

# Central Texas Kayak Trail 2022 Rules

**GENERAL RULES/DEFINITIONS will be an addendum to KBF Rules Standards.**

<https://www.kayakbassfishing.com/kbf-rules-standards/>

## **OVERVIEW**

The 2022 Central Texas Kayak Trail will consist of 6 individual tournaments.

## **PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY**

- The Series is open to ALL anglers provided they meet the Requirements and honor all Rules and Regulations listed below.
- There are NO membership fees or dues aside from individual event registration fees and optional side pots.
- Disabled or Special Medical Needs: Competitors will be allowed to use kayaks or canoes with trolling motors, or Kayak Manufacturer Motors just like everyone else.
- Participants **MUST** view the Captain's Meeting. There is a live video at the announced time. You must verify that you are registered on **I-angler**, identifiers will be issued before midnight that evening.

## **LIABILITY RELEASE/LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

- ALL competitors must agree to a liability release prior to start of the event, this will be completed during your online registration.
- ALL competitors UNDER the age of 18 must notify the TD and provide a liability release signed by a parent or guardian before the start of the event. Parent or guardian must be present.
- ALL competitors MUST have a valid Texas Freshwater Fishing License or be exempt under TPWD regulations.
- For current regulations and information on fishing licenses visit:

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/business/licenses/index.phtml>

## **APPROVED WATERCRAFT**

- Competitors will be allowed to use kayaks or canoes with trolling motors.
- Kayaks, canoes, inflatable kayaks and paddleboards, stand up paddleboards are acceptable. Bluesky 360's are also allowed.
- NO gasoline powered boats, sail boats, airboats, float tubes, or poled boats maybe used.
- Only ONE paid entrant per vessel.

- NO pier/shoreline/wade/jug/trot line/hand line/cast or drag net/bow fishing allowed.

### **LAUNCH POINT**

- This tournament is designated as “Roadrunner” event:
- Boats may be launched at any legal and public launch site on the boundary waters of that particular event.
- Competitors will be released at a specified time from Captain’s meeting. You must view the virtual Captains Meeting, and you must adhere to normal Scoring and Weigh-in times.
- Transporting vessels/competitors via power driven boats (including towing) is strictly prohibited except in the case of an emergency as determined by the tournament director.

### **PERMITTED FISHING METHODS/BAIT/LURES**

- ONLY artificial baits/lures/flies and hand-tied flies will be permitted.
- NO live or dead bait may be used.
- Rod and Reel and Fly Rods are the only devices acceptable.
- NO downriggers allowed, trolling under human power is acceptable.
- 1 rod/line in the water at anytime.

### **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- PFD (lifejacket) MUST be worn at ALL times while on the water. NO exceptions. Violators will be immediately disqualified if spotted not wearing a PFD.
- Competitors must meet all TPWD regulations.
- <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/laws/>
- Competitors must meet all US Coast Guard Regulations.
- <http://www.uscgboating.org>
- Official spotters may be present during competitions.

### **GENERAL RULES**

- NO competitors are to be within 10 yards of each other during fish-time; except in the case of emergency when assistance is required.
- NO fish are to be kept on stringers.
- Any ONE fish can only be submitted ONCE.
- Fishing in OFF-LIMITS areas will result in disqualification.

- Captain's Meeting attendance is MANDATORY.

## **COMMUNICATION**

- Emergency calls are permitted, and the Tournament Director is to be notified.
- Emergency, family, and employment related calls are allowed.
- There is to be NO electronic communication between competing anglers, or communication regarding fishing or the tournament during the competition.
- This rule is in place to cancel out any "unfair advantages" and the sharing of information that may create an unfair competitive advantage during the competition.

## **QUALIFYING FISH**

- ALL fish must be caught within boundary waters during the tournament time.
- ONLY the following species will count towards your total: Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Spotted Bass and Guadalupe Bass shall all be counted for BASS.
- [http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/bkbass\\_diagrams.phtml](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/bkbass_diagrams.phtml)
- CPR: Catch, Photo, and Release alive only.

## **MEASURING DEVICE**

- Ketch boards and hog troughs will be permitted **for this year only** to reduce cost for new anglers.
- Competitors must use their own measuring device. If you lose yours, you will need to notify the TD your situation before you use a borrow board.
- Your device may be checked by staff at any time.
- If the judge cannot clearly see the markings, that fish will not be scored. At a minimum ¼ inch increments need to be visible.
- Central Texas Kayak Trail 2022 will be a mouth closed tournament to comply with KBF and State regulations. All pictures with open mouths will be deducted 1". If all 5 of your submissions are open mouth, you will be disqualified.

## **PRACTICE PERIOD/OFF LIMITS**

- There will not be an "Off Limits" time.

## **RESCHEDULING/CANCELLATION/NON-ATTENDANCE**

- INCLEMENT WEATHER: The Tournament Director may delay, reschedule, or cancel the event.

- The first option will be a delay to be determined by the tournament director.
- The reschedule date for any event is the following day (same time/place/launch).
- If both days are rescheduled, the following weekend will serve as make-up event.
- If canceled or rescheduled, entrants can be refunded or have fee applied to next event.
- No refunds for prepaid entrants will be given for non-attendance regardless of the reason.

