short" fish at check-in will result in the loss of the short fish and the largest fish in the presenting team's limit.
- 7.3. At no time shall a team have in their possession more than the tournament limit. If a team determines they have over the limit, they must immediately reduce their catch to the tournament limit with a live bass of their choice from their catch. Each returned bass will result in a 2-pound penalty to be deducted from their daily score. In this case, teams must attempt to notify tournament officials and, if unsuccessful, must notify officials at check-in. Once a team checks in, they must present all legal Bass to tournament officials at the verification table. If teams at the verification table have more than the tournament limit, the team will reduce with live bass to the tournament limit and each returned bass will result in a 2-pound penalty to be deducted from their daily score. If a team has their fish verified and weighed and upon returning to the boat discovers additional fish over the tournament limit that were not presented to officials, they then must notify tournament officials within one (1) hour of final flight check-in to receive a 2-pound penalty for each bass discovered. Failure to notify officials after one (1) hour of final flight check-in time will result in the loss of a day's catch.
- 7.4. Culling dead fish is not permitted.
- 7.5. The use of penetrating fish tags is prohibited.

8. **LAUNCH ORDER, PRIZES AND TIEBREAKING**

- 8.1. Launch order for the Championship will be randomly selected and reversed for the 2nd day of competition.
- 8.2. In the event of a tie, the heaviest one-day bag from day 1 or 2 will be break the tie.
Example: If two teams have a total 2-day weight of 20.00 lbs, the team with 11.00lbs + 9.00lbs would place ahead of the team with 10.00lbs + 10.00lbs.
- 8.3. To be eligible to receive a BIG FISH award, a member of a team must request that their fish be weighed separately for the big fish award. In the event of a tie for BIG FISH, the BIG FISH award will be split evenly. BIG FISH award will be the biggest Bass weighed for the entire event. It will not be awarded for each day.
- 8.4.

9. **OTHER RULES RESULTING IN PENALTIES AND/OR DISQUALIFICATION**

- 9.1. **The following violations of any of the rules in this section will result in disqualification:**



- 9.1.1. The use of live, dead, or cut bait is prohibited. Only artificial lures are permitted.
- 9.1.2. Fly fishing with the use of a fly rod is prohibited
- 9.1.3. More than one rod in use by each angler at any given time is prohibited.
- 9.1.4. The use of Forward Facing, Real-time sonar is permitted.
- 9.1.5. "Longlining", strolling, trolling, drifting (*see **Exception**) or any method of moving or retrieving a lure with the use of electric or gas motor, and/or wind is prohibited.
Exception: Drifting with a drift sock and dragging lures, while rod is still in hand and actively working the lure is permitted for the Lake Erie event only. Anglers must be holding rod/reel and use only one rod at a time per angler.
- 9.1.6. Umbrella Rigs (Alabama rigs) and multiple lure rigs are permitted but must conform to host lake and state regulations.
- 9.1.7. All fish brought by teams to weigh-in must be caught on tournament competition days, during competition hours.
- 9.1.8. No fishing is allowed within 50 yards of a marina gas pump.
- 9.1.9. No angler may leave his/her boat to land a fish.
- 9.1.10. No fishing is allowed withing 25 yards of a non-anchored boat or 50 yards of an anchored boat without that boat's permission.
 - 9.1.10.1. Anchored boats are defined as trolling motor stowed and anchor deployed.
 - 9.1.10.1.1. Anchors are defined as follows:
 - 9.1.10.1.1.1. Weight attached to rope and/or chain that is tethered to boat.
 - 9.1.10.1.1.2. Hydraulic or mechanical shallow water anchors, such as but not limited to Minn Kota Talons and Raptors and Power Poles.
- 9.1.11. **Safety:** Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by competitors. During the official practice and competition, each competitor must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver anytime the combustion engine is operation. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely, and must be maintained in that condition until the combustion engine is shut off. Inflatable life vest indicators should be checked daily. Violation of this rule may be reason for disqualification. Inflatable PFD's are allowed as long as U.S. Coast Guard regulations are met. The U.S. Coast Guard requires that inflatable PFD's must be worn at all times unless there is an equal number of non-inflatable U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD's on board.
- 9.1.12. **Use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs during official practice or competition days is prohibited. NO EXCEPTIONS**
- 9.1.13. No firearms will be allowed in Participant's boat during Event hours, unless you have an active licensed concealed carry permit or are a credentialed law enforcement officer. **Currently firearms are NOT allowed (even with concealed carry permit) on Corp of Engineers Lakes.**
- 9.1.14. **Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification without a refund of membership or entry fees.**
 - 9.1.14.1. Participants shall demonstrate professionalism and integrity in support of the sport of fishing. This includes any and all social media content that may be



shared now or in the future and conduct at events operated by other event organizers and competitions. Any Participant found compromising the integrity of the sport of fishing and/or the Event may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including disqualification at the sole and absolute discretion of the Event Director.

