

General Rules for all 2010 KATS Events

- 1) This tournament series is open to all anglers! Those under of the age of 18 years of age must have a signed liability release by their parent(s) prior to the tournament start time. Each angler MUST have a valid Texas freshwater fishing license or be exempt under TPWD regulations and, complete/sign the liability release *PRIOR* to participating in the tournament.
- 2) Each angler MUST have paid the entry fee BEFORE fishing.
- 3) Only paddle powered boats may be used. This includes; kayaks, canoes, rowboats, inflatable boats, paddle boats. NO gasoline or electric motor propelled boats, sail boats, float tubes, or poled boats may be used. One paid entrant per boat. NO pier/shoreline/wade/jug/trot line/hand line/cast or drag net/ bow fishing allowed.
- 4) All boats must be launched from the shoreline at the designated launch point at the start of the event. For tournaments designated as "Road runner" events, boats may be launched at any legal, public, launch site on the boundary waters of that events particular lake. Transporting boats/fishermen via power driven boats (including towing) is prohibited except in case of emergency as determined by the tournament director.
- 5) NO live or dead bait may used. Commercially available artificial baits or hand tied flies only.
- 6) Safety equipment must be onboard and used in accordance with TPWD regulations. PFD to be worn at ALL times when in the kayak (boat).
- 7) Only large mouth, small mouth, spotted, or Guadalupe bass (caught using a rod and reel or fly rod) qualify for your total. No down riggers allowed, but trolling baits under paddle power IS ALLOWED. All fish must be caught in the lake's boundary waters. Any anglers observed fishing in areas marked off limits will be disqualified. All fish must be caught, photographed, and released alive to qualify for your total.
- 9) All anglers must turn in their scorecards and photos by 3:00 P.M at the designated area. **Late check-in will be allowed until**

3:30p, however, a penalty of 1" per every 5 minutes after 3:00P.M. will be subtracted from their total. No score will be given for any angler after 3:30p. The judge(s) will tally the results, declare the winners, give out awards, and the tournament will be declared complete.

10) The lake that the current event will be held at is OFF LIMITS to any contestant in the K.A.T.S. for a 5 day period prior to that event. The actual dates and times the OFF LIMITS period is will be posted prior to the event. Any angler observed or reported (with proof) fishing on that lake during the OFF LIMITS period will be disqualified and will forfeit their entry fee. NO EXCEPTIONS!

11) Rescheduling, cancellation, and non-attendance

In event of inclement weather, the tourney director may delay, reschedule, or cancel the event. The reschedule date will be 1 day after the event (ie-the next day, same time, same launch points, etc). IF cancelled or rescheduled, prepaid entrants have the option of a full refund of their entry fee or entry into another event.

Sorry but No refunds for prepaid entrants will be given for nonattendance regardless of the reason.

HOW IT WORKS

Each registered angler will be assigned and given a numbered scorecard the day of the event at sign-in.

Your *5 (five)* LONGEST verified lengths will make your total score. Fish UNDER 14" will not be scored and should not be photographed or recorded. A 14" fish IS legal!

The angler with the highest total score is the winner; next highest score is 2nd place, and so on.

Scoring

Each bass must be measured from lip to end of tail on a measuring device. *A photo MUST be taken with the fish laying on the measuring device with the assigned number displayed.*

note-A smart angler will position the fish in such a way that the photo will show it in its longest position. With that in mind, I don't care if the mouth is open or closed. I will be looking at where the tip of the fishes lip is in relation to the start of the ruler. No fingers can be in, on, or around the

mouth area. No devices can be used to clamp or stretch the mouth. No pinching of the tail. Just put the fish down and shoot the photo.*

The photo MUST include the following criteria:

- *the whole fish, tip to tail,
- *laying with the head towards the start of the ruler,
- *tip of the lip at the beginning of the ruler,
- *demonstrating visible length marks,
- *on your measuring device,
- *with your assigned number showing,
- *in ONE OVERHEAD PHOTO FRAME (that is not angled down the length of the fish)

IF the tip of the lip is NOT at the start of the ruler, an appropriate length deduction will be assessed.

IF any of the criteria listed above is not adhered to, that fish will NOT be scored.

Camera phones are specifically NOT ALLOWED. Disposable cameras are NOT ALLOWED (due to the time constraints of developing the pictures). Anglers must provide their own digital camera and devices (cords, software, etc) to download the pictures via a USB port to the judge's laptop.

Anglers must use their own measuring device (no sharing) which MAY be checked by the judge(s). ***If the judge can not clearly see the measurement, that fish will not be scored.***

No drug or alcohol use during the tournament is allowed and no angler may be under the influence of either drugs or alcohol.

Any violation of any of the above posted rules may result in disqualification and a score of "0" will be given. All rules will be interpreted by the tournament director and his decision will be final. Any protests should be registered with the tournament director immediately after the results being posted. Once the awards presentation begins, the results are official and will not be changed even if there is an error.

TIES

In the event that one or more anglers tie (have the same total score), this is the criteria used to determine the placement;
a) go to the biggest fish,

- b) then the 2nd biggest fish,
- c) if there is still a tie, then flip a coin

example;

Joe and Bob both had a total of 60" and tied for 2nd place, Joe had the biggest fish so he is placed at sole owner of 2nd, gets the trophy, gets 2nd place money and is awarded 99 points. Bob goes to 3rd place, gets 3rd place money, gets 3rd place trophy, and is awarded 98 points. The 4th place guy gets awarded 97 points along with any money/trophies and so on

PAYOUT

Prepaid Entry(PPE) for each event is \$30. Day of the Event (DOE) entry will be \$40 (cash only). Also, an optional \$5 big bass, winner take all, side pot is available at entry time. \$25 of each entry fee goes towards the cash prize pot.

The cash prize pot will be divided as follows:

- 55-30-15% payout for 0-29 anglers,
- 50-30-15-5% payout for 30-39 anglers,
- 45-25-14-10-6% payout for 40+ anglers.

Example: 25 anglers x \$25=\$625
1st place= \$343.75 (625 x .55)
2nd place= \$187.50 (625 x .30)
3rd place= \$ 93.75 (625 x .15)

All money paid for the Big Bass pot will go to the angler who entered BB and catches the longest fish on the day. Ties for BB pot will be determined by the tournament director.

Sponsor prizes will be given away through a random drawing...you don't have to fish well to win something nice, just enter!

SERIES POINTS ACCUMULATION

A points system will be used to determine the overall tournament series winner. For each event, the winner (1st place) will receive 100 points, 2nd place=99 points, 3rd=98, and so on. Points will be awarded to all contestants that turn in a scorecard (even if they do not catch any fish). Anglers that do not turn in a scorecard will receive a "0" for that event. The total scores of the 3 events will be used determine

the overall series winner which will be determined and announced on the last event of the series.

Series points ties will be handled in this method;

1) Total lengths of their all fish scored all the events.

2) a 4 hour, total length fish, no limit, 14" minimum, fish-off between the involved anglers at a time and lake that is agreeable OR

3) Flip a coin

The winning angler gets the contested place and the runner up gets the following place.

Special Rules

Each event will have special rules specific for that event and they will be posted here under Special Rules

Boundary waters, off limits areas, start/launch areas, restrooms, and parking are clearly marked on the Google maps you can view by clicking the "Directions" button on the 2010

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Each event will start at a slightly different time as the season progresses (generally, the start time will be at first light). The actual time will be announced at sign in.

Ok now, lets get it together and go have some fun kayak fishing...See ya'll soon!