



Colorado Kayak Fishing Club Tournament Rules

Colorado Kayak Fishing Club's (referred to as CKFC for the remainder of this document) intent is to draw anglers who are interested in the competitive side of kayak angling. The rules are as follows:

Kayaks are the only vessel currently allowed to participate in the CKFC tournaments (due to insurance reasons). Propulsion of kayaks will only be via arms or legs. Gas, electric, or sails are not allowed as mechanisms for propulsion in our tournaments. The only exception is for anyone who has a disability/medical condition that doesn't allow them to use a paddle or pedal kayak. You must contact the Tournament Director for approval to use alternate means at least 72 hours prior to the tournament.

CKFC tournaments require anglers to use either a Hawg Trough or Ketch board as the fish measuring device. **NO OTHER MEASURING DEVICES ARE ALLOWED**. FYI, this will be the last year the Hawg Troughs will be accepted.

1. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

2. CKFC angler must have paid the CKFC membership fee for the tournament series they wish to participate in (Bass or Multi-Species) along with the individual tournament fee before being allowed to fish any events.
3. All CKFC tournament anglers and volunteers must sign a Waiver and Release of Liability.
 - a. Please print, fill out, and email the "Waiver and Release of Liability" form to ckfcwaivers@gmail.com. Waiver can be found here: <https://www.cokayakfishing.com/tournament-rules/>
 - b. Please fill out the "CKFC Tournament Entry Form" online (link below). Just need to do this once a year.: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd2b_cVcpNJBcROMOghX4VVLmh7P2zXLaoGjqsPxycFICb1Q/viewform?usp=sf_link
4. Anglers between ages 12 and 17 must fill out and sign a Minor Waiver. A legal guardian must also sign the consent form. Minor Waiver can be found at the same link as above.
 - a. Anglers between the ages of 12 and 15 must be accompanied by an adult while on the water. "Accompanied" means that the adult must have a vessel capable of staying in close proximity to the youth angler and assume full responsibility for the youth angler.
 - b. Anglers between the ages of 16 and 17 must fill out and sign a Minor Waiver (as stated above, to include a legal guardians signature) but can fish the tournament

unaccompanied.

GENERAL RULES

5. REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- a. Personal Flotation Device: **Coast Guard-approved, chest-type life preserver MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES while on the water!** If you are caught not wearing one (you can take it off temporarily to change layers), you will be automatically disqualified.
- b. A signaling whistle must be on your person at all times while on the water.
- c. A safety beacon (white light - typically a headlamp) must be worn and turned on until safe light hours.

6. FISHING REGULATIONS

- a. State, local, and lake specific boating and fishing regulations trump all CKFC documented and undocumented Tournament Rules. Lake or Reservoir specific rules will generally be addressed prior to the tournament. However, it is the participant's responsibility to follow these regulations regardless.
- b. CKFC Tournaments are Catch, Photograph and Release (CPR) events. Bag and possession limits do not apply as no fish will be kept. During tournament hours, participants are not allowed to keep any fish species due to lake permitting requirements.
- c. All photographed fish must be caught by the angler turning in the photograph on the day of the tournament during the tournament hours.
- d. All fish must be caught on a rod and reel **ONLY**. Bowfishing, trot lining, or jug lining is not permitted during any CKFC events.
- e. **For Bass only tournaments:** Only 1 rod is allowed to be in use (line in water) at any given time. Trolling is not allowed. Live bait is not allowed.
- f. **For Multi-Species tournaments:** Two rods are allowed to be in use (line in water) You must have a second rod stamp on your license to use two rods at the same time. Trolling is allowed for multi-species tournaments. The use of live bait is allowed as long as that lake permits the use of live bait (example: Spinney does not allow any live bait or baits with scent)

7. TOURNAMENT HOURS

- a. Tournament rules and hours will be discussed at each tournament captains meeting or will be posted on the tourneyX tournament page. In general though, we will go from safe light to 2pm.