- 9.1.14.2. Participants shall act in a courteous manner at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-participants who may be on Event waters. Participants shall not use profanity in the direction of or to other Participants, non-participants, Tournament Director, and/or Event Staff.
- 9.1.14.3. Any Participants attempting to manipulate the outcome of the Event or defraud the Event Organizer will be disqualified and may be subject to prosecution, as applicable.
- 9.1.14.4. Participants shall not provide inaccurate, false, or misleading information to the Event Organizer, Event Director, and/or Event Staff. Participants must provide requested information to Event Organizer, Event Director, and/or Event Staff as requested and shall not withhold information requested.

9.2. The following actions will result in penalties:

- 9.2.1. A penalty of (4) ounces will be deducted from the team's limit for each dead fish brought to check-in. The status of a fish being alive or dead will be determined by a tournament official
- 9.2.2. A penalty of (1) one pound will be deducted from a team's total weight for each minute late the team is to their flight check-in. EXAMPLE: If your team is due in at 3:15PM, and your team checks in at 3:17PM, your team will receive a (2) pound penalty that will be deducted from your total weight limit.
- 9.2.3. Complete disqualification of that day's limit will be assessed if 15 minutes, or more, late to check-in time.

10. COMPETITION BOATS:

- 10.1.1. No personal watercraft, canoes, kayaks, rafts, or floatation apparatuses are permitted.
- 10.1.2. Motor horsepower cannot exceed the approved Coast Guard rating for the vessel.
- 10.1.3. Boats must have a **functioning livewell** that is capable of pumping water in and recirculating water.
- 10.1.4. All boats must be equipped with some type of emergency ignition cut-off device (kill switch) on any remote steered outboard while main engine is in use. Ignition cut-off device (kill switch) must operate properly, which means when the kill switch is activated the outboard main engine must stop running immediately. The ignition cut-off device (kill switch) must be attached to the boat operator at all times while the outboard main engine is in use.
- 10.1.5. **Boat Inspection:** All Participants, by entering this Event, hereby agree to allow their boat to be boarded and inspected by Event Officials at any time prior to, during, or following the Event, to include, but not limited to, their boat registration, U.S. Coast



Guard horsepower rating plate, live-well, rod boxes, closed storage compartments, tackle boxes, life jackets, personal floatation devices, and safety equipment.

11. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

- 11.1.1. All protests or disputes relating to any matter involving the Rules and/or the Event must be registered in writing with the Tournament Director within fifteen (15) minutes of the designated weigh-in and prior to delivery of any prizes or winnings. Protests made after the deadline will be disregarded and the protesting Participant may be subject to disqualification. **Failed polygraph examinations are not disputable, and the results are final.**
- 11.1.2. To maintain the integrity of our tournaments, all protests must be substantiated with verifiable evidence. Participants are required to provide credible proof (e.g., photographs, video recordings, witness statements) at the time of filing a protest. Claims without such substantiation may be considered invalid, and repetitive filing of unsubstantiated claims could result in penalties, including but not limited to disqualification or suspension from future events.
- 11.1.3. Any protest filed by a Participant shall be heard by a committee of the Tournament Staff as determined by the Tournament Director. After reviewing the protest submitted, the Tournament Director shall inform the protesting Participant of the Tournament Staff's decision. The committee of the Event Staff's decision is final and not subject to further appeal or dispute.
- 11.1.4. The interpretation and enforcement of the Rules will be the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Tournament Director and, if protested, the committee of the Tournament Staff.

