

TOURNAMENT RULES

- **OFF LIMITS:** The TD will notify all contestants at the drivers meeting of any off-limit waters.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** A maximum number of two persons per team with at least one team member being 18 years or older. All contestants will need to hold a valid WDFW fishing license and Boaters safety card.
- **EQUIPMENT:** All boats must be equipped with a working aerated live well, all anglers are must wear their Coast Guard Approved PFD and be seated in cockpit area while boat is under power from gas motor. Anglers are not allowed to stand on top of their pedestal seats, coolers or motor cowlings to elevate anglers above the deck of their boat. No underwater view devices are allowed. Puncture style cull tags are NOT allowed.
- **DEAD FISH:** There is no weight reduction penalty for a dead fish however 2 dead fish in a team's creel will result in disqualification.
- **TACKLE / METHODS:** Only artificial lures and pork rind style trailers are allowed during the tournament. All fish are to be caught using legal and ethical methods, snagging of fish on beds or netting of dead fish will result in disqualification.
- **CULLING / POSSESSION:** No minimum length requirement. A total of 5 fish limit, Smallmouth and/ or largemouth bass are allowed. Culling is to be done immediately upon catching a 6th fish. Culling in a host marina will be grounds for disqualification. Puncture style cull tags are NOT allowed. All state and local regulations will be allowed.
- **WEIGH-IN:** The TD will act as the official timekeeper. Any team arriving late at the weigh in will be penalized 1 pound per 1 minute up to 10 minutes. Any teams arriving 10 or more minutes late without just cause will be disqualified. Teams will be considered "checked in" once their boats are off pad inside host marina bay. The boat must remain in the water if the fish are still in the live well.
- **TIES:** Big fish will be used to break ties. In the unlikely event of duplicate tie (both creel & big fish) the affected teams will participate in a 30-minute fish off with the largest fish caught during the period determining the winner.
- **PROTEST:** All protest must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes of the final weigh-in or 15 minutes verbally. Protest will be accepted from registered tournament anglers only.
- **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & DRUGS:** At no time during tournament hours are any alcoholic beverages or drugs, other than prescription allowed in the boat or to be consumed.
- **RELIEF RULE:** In the event that an angler must leave the boat during the event to use the restroom, one angler must remain in the boat at all times and all fishing must cease until both team members are in the boat.
- **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Each team is expected to follow a high standard of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any time failing to do so may be disqualified.
- **DISTANCE:** A safe casting distance will be maintained between boats. The first boat to that area will establish the perimeter. If you come up on an angler working down a bank line you will be expected to fall in behind the established angler a safe casting distance behind.
- **LIVWELL CHECK:** All live wells will be checked prior to blast-off by the TD or his assistant.
- **LIABILITY:** All anglers are required to have their own liability insurance and by registering in the tournament, agree not to hold the Okanogan Valley Bass Club sponsors or officials liable in any way.