



## MVFCA Kayak Bass Tournament(s)-Official Rules

-One Five Three-

Youth Events

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Proverbs 11:3

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

We will demonstrate Christ-like wholeness, privately and publicly.

FCA VISION

To see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches of athletes.

FCA MISSION

To lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church.

## **Liability, Release Requirements, Safety Regulations**

All competitors must sign a liability release form prior to competition. Competitors under the age of 18 must have a signed release form from a parent or guardian before the start of competition.

Failure to sign a liability release form will result in the competitor not being able to compete in competition.

All competitors must check-in with tournament director or tournament director designee prior to the rules meeting. All competitors must check out with the tournament director or designee at the conclusion of the tournament.

All competitors must attend the rule meeting to go over tournament rules at the location and time prescribed by the tournament director.

Check-in location and rule meeting location will be announced for each individual tournament. It is the responsibility of the competitor to familiarize themselves with the location of the aforementioned meetings.

No alcohol, illegal substances, or non-prescribed drugs may be used at any time during competition.

All competitors shall wear a fastened, coast guard approved personal flotation device commonly known as a life vest or life jacket. Inflatable belt type personal flotation devices are not allowed.

All competitors must have and possess a valid fishing license within the state where the competition is being held for the waters being fished.

Competitors must follow all fishing and boating rules and regulations within the state of Iowa. Safe kayaking must be observed at all times.

At the discretion of the tournament director, tournament days may be shortened, postponed or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions.

Competitors may leave their kayak and seek shelter in bad weather or when danger is imminent.

Competitors are expected to use sound judgment and are accountable for his/her own actions when faced with a potentially dangerous situation. (Lightning, excessive wind, pleasure boaters, hunters, etc.).

Competitors should call 911 in the event of an emergency. Then notify tournament officials as soon as possible in the event of an emergency.

### **Liability, Release Requirements, Safety Regulations Penalties**

Any violation of liability, release requirements or safety regulations will result in disqualification of the competitor. The competitors entry fee will not be refunded and any fish recorded prior to disqualification will not be considered in the competition.

### **Entry Fee**

Entry fee for the -One Five Three- tournaments is \$100.00 with \$5 going to TourneyX fee.

Entry Fee for middle-school and high-school events is \$10 with \$5 going to TourneyX fee.

Registration fee for tournaments will have a deadline and will be due at the time prescribed by the Tournament Director.

Entry fee will not be refunded except with pre-approval of the tournament director.

## **ELIGIBLE WATERCRAFT**

Watercraft marketed as a kayak will be the only watercraft eligible to be utilized during competition. Watercraft restricted from competition include, but are not limited to; canoes, float tubes, bass buggies, jon boats, bass boats, pontoon boats, homemade kayaks, rafts and any watercraft powered by a gas motor. Any watercraft the tournament director identifies as not being a kayak will not be an eligible watercraft for competition. Tournament director's decision on watercraft eligibility is final.

Kayak propulsion is restricted to paddle, pedal, pole. Electric or battery powered trolling motors attached to a kayak will be permitted. Electric motor must be attached to the kayak in a safe manner of operation.

Competitors must comply with all boating regulations pertaining to the motorized/electric-propulsion watercraft.

The use of manual or motorized anchor systems is permitted.

Catamaran style personal kayaks complying with all other regulations will be eligible.

Competitors registered for competition agree to submit their kayak to an inspection if requested by the tournament director or designee.

## **Practice Period**

Pre-fish practicing the body of water where the competition is being held is allowed until 4:00pm the day before competition. After 4:00pm on the day before competition; competitors shall not have a line in the water as pre-fishing practice is closed.

## **Practice Period Penalties**

Any competitor fishing during the closed period will result in disqualification. The competitors entry fee will not be refunded and any fish recorded prior to disqualification will not be considered in the competition.

## **GENERAL RULES**

All competitions are conducted using TourneyX. Competitors must create a free TourneyX user account before competition.

All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner by the competitor from inside of their kayak.

Competitors are not permitted to leave their kayak to fish from shore or to land a fish.

All fish will be immediately released unharmed after a catch photo release (CPR) has been taken.

A fish can only be submitted once. It is the angler's responsibility to ensure that all fish submitted are different.

Only artificial baits, lures, and flies will be permitted for use during competition. No live bait or dead bait will be allowed. All artificial baits, lures, flies must adhere to state regulations. Pork trailers and biodegradable soft baits are permitted.

One fishing rod may be used at a time. A cast must be completed before another cast is allowed. A competitor may not have more than one lure from one rod actively fishing.

Trolling is not an acceptable method of fishing. Long-lining and drifting with the current or wind are allowed.

All bass caught sight-fishing must be hooked inside the mouth.

No bass are to be kept on stringers. Fish gripping devices are acceptable to temporarily hold fish in the water.

Competitors will launch their kayak at the ramp prescribed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources or Tournament Director. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources decision on ramp use supersedes that of the Tournament Director.

Mothershipping, tethering, holding or any transportation coordination with a non-competitor is strictly prohibited unless approved by tournament director or due to an emergency situation.

Competitors may not cut trees, bushes, brush, or logs and may not remove an official local, state, or federal barricade at any time during competition.

Competitors may not be tethered to buoys or safety signs.

Competitors may not use any item, including but not limited to; cables, ropes, chains, block, or tackle system to maneuver a kayak into fishing waters.

The use of LiveScope technology is not permitted during the tournament.