8. CHECK-IN / CHECK-OUT

- a. Anglers must view the virtual captains meeting (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NAmmSXSm0c>) .
- b. See below for cancellation / late policy.
- c. Check-In/Check-Out for TourneyX tournaments:
 - i. Angler must use the TourneyXPro app to check in, prior to launching and starting the tournament.
 1. Using the TourneyXPro app, you **MUST check-in**
 2. Using the TourneyXPro app, you **MUST Check-out** no later than **30 min** after the end of the tournament hours.
This lets us know you are safely off the water.

- e. Check out for Non-TourneyX tournaments:
 - i. ALL anglers MUST check out with the Tournament Director or another CKFC Board Member, prior to departing the lake. Anglers not checking out after the end of a tournament will not be allowed to fish any remaining tournaments that calendar year..
- f. If an emergency arises and an angler must leave the lake early, call (or text) the CKFC Tournament Director or another CKFC Board Member immediately. Leave a message if the phone call is not answered. For TourneyXpro tournaments, also check out using the TourneyXpro app. If you don't do one of the above, you will be banned from entering future tournaments!
- g. For Non-TourneyX tournaments, A one inch per minute penalty will be assessed for those that have not been safety-checked at the designated location by the tournament end time. After 15 minutes, that angler will be disqualified for that tournament.

9. FISH SUBMISSIONS

- a. For TourneyX Tournaments:
 - i. Fish submission deadline will be 30 minutes after the tournament ends. Example: tournament ends at 2pm (timestamp of picture must be before 2pm....1:59pm) Submission deadline to the tourneyx app must be submitted before 2:30PM.
 - ii. There is no exception to this rule, we don't have the ability to make any changes after the 30 minute submission deadline. So please make sure you have the ability to submit the pictures using the tourneyXpro app before the submission deadline! If you have any issues, you must reach out to a TD or board member for help....before the deadline. Please give us time to work on this...not at 2:29 (using the example above).
 - iii. Bass Series fish submissions
 - 1. The TourneyXpro app will auto cull your fish. Meaning it will take your best 5 fish automatically. NO need to do anything other than submit your fish using the app to the tournament leaderboard.
 - iv. Multi-Species fish submissions
 - 1. The TourneyXpro app will auto cull your fish. Meaning it will take your best 5 fish automatically. NO need to do anything other than submit your fish using the app to the tournament leaderboard.
 - v. Always verify that your fish submission was accepted. Check your emails! (spam folders too)
 - vi. Make sure to check your emails, any scoring deductions/penalties will be sent via email.
 - vii. Make sure you have your **location turned on** for both the phone app and the tourneyxpro app. (This verifies the location where the photo was taken) If this is not turned on, **before taking photos your fish will be disqualified!**
 - viii. To learn how to use the tourneyXpro app, use this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwIXNuX3wJfBpbXD-4OeZGg/videos?fbclid=IwAR06TUlu0OC9m5jCWzx3BkvI3FFYBsWilifwpxHL8-C1RmpylL4xzLFN_VY

10. DELAYS / CANCELLATIONS

- a. Weather conditions can limit or eliminate tournament hours. Decisions on delays or cancellations will be made by the CKFC Board Members.
- b. In the event a tournament is canceled, anglers will be reimbursed 100% of their entry fee.
- c. Angler Specific
 - i. 24 hour cancellation policy: If you are unable to participate in a tournament, you must notify the tournament director at least 24 hours before the tournament for a full refund.

11. OFF LIMITS

- a. Using a guide within 30 days of a tournament event on the same lake is prohibited.
- b. Pre-fishing is prohibited after 8pm the night prior to the tournament.
- c. If there are any off limit areas, it will be addressed at the captains meeting
- d. For roadrunner style events, you can only launch at public launch areas. Launch areas like a private dock/residence, **campgrounds**, etc are not public launch areas.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. CKFC board members, and / or event staff will not be held liable for any injuries, or death resulting from participation in CKFC tournaments. See above for waiver form requirements.
- b. Entry Fees will not be refunded for disqualified anglers. Additionally, any anglers determined to be intentionally cheating will be prohibited from participating in ANY future CKFC events and will potentially face criminal charges.

13. MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

- a. The only approved measuring devices for CKFC events is a Hawg Trough or Ketch Board. **FYI, 2022 will be the last year we accept Hawg Troughs.**
- b. Anglers should photograph the fish quickly in order to return the fish to the water as soon as possible.
- c. For non-TourneyX format tournaments:
 - i. Record the species and length of the fish on your scorecard (see sample scorecard below). Measured by $\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Must clearly touch the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch line. If it does not hit the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch mark, you can't round up.
 - ii. In the case of a second opinion being requested, the Tournament Director will be assisted by other CKFC board members. Once a 2nd decision has been made, that decision will be final. If they both don't agree, a third CKFC board member will be the final decision.
 - iii. Scoring is based on the regulations below and the discretion of the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will score fish as close as possible to the longest length, based off where the longest part of the fish touches a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch line.

- d. For TourneyX format tournaments:
 - i. Enter the Species; there is a location under the catch submission area to select the species
 - ii. Enter the length measured by $\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Must clearly **touch** the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch line. If it does not hit the $\frac{1}{4}$ inch mark, you can't round up.
 - iii. Scoring is based on the regulations below and the discretion of the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will score fish as close as possible to the longest length, based off where the longest part of the fish **touches a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch line**.

14. Picture criteria:

- a. First and most importantly: Anglers are responsible for their photo submissions! Please understand how to use the tourneyXpro app and how to submit photos when we aren't using the tourneyXpro app.
- b. Any issues must be reported to the Tournament Director, **before** the submission deadline (30 minutes after tournament end time)
- c. The measuring device (Ketch Board or Hawg Trough) must be photographed from left to right; The fence of the measuring device must be to the left of the angler. (see sample photo below)
- d. The whole fish, tip to tail must be in the picture with the tail laying flat on the measuring device.
- e. Assigned unique identifier must be visible/legible (Numbered Chip for non-tourneyx, and anything you can write on for tourneyX tournaments
 - i. You can get the KBF identifier here (we will have some available at the captains meeting): <https://www.kayakbassfishing.com/identifier/>
- f. Fish must be oriented with head to the left, tail to the right.
- g. Fish belly must be closest to the angler, with the dorsal fin farthest away from the angler (see sample photos below)
- h. Photo must be taken from directly above the fish and centered on fish. i. Aside from your hand, all photos of fish must be clear of any obstructions. If the hand is in the picture, it must not obstruct any scoring criteria (unique identifier, fish's mouth, tail, eye, measuring board dimensions, etc.). Additionally, no portion of the hand may be within the fish's gills or beneath the operculum.
- j. Fish must be touching the fence (left edge of measuring device) of the measuring device
- k. If the fish has a missing eye or looks like it may be dead or dying, it is required the angler take video of that fish going from the board, and actively swimming away.
- l. Measurement markings on the ruler must be clearly visible. Please darken lines with Sharpie style permanent marker. If a measurement cannot be clearly identified, a deduction or disqualification of that submission may result. If lines are darkened and are thicker than the original lines on the Hawg Trough, it will be up to the discretion of the TD or CKFC board member to determine if the fish is touching the actual $\frac{1}{4}$ inch line.
- m. If utilizing the numbered chip, it must also be attached to the measuring device via zip tie (provided by CKFC)
- n. You can not submit the same fish twice in the same tournament. Even if you

caught it twice.

o. Pinching of the tail is allowed

p. All criteria above must be met or photo will not be scored.

q. Bass Series: The mouth of the bass must be completely closed in the photograph. If the mouth is open, the submission will be deducted 1”.

r. Multi-Species: Open mouth is accepted without penalty. Any deviation will be discussed at the captains meeting.

15. Scoring Criteria

a. Longest 5 fish, is considered a limit

b. Scoring is based off ¼ inch measurements. Must clearly **touch the line** of the ¼ inch to count. No rounding up.

c. Minimum fish submission size is 8 inches

d. Maximum fish submission size is 32 inches. If a fish is 40 inches, you can still submit the fish, it will just be entered as a 32 inch fish. Or **if you have a 30 inch Hawg Trough it will be a 30 inch fish.**

16. Winners

a. The competitor with the highest total score (by length, in inches) is the winner. Next highest score will place second and so on.

b. If there is a tie in total length, the longest fish from each competitor in the tie will become the tie breaker. If the longest fish are equal, the second longest fish will become the tie breaker, etc. If there is still a tie, we will combine the money for the tied slots and then split the money equally.

