

2025

New Mexico Kayak Bass Fishing

New Mexico Kayak Bass Fishing (NMKBF) is a Catch, Photo, and Release format. See CPR requirements for photo requirements.

2 Day Rolling Format

Mandatory captains meeting will be held the night before the event starting. Tourney X registration for use of the app. \$150 cash entry fee due at the captians meeting. \$20 cash side pot for big bass. Must use the provided identifier provided by the event or get your fish disqualified. Board checks will be done and sticker placed on board for varifiaction the the dedicated judge. (placement will be determied by the judge prior to the first event) Once board has been varified you may use that board for the duration of the season. If you lose or get a new board it is the anglers responsibility to get with the director for verification and a new sticker. Anglers can only carry 2 batteries at a time. Any public shore or boat ramp may be used for launch.

Day 1 Launch and first cast will be at 4am (must have 360 light and nav lights) (with no 360 light and nav lights must launch at first good light and off the water at sunset) anglers must be off the the water at 10pm and can

relaunch and first cast at 4am and last cast 3:30pm Day 2.

If angler decides to night fish (must be in an director approved vessel), a green light is legal and must be displaying there 360 light and nav lights at all times. If possible use the check in and check out on tourney x or tell someone your are on the water. All photos must be in by 4:30pm and Awards will be held a 5pm.

360 Light and Navigation Lights are Mandatory for all Kayaks

Ketch or Leaderboard measuring device is mandatory requirement.

Must have a sounding device on board at all times. This will be checked!

Abuslutley no spotlighting!

All events are 5 fish limit and must be 12 inches or longer unless stated otherwise by Director.

General Rules:

1. Life Jacket (PFD) must be worn at all times during events. If proven that angler at any time on water is not wearing PFD, the Director will contact angler, and He/She will be immediately disqualified.
2. There will be a zero tolerance for Drug and Alcohol use. If you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any time during an event you will be disqualified immediately.
3. Identifier will be released at 6pm the day before the event. Identifier cards will be avaliable at the captians meeting or can be printed off. **MUST USE EVENT IDENTIFIER PROVIDED!** At no time can an angler use a tie down or hold down device on a fish. **HANDS ONLY!**
4. Fishing license required at all events for the appropriate state that event is held in.

5. Kayaks, canoes, S.O.T. and single person vessels are legal. Total length of 17'. If you are unsure about your craft contact the director for clarification.

6. Rod & Reel and Fly fishing are the only acceptable ways to catch fish. No trotlines or jugs.

Landing nets can be used.

7. Artificial lures/baits only. **No live or dead bait allowed.**

8. 1 Forward Facing Sonar unit and transducer allowed.

9. Green lights are allowed for night bass fishing. If using a battery operated light only 1 can be used. LED strips may be placed under boat.

10. One rod allowed in use at any given time but State rules on Lake of event must be followed. It is Anglers responsibility to know State Rules where event is being held. New Mexico Kayak Bass Fishing (NMKBF) will not be held responsible for any penalty or fines occurred by Angler fishing in an event held by NMKBF.

11. No professional paid guide services 2 weeks prior to tournament or event date. All information available to public online or through public information (magazine, newspaper, etc.) is legal.

12. Pre-fishing before event is legal unless stated "off limits" by director. Legal prefishing 2 days prior to event will begin at 6:30am to 1pm. Lakes will off limits 2 weeks prior to the event.

13. Event director has the right to postpone or cancel the event due to inclement weather, forecasted inclement weather, or unforeseen circumstances on event day.

14. Any conflict, questions, disagreements or rule violations must be brought to Director as soon as possible.

15. Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass and Spotted Bass are the only allowable fish.

New Mexico Kayak Bass Fishing - Catch Photo Release (CPR) Requirements

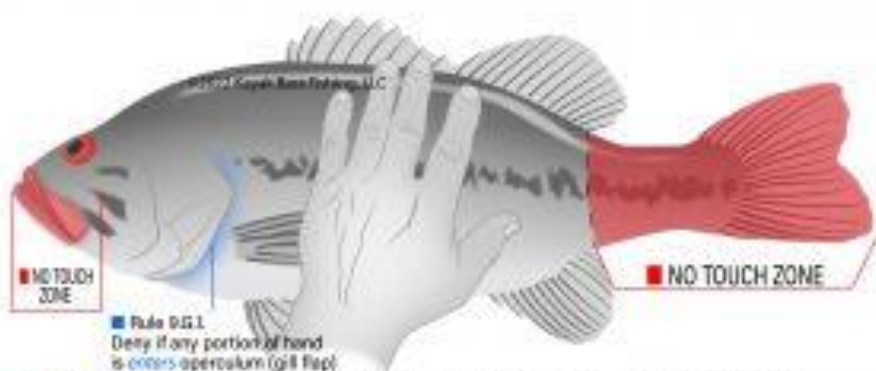
CPR is a standard for numerous Kayak fishing clubs and Kayak fishing Events. The basic premise of CPR is fish are released quickly back to habitat and less stressed for survivability. Every angler should be diligent to assist with fish care and comply with CPR requirements. Leader Board measuring device or Ketch measuring device is mandatory requirement. Fishes head must be to the left and belly down.

Entire fish must be in the photo. Bump board, identifier, and tail must be in the picture or the fish will not be scored. The lip of the fish must be clearly touching the board. Fishes mouth must be closed, any cracked mouth will receive $\frac{1}{4}$ inch deduction and open mouth will be disqualified. Take a picture of the fish as soon as possible to release fish back to water. Overhead photos only. Photos taken at angles will not be scored. Measurement marking must be clearly visible.

Identifier must be completely visible in every photo. Fish cannot be on stringers. No Hooks in mouths during picture. Each angler's 5 scoreable fish will be added together for your final score. Inches will be used and rounded down to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Angler with the most total inches will be declared winner. Second total inches will be second and so on. If no fish are caught by any participant, the anglers that show up to weigh in will be split evenly. If only one angler has score able fish, that angler gets 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. If only 2 anglers have score able fish, 2nd place angler will receive 3rd place. In the event of a tie. The tiebreaker will be the angler with the next biggest fish. Tie break may come down to the angler who caught there fish first.

All other questions or discrepancies need to be answered by the Director immediately.

All protests must be brought to the tournament directors attetion as soon as possible!



■ Rule 0.5.1
 Deny if any portion of hand
 is **covers** operculum (gill flap)

■ The competitor's hand may only be placed behind the eye and mouth and forward of the Caudal peduncle.
 FISH WILL BE DENIED if any portion is **covered**.