12. DEFINITIONS:

- 12.1.1. **EVENT** or **TOURNAMENT** shall mean any competition, training, events, fishing tournament, fishing contest, fishing competition, activities, including travel to and from any such competition, tournament, contest, or event hosted, operated, offered, or overseen by iKon Boats Tailgate Tour Grass Roots Tournament Series
- 12.1.2. **EVENT** or **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** shall mean the individual(s) who oversees the overall management of any specific Tournament, Event or Events.
- 12.1.3. **EVENT** or **TOURNAMENT STAFF** shall mean individuals or entities, including host committees and volunteers who provide support for any scheduled event.
- 12.1.4. **TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER** shall mean iKon Boats, iKon Boats Tailgate Tour, or iKon Boats Tailgate Tour Grass Roots Tournament Series
- 12.1.5. **PARTICIPANT** or **PARTICIPANTS** or **COMPETITORS** or **ANGLERS** shall mean any individual, entity, or trust who enters, attempts to enter, registers, attempts to register, participates, attempts to participate, competes, and/or attempts to compete in an Event. Any reference to Participant includes Participant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the event Participant is a minor.
- 12.1.6. **RULES** shall mean these official rules and regulations of the iKon Boats Tailgate Tour Grass Roots Tournament Series



13. MISCELLANEOUS:

- 13.1.1. PARTICIPANT, FOR HIMSELF/HERSELF AND THE RELATED PARTIES, UNDERSTANDS THAT THESE RULES INTENDED TO BE AS BROAD AND INCLUSIVE AS PERMITTED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. ANY DISPUTE RELATING TO THESE RULES AND/OR THE EVENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO BINDING ARBITRATION CONDUCTED BY THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION AND ITS NATIONAL SPORTS PANEL UNDER THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION COMMERCIAL RULES. ANY SUCH DISPUTE SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO A SINGLE ARBITRATOR. PARTICIPANT FURTHER AGREES THAT THE VENUE OF ANY ARBITRATION, DISPUTE, OR CLAIM CONCERNING, ARISING UNDER, IN FURTHERANCE OF, PURSUANT TO, IN RELATION TO, OR ARISING OUT OF THESE RULES AND/OR THE EVENT SHALL BE IN MONROE COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.
- 13.1.2. IF ANY PARTICIPANT AND/OR RELATED PARTIES COMMENCE LITIGATION IN A STATE OR FEDERAL COURT IN VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF THESE RULES, THE PARTICIPANT AND RELATED PARTIES SHALL BE ORDERED TO PAY AND SHALL REIMBURSE THE EVENT ORGANIZER FOR ALL ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, AND EXPENSES INCURRED IN SEEKING ABATEMENT, STAY, OR DISMISSAL OF SUCH LITIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ARBITRATION PROVISIONS OF THESE RULES. SUCH PAYMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE MADE WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF ANY SUCH AN ORDER.
- 13.1.3. THESE RULES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE IN ALL RESPECTS, INCLUDING MATTERS OF CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, VALIDITY, AND ENFORCEMENT. IF ANY PROVISION OF THESE RULES IS PROHIBITED BY LAW, SUCH PROHIBITION SHALL NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF THE REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THESE RULES. VENUE FOR ANY LITIGATION, DISPUTE, OR CLAIM CONCERNING, ARISING UNDER, PURSUANT TO, IN RELATION TO, OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE IN MONROE COUNTY, TENNESSEE.
- 13.1.4. **PARTICIPANT AND RELATED PARTIES** HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVE ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THESE RULES OR THE EVENTS.
- 13.1.5. IF MINOR(S) AND/OR OTHER RELATED PARTIES ATTEND THE EVENT WITH PARTICIPANT, PARTICIPANT IS DEEMED TO HAVE AGREED TO THESE ARBITRATION PROVISIONS ON BEHALF OF: (A) SUCH MINOR(S) AS THEIR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OR AS THE AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN; AND/OR (B) OTHER RELATED PARTIES, AS THEIR AUTHORIZED AGENT. IF PARTICIPANT DOES NOT WISH TO OR IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SUCH AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF: (I) ANY MINOR, PARTICIPANT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE EVENT WITH THOSE MINOR(S); AND/OR (II) ANY OTHER RELATED PARTIES, SUCH RELATED PARTIES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE EVENT.
- 13.1.6. PARTICIPANT, FOR HIMSELF/HERSELF AND ON BEHALF OF THE RELATED PARTIES, COVENANTS NOT TO SUE EVENT ORGANIZER AND ITS AFFILIATES, ASSOCIATES, PARENTS, SUBSIDIARIES, SUCCESSORS, DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, MANAGERS,



OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, SPONSORING AGENCIES, SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, AND, IF APPLICABLE, OWNERS AND LESSORS OF PREMISES USED PERTAINING TO ANY MATTER RELATING TO, ARISING OUT OF, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THESE RULES OR THE EVENT.

