



BRONZE BACK CLASSIC 2022

July 23 & 24, 2022

Rules & Regulations



COVID CHANGES

- **There will be NO RULES MEETING, please read rules before signing entry form**
- **Angler package (boat numbers, etc) can be picked up at JB Baits between July 1st - July 21st, 2022**
- **Masks will be required for both anglers during both morning check ins and afternoon weigh ins**
- **Anglers must provide their own weigh bags**
- **There will be NO prize presentation, cheques will be mailed out after the tournament**

Tournament Format

1. The Bronze Back Classic tournament format is a two person team, fishing for two days, daily and total combined weight, live release Tournament.
2. The Tournament Director has the right to delay or shorten the Tournament, subject to weather and/or safety considerations.
3. Bronze Back Classic Tournament, it's promoters, employees, sponsors, organizers, hosts, Directors, Officers and affiliated organizations assisting the operations of any of the Tournament; their agents and/or agents and assigns are not responsible for any death, injury, liability, fire, theft or loss that may result prior to, during or after the Tournament howsoever cause. **ALL COMPETITORS MUST SIGN THE ENTRY AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THE WAIVER OF CLAIM, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT.**

Participation and Eligibility

1. Competitors must be a minimum of eighteen (18) year of age unless they have permission of their parents or guardians. All participants will require a **WAIVER OF CLAIM, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT** signed by them or their parents or guardians if applicable.
2. All anglers must possess the required license as per the Ontario Sport Fishing Regulations.
3. The Bronze Back Classic Tournament committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any individual or team for any reason that the committee may deem appropriate.
4. The Tournament is limited to the first 110 paid teams.
5. Up to an additional 10 paid teams will be allotted to our major sponsors.
6. Payment is required from all teams.

Entry Fee and Registration

1. Entry fee per team is \$400.00 (Canadian).
2. ~~Team registrations and release of numbered motor tags will take place on Friday, July 22, 2022 at the Kenora Curling Club at 6:00pm.~~
3. Full refunds or cancellations will be issued providing your spot can be filled from the waiting list by July 01, 2022

Rules Meeting (NO RULES MEETING)

1. ~~The rules meeting will start at 7:00pm, Friday, July 22, 2022 at the Kenora Curling Club.~~
2. ~~At least one member of each team must attend the Rules Meeting. The numbered motor tags will be passed out commencing at 6:00pm.~~

Pre-Tournament Practice

1. Moving fish from one location to another during pre-tournament practice is prohibited.
2. **All competitors must cease pre-tournament fishing by 4:00pm Friday, July 22, 2022.**

Live Release of Fish

1. Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of built-in or securely fastened, properly aerated or circulating live well.
2. Any fish mauled, altered or injected with water or a foreign matter will result in a team's immediate disqualification

Penalty for Late Check In

1. A team will be penalized ¼ lb. per minute late up to 5 minutes after their appointed return time. Fish brought in after the 5 minute period will not be weighed.

Scoring

1. Only Smallmouth Bass qualify for weigh-in.
2. A daily limit of FIVE (5) bass per team may be weighed. A team may possess the daily Ministry of Natural Resources limit while angling only. While under main engine power the 5 fish rule is in effect.
3. The minimum length is twelve (12) inches. Bass will be measured with the mouth closed and the tail pinched. Bass presented for weigh-in which fail to meet the minimum length will not be weighted and the team will be penalized at a rate of one (1) pound for each short fish.
4. ~~Each team's fish will be presented to the Weigh Master in the containers supplied by the Tournament Organizers.~~
5. All weights called by the Weigh-Master are immediately official and are not thereafter contestable.
6. One team member must sign the weigh-in slip recording the weight of the catch.
7. Four (4) ounces will be deducted from the daily weight for each dead or non-releasable fish.

Boats and Motors

1. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disallow the use of any boat, motor and/or equipment deemed unsafe, inappropriate or unsuitable.
2. All boats equipped with any emergency kill switch must have the kill switch securely attached to the operator whenever the boat is on plane.
3. Team Number Motor Tags will be assigned based on date and time of paid entry fee and will be given out at registration. The Numbers must be affixed to the cowl of the main combustion engine so that they are clearly and plainly visible.

Daily Launching and Morning Equipment Inspections

1. Teams are required to have their equipment ready and on the water thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled departure time. Late arrivals will be penalized and leave at the end of the take off.
2. Boat inspection will take place each morning commencing at 6:30am
3. Teams must have all tackle boxes, hatches and live wells ready for inspection.