### **General Rule Penalties**

Any competitor found to be in violation of any general rule will be disqualified. The competitors entry fee will not be refunded and any fish recorded prior to disqualification will not be considered in the competition.

## **Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship**

Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation.

Competitors must practice courtesy at all times, especially to those boating and angling in the vicinity of the competitor.

Competitors are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various states in which they fish. Competitors are responsible for research of fishing and boating regulations.

Competitors at all times shall demonstrate integrity, honor and respect to other competitors, volunteers and tournament director and refrain from any behavior that would look poorly on the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

## **Code of Conduct and Sportsmanship Penalties**

Any competitor found to be in violation of our code of conduct or sportsmanship will be disqualified. The competitor's entry fee will not be refunded and any fish recorded prior to disqualification will not be considered in the competition.

## **Measuring Device**

The Hawg Trough and Ketch Board are the preferred measuring device(s) for competitors. Other measuring devices approved by the Tournament Director can be used. Competitors are responsible for bringing their own measuring device. If the Tournament Director dictates the measuring board is not adequate for competition; Tournament Director's decision is final.

Competitors registered for competition agree to submit their measuring device to be inspected by tournament director or designee any time before, during or after the tournament.

## **Measuring Device Penalties**

Competitors utilizing a measuring device determined to not be legal will be disqualified. The competitors entry fee will not be refunded and any fish recorded prior to disqualification will not be considered in the competition.

## **Qualifying Fish**

Only the Black Bass species consisting of the following: Largemouth, Spotted, and Smallmouth bass and any hybrid of the above are accepted species.

Qualifying fish must be 12 inches in length to be considered for scoring.

All one day events are anglers' five best fish.

All fish 12 inches in length or over will be scored by .25 increments.

## **Recording your Catch: CPR**

Anglers are solely responsible for the uploading of their fish to TourneyX , which includes having the equipment and items required to upload pictures.

The following criteria are expected of competitors in each photograph submitted for judging of fish. Failure to follow will result in penalty or disqualification.

- The entire bass, from the tip of the lip to the end of the tail, on an approved measuring device, while in a tournament legal vessel.
- The fish must face left, dorsal fin up, and belly of fish towards competitor.
- The mouth of the fish must be closed and touching the front of the measuring board.
- The tail of the fish shall be laid flat against the board.
- The tail is not to be pinched.

- The lip, tail and eye of the fish cannot be obstructed in the picture.
- The identifier provided to the angler by the tournament director or designee must be present in the photograph without obstruction. All numbers of the identifier must be clearly visible within the photograph.
- The competitor must not have their hand or fingers under the gill plate of the fish.
- The measuring board markings, and measuring number markings, must be clearly visible to the tournament director or designee.
- One, overhead photo, not shot at an angle are required for judging.
- The fish must not be attached to a holding device or have any lure or hook attached to the fish.
- If the fish has questionable markings, colors, or is odd in any other way that may cause questioning by the tournament director or designee judging fish; angler is responsible for taking video of fish to prove fish was caught and released alive. Questionable issues with fish should immediately be brought to the tournament directors attention.
- Quality of the photograph submitted for judging is the responsibility of the angler.
- Your kayak must be visible in all photograph submissions.
- See photographs at the conclusion of Official Rules.

## **Judging of Fish**

Participants' fish will be judged and scored by a panel designated by the tournament director.

The tournament director or designee will be solely responsible and retain the right to declare any photographs as being unacceptable.

A protest window does not exist. All scoring conducted by tournament director or designee are final.

## **Judging of Fish Penalties**

There will be a one-inch (1") deduction for fish submitted to competition that has an open mouth. An open mouth is considered when the color of the board is visible through the opening of the mouth.

The fish will not be scored if the lip of the fish is not touching the front of the board.

The fish will not be scored if the fish tail is not touching the board.

Excessive marking on Hawg Trough or Ketch Board: Rounded down to the next  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch mark. (No score if below mandatory minimum length).

## **Weigh-In and Awards**

All anglers must return to the designated site at a determined time, designated by the tournament director during the captains meeting.

All fish considered in competition must be submitted to TourneyX by the end of the tournament at a time designated by the tournament director. In the event an angler encounters issues uploading fish, they must contact the tournament director before the photograph submission time closes. Failure to do so will not allow for the fish to be submitted with no exceptions.

## **Weigh-In and Awards Penalties**

There will be a two inch (2") deduction from anglers largest bass for each minute an angler is late returning to the designated site of the weigh-in.

An angler will be disqualified in the event he or she does not arrive at the designated site prescribed by the tournament director following the conclusion of the tournament.

## **Tournament Delay, Tournament Rescheduled, Tournament Cancellation**

The tournament director may delay, reschedule, or cancel a tournament. If a tournament is canceled or rescheduled, the participants have the choice to be refunded or have their fee applied to a future event.

Participants who register for a tournament and are a no-show for any reason will not receive a refund for any reason.

## **Equipment**

All equipment utilized by anglers to compete in tournaments must be supplied by the angler. This includes, but not limited to; kayak, kayak paddle, fishing rod, fishing reel, Ketch board, Hawg Trough board, life jacket, camera, electronic device to submit photographs to TourneyX, etc.

\*This does not apply to youth events.

## **Tie Breaker**

In the event of a tie, the following criteria will decide the winner.

- 1st Longest Fish
- 2nd Longest Fish
- 3rd Longest Fish
- 4th Longest Fish
- 5th Longest Fish

# Example Photographs to assist anglers with CPR