17. Big Fish Pot

a. We take \$5 of each tournament entry and put it into a Big Fish Pot

b. All picture criteria noted previously must be met

c. Biggest (by length in inches) accepted fish entry will win back 100% of the Big Fish Pot

d. In the event of a tie, we will go to the second biggest fish between all those that tied. If after two fish, there's still a tie, we will go to the third biggest fish...etc. If after 5 fish there is still a tie, we will split the pot between everyone still tied. e. 32 inch maximum rule applies

18. ADDITIONAL TOURNEYX FORMAT INFO:

a. Judging will be done by the CKFC Board Members. Typically, the Top 10 anglers' photos will be verified on site at the tournament. All remaining photos will be verified as soon as possible after the tournament in order to finalize the standings.

19. Bass Series Notes:

a. Submit your fish to the TourneyX leaderboard as they are caught.

b. A 5-fish limit is utilized for all Bass series tournaments. Once the 5-fish limit is reached, and a 6th fish is submitted, the shortest fish submitted will be automatically culled for you.

20. Multi-Species Series Notes:

a. Submit your fish to the TourneyX leaderboard as they are caught.

b. A 5-fish limit is utilized for all Multi-species series tournaments. Once the 5-fish limit is reached, and a 6th fish is submitted, the shortest fish submitted will be automatically culled for you.

SAMPLE PICTURE:

- Note 1: Mouth Touching Fence and Mouth Closed for Bass Series. Dorsal fin at top.
- Note 3: Measurement lines are marked with Sharpie.
- Note 3(whoops): Base of Fence is marked with Sharpie. Sticker helps, too.
- Note 4: Identifier Fully Visible & Legible
- Fish head to the left, tail to the right, Dorsal fin at top, belly down.
- Hawg Trough fence to the left; Inches increasing from left to right.

NON-TOURNEYX FORMAT (16.75 » w/ no deductions)



TOURNEYX FORMAT (17.75 » w/ no deductions)



SAMPLE SCORECARDS (NON-TOURNEYX FORMAT ONLY):

Bass Series:

1. Circle your best 5 fish. Only Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, or Spotted Bass will be accepted. Fish species does not need to be noted in the Bass Series.

Multi-Species Series:

The Multi-species series generally follows a “2-2-1” or “3-2” best of 5 scoring format. There may be alternate formats depending on the body of water and catchable fish species. The allowable species of fish will be selected by the Tournament Director prior to the tournament. To the side of each of the length measurements recorded on the scorecard, please note the species of fish with a single initial. T – trout, W – walleye, B – bass, P – Pike.

In the “2-2-1” format, you may submit a maximum of 2 fish per species of fish selected. For example, if the 3 species of fish are Bass, Walleye, and Trout, you may submit up to any of the following:

- 2 Bass, 2 Walleye, & 1 Trout
- 2 Bass, 2 Trout, & 1 Walleye
- 2 Trout, 2 Walleye, & 1 Bass

The “3-2” format is typically used where Trout and Pike are the primary lake species. In the “3-2” format, you may submit up to any of the following:

- 3 Trout & 2 Pike
- 4 Trout & 1 Pike

Any deviation from either of these formats will be clarified by the TD prior to the tournament.

<p>CKFC Tournament Weigh Card Lake: Boyd Lake Bass 2019 Angler Name: Matt Arledge Angler Number: 32</p> 		<p>CKFC Tournament Weigh Card Lake: Chatfield Multi 2019 Angler Name: Ronald Southworth Angler Number: 14</p> 	
<p>Length & Species</p>		<p>Length & Species</p>	
# 1	22.75"	# 16	
# 2	18"	# 17	
# 3	18.25"	# 18	
# 4	18.5"	# 19	
# 5	16.75"	# 20	
# 6	15"	# 21	
# 7	19.25"	# 22	
# 8	11"	# 23	
# 9	9"	# 24	
# 10		# 25	
# 11		# 26	
# 12		# 27	
# 13		# 28	
# 14		# 29	
# 15		# 30	
<p>Total Length of Best 5 Fish: 96.75"</p>		<p>Total Length of Best 5 Fish: 103"</p>	
<p>P/T</p>		<p>P/T</p>	