- 13.1.7. EVENT ORGANIZER AND ITS AFFILIATES, ASSOCIATES, PARENTS, SUBSIDIARIES, SUCCESSORS, DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, MANAGERS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, SPONSORING AGENCIES, SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, AND, IF APPLICABLE, OWNERS AND LESSORS OF PREMISES USED SHALL NOT BE LIABLE TO PARTICIPANT AND/OR RELATED PARTIES FOR ANY EXEMPLARY, PUNITIVE, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BUSINESS INTERRUPTION, DIMINUTION OF VALUE, LOST WAGES, LOST REVENUES, LOST PROFITS, TRAVEL COSTS, COSTS OF LODGING, CHILDCARE EXPENSES, MENTAL ANGUISH, PAIN AND SUFFERING, LOSS OF GOODWILL, OR LOST PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE ARISING FROM ANY ACT OR OMISSION IN PERFORMANCE OR FAILURE TO PERFORM UNDER THESE RULES OR THE EVENT WHETHER SUCH CLAIM IS BASED IN CONTRACT, TORT, OR LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW. PARTICIPANT, FOR HIMSELF/HERSELF AND ON BEHALF OF RELATED PARTIES, HEREBY RELEASES, DISCHARGES, AND WAIVES ANY CLAIM TO SUCH DAMAGES THAT MAY BE SET FORTH AGAINST EVENT ORGANIZER AND ITS AFFILIATES, ASSOCIATES, PARENTS, SUBSIDIARIES, SUCCESSORS, DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, MANAGERS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, SPONSORING AGENCIES, SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, AND, IF APPLICABLE, OWNERS AND LESSORS OF PREMISES USED. PARTICIPANTS' AND RELATED PARTIES' DAMAGES ARE LIMITED TO \$100.00.
- 13.1.8. By entering, attempting to enter, registering, attempting to register, participating, attempting to participate, competing, and/or attempting to compete in an Event, Participant acknowledges, agrees, covenants, and warrants that he/she fully and completely agrees to be bound by these Rules and shall abide by and perform in compliance with these Rules. Participant acknowledges and agrees that he/she has read the Rules and understands the Rules.
- 13.1.9. The headings, captions, titles, and numbering system are inserted only as a matter of convenience and may under no circumstances be considered in interpreting the provisions of this Agreement.
- 13.1.10. The Rules may be modified and changed from time to time in the sole and absolute discretion of the Tournament Organizer.
- 13.1.11. Participants are required to and shall execute or electronically acknowledge the Participant Agreement, Waiver, and Release. The terms of the Participant Agreement, Waiver, and Release are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth herein verbatim.
- 13.1.12. The Tournament Director oversees the interpretation and enforcement of these Rules. If there is a violation of these Rules or other violation, as determined in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Event Director, the Event Director has the authority to and may sanction or penalize a Participant including, but not limited to,



loss of fishing time, monetary fine or penalty, suspension, removal from the Event, disqualification, and/or other sanctions and penalties as determined by the Event Director in his sole and exclusive discretion. Disqualification, suspension, or other disciplinary action imposed by other event organizers or connected or relating to the sport of fishing may result, in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Tournament Director, in penalties and sanctions against a Participant up to and including disqualification. Additionally, any criminal action (*i.e.*, including, but not limited to, and as examples: arrest, charges, findings, rulings, and/or adjudication (including deferral and/or deferred adjudication) and/or civil wrongs (*i.e.*, including, but not limited to, and as examples: fraud, acts of aggression against others, material misrepresentations acts of moral turpitude, immoral behavior, unethical behavior, embezzlement, and deviant behavior) involving a Participant may result, in the sole and exclusive discretion of the Event Director, in penalties and sanctions against a Participation up to and including disqualification. In the event a Participant is eliminated from competition, removed from competition, and/or disqualified, the Participant is not permitted or allowed to return to Event waters during the Event without the express written permission of the Tournament Director.

- 13.1.13. To the extent a Participant receives a monetary award or prize (whether monetary, merchandise, or goods) at an Event, the Participant shall be responsible for any and all taxes, including local, state, and federal taxes, and agrees to execute any and all documents necessary to confirm information necessary to pay appropriate taxes. PARTICIPANT HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS EVENT ORGANIZER FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES, COSTS, FINES, ASSESSMENTS, FEES, LIABILITIES, DAMAGES OR INJURIES SUFFERED BY EVENT ORGANIZER ARISING OUT OF ANY BREACH BY PARTICIPANT OF THIS SECTION, AND PARTICIPANT FURTHER AGREES TO INDEMNIFY THE EVENT ORGANIZER AND HOLD IT HARMLESS TO THE EXTENT ANY OBLIGATION IMPOSED ON EVENT ORGANIZER TO PAY WITHHOLDING TAXES OR SIMILAR ITEMS.