## **PHOTO RELEASE**

- Contestants grant Central Texas Kayak Trail and their sponsors the unconditional right to use their name, voice, photographic likeness and biographical information in connection with Central Texas Kayak Trail, production, promotion, and/or articles and press releases, and shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use.

## **IMPAIRMENT**

- DRUG and or ALCOHOL use during the tournament is strictly PROHIBITED.
- ANY competitor found to be under the influence will be disqualified and will receive a score of ZERO.

## **RULES INTERPRETATION and PROTESTS**

- All rules are decided and interpreted by the Tournament Director.
- Any protests should be registered with the tournament director immediately after the results being posted.
- The Tournament Director retains the right to make any changes at ANY time, and the FINAL decision.
- Not having read the rules is NOT an exception.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

- This competition is intended and will be a competitive and professional event. It is also designed to be lots of fun. With that being said, ALL anglers are encouraged to be good sportsmen throughout the series. Any disorderly conduct, violation of rules, or illegal activity may result in your disqualification.
- Any report of cheating will be investigated. Any cheating reported with proof will result in immediate disqualification. **KNOW THE RULES!**

## **ENTRY FEES**

- ALL participants MUST have paid entry fee and registered on I-Angler prior to fishing.
- Entry Fee for this event is as follows:

- **Online Registration will end on the Thursday night prior to Tournament**

- \$50 entry and \$10 for Big Bass.
- Big Bass is optional.

## **PAYOUT**

- This tournament is a 90% payback, and 10% is used to pay for paypal and I-angler fees.
- Competitor with biggest bass wins 90% of the prize. (10% will be used to pay toward Central Texas Kayak to aid in the purchase of food and beverages for the event) Ties are determined by standard tie criteria
- There will be various other prizes accordingly.

## **PHOTO CRITERIA/SUBMISSION/JUDGING**

### **APPROVED CAMERAS**

- We will be using I-Angler to judge all submissions for this tournament.
- All contestants are to submit their catch through I-Angler's App on their smart phone.
- If you do not have cell service or are using a digital camera, you will need to plan accordingly and come find the Tournament Director before the deadline to submit your catch.
- While we have a universal card reader, it is highly recommended that you bring a USB cord that is compatible with your camera. It is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure we can download your pictures.

### **PHOTO CRITERIA**

- See the info graphic on proper CPR process:
- Each fish photo **MUST** include ALL of the following criteria:
  - The whole fish, tip to tail.
  - Laying with the tip of the lip at beginning of measuring device.
  - Mouth closed to Furthest Tip of Tail
  - Fish **MUST** be left side UP.
  - Measurement markings must be clearly visible
  - Assigned unique identifier must be visible
  - Nothing other than your hand can be used to hold the fish down to the measuring device.
  - Angler cannot use any object to hold fish's mouth to the measuring device.

- ONE OVERHEAD PHOTO SHOT FRAME (not at an angle)
- Fish must be clear of any devices. Fins/tail/head/eyes cannot be obstructed in photo.
- ALL criteria must be met, or photo will not be scored.
- If you do not have cell service at the time, you can take the pics and submit it later when you are in an area that has cell service.

## **WEIGH IN**

- ONLY the Tournament Director and designated staff will be involved in the judging process.
- Since this will mostly be an online submitted tournament, there will be no late submittals. If you know you do not have cell service out on the lake or are using a digital camera, it is **YOUR** responsibility to get back early so you can submit it in person.

## **JUDGING**

- Competitor photos will be reviewed and scored by Tournament Director and designated staff.
- Photos that do not meet the requirements as provided will be rejected and you will have the option to resubmit a better picture if you have it.
- The Tournament Director and designated staff will be solely responsible and retain the right to declare any photo as “unacceptable”.
- Winners will be declared, and prizes/awards will be announced by the Tournament Director.
- The Tournament will then be declared complete.
- Tournament Director will make final decision on whether adjustment will be made and which effect that will have on any prizes given out in the event of an error.

## **SCORING/POINTS/TIES/AWARDS**

### **SCORING**

- EACH competitor will be provided an identifier and an Inspection Tag for the event.
- Your 5 (five) LONGEST verified lengths will be totaled for your score.
- Fish UNDER 12” will not be scored and should not be photographed or recorded.
- A 12” bass is legal; a 11.75” bass is not legal; no rounding will apply.
- In the case of a 12.75” bass with an open mouth bass will not be counted.
- Rounding will be DOWN and to the nearest ¼ (quarter) inch.
- Some permanent markers will be available (until supplies run out). **You are responsible for bringing your own or returning the one you borrowed.**

## **TIES**

- In the event of a TIE, the following criteria will decide the winner:
- Biggest Fish
- 2nd Biggest Fish
- 3rd Biggest Fish
- And so on until there are no more fish to compare, then a coin toss.
- Total length, no limit, 12" minimum
- Time and place to be decided between involved competitors and Tournament Director.
- The winner takes 1st place and the runner up will move to 2nd, pushing 2nd to 3rd and so on.

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