Trickle Start

Day	Teams	Start	Return
Saturday	#1 to #60	7:00 AM	3:00 PM
	#61 to #120	7:15 AM	3:30 PM
Sunday	#120 to #61 (reverse order)	7:00 AM	3:00 PM
	#60 to #1 (reverse order)	7:15 AM	3:30 PM

1. On day 1, teams will be started in order of their assigned boat number issued at registration. One Day 2 teams will be started in reverse order (starting at Team 120). Official Start time will be 7:00 am and return time will be 3:30. They will be called and released every few seconds using a signal flag and blow horn. Each team must acknowledge by waving at the Official Starter. Boats will idle past the starter boat and continue to idle until past the green marker, and then can accelerate.
2. Any team starting or attempting to start out of order will be held back by Official Starter until all boats have departed.
3. Returning through Devils Gap is permitted, speed limits must be observed.

Sportsmanship and Courtesy

1. It is strictly prohibited for any competitor to give, offer, accept or suggest the exchange of any weighable fish to, from or with any competitor or non-competitor.
2. All competitors must remain fifty (50) yards from another competitor's boat.
3. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, particularly with regards to boating and fishing in the vicinity of a non-competitor.
4. Use of cellular phones is prohibited unless for emergency situations only.

Safety

1. All competitors must practice safe boating at all times during practice and tournament fishing.
2. Every competitor must wear a fully secured Coast Guard approved life jacket whenever the main combustion engine is in operation.
3. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed by competitors during the tournament fishing hours.
4. Any Team charged with an offense by any law enforcement agency during the tournament fishing hours will be disqualified.
5. Competitors may not leave their boats except in the event of a thunderstorm, lightning or severe weather, and emergencies (bathroom break) Anglers may in these situations, pull onto the nearest shoreline until it is safe to continue fishing.
6. Every team, whether weighing fish or not, must check in at the Check in Boat located at the starting location. **The penalty for failing to report will be disqualification of the team.** The Check in Boat will be ready for check ins at 2:30 each day. If breakdowns force a team in early, they must check in at the designated weigh station or call # _____ ***** NO EARLIER THAN 2:30pm EACH DAY.

Mechanical Breakdowns or Emergencies

1. Committee boats will call in, in certain situations, but are prohibited from towing any competitor's boat during the tournament hours.
2. A team that has a mechanical problem may not use a different boat to finish that tournament day.
3. All items and equipment are subject to inspection at any time during the tournament. Official Tournament boats may come alongside and come aboard and inspect the competitor's boat at any time.
4. In the event of a break down the competitor must call the following phone number _____ and get clearance from the tournament official to either transfer their catch to another competitor's boat or wait for the official tournament boat to come and pick up the competitor. The transfer of fish can only be done if there are two live wells and one competitor from the broken down boat must accompany the catch back to the check in.

Tackle and Equipment

1. Only artificial lures, manufactured baits, pork rind and commercially available liquid attractants may be used.
2. No live bait, frozen or freeze-dried bait of any kind may be used or possessed by any competitor during the tournament time frame.
3. The use, in live wells, of commercially available fish care chemicals is permitted.
4. The use of the "Fish Eye" underwater camera or any similar device is prohibited during the tournament time frame.
5. Use of BISONIC EQUIPMENT is prohibited.

Violations and Protest

1. Each team captain has the right to file a protest when they have first hand knowledge that a rule has been broken or violated by another team. Protest must be filed within fifteen minutes of weigh in to be considered. A \$100.00 fee must accompany all protest.
2. The “violations” committee will be comprised of the top 5 team captains of the previous day, and they will interpret the rules according to their ‘spirit and intent’. The decisions of the Committee are final, and not subject to review at any time.
3. If the protest is found to be valid, the protest fee will be returned forthwith and the penalized team will be dealt with as the committee sees fit.
4. If the protest is found invalid, the protest fee will not be returned.
5. Competitors may not allow boat or angler to hold a spot for them.

Boundaries

1. OUT OF BOUNDS: SHOAL LAKE- MARKER BUOYS @ ASH RAPIDS NARROWS
2. OUT OF BOUNDS: KEEWATIN BAY
3. OUT OF BOUNDS: ALL WATERS SOUTH OF LATITUDE N49° 30’ 00”
4. OUT OF BOUNDS: ALL WATERS EAST OF LONGITUDE W94° 20’ 00” TO YELLOW GIRL POINT
5. OUT OF BOUNDS: ALL WATERS WEST OF LONGITUDE W94° 38’ 00” UP TO WESTERN PENINSULA (latitude N49° 36’ 00”)

Tie Breakers

1. A tie for the Grand Aggregate prize will be determined by the team which has the largest single day catch of the tournament.
2. A tie for the Daily prize will be split between the two applicable teams.

