

K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS

PIKE TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- 1. Rule Changes:** The tournament director and/or the tournament committee have the right to change and/or alter any rules if there is a demonstrated need for change. The tournament director and committee may impose disciplinary action if deemed appropriate and in accordance with club bylaws. The decision of the tournament director and/or the tournament committee will be final and be in accordance with the club bylaws.
- 2. Participants and Eligibility:** K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS tournaments are only open to members in good standing with the K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS and B.A.S.S., who are 16 years of age or older. Proof of age to the satisfaction of the tournament director is the responsibility of the potential competitor.
- 3. Stocking of Pike:** Transporting pike for the sole purpose of stocking an area for a future tournament(s) is ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED. No pike will be allowed to be kept in a livewell during the specified practice period or for seven days prior to the tournament date.
- 4. Transporting Pike:** During tournament hours you can only have in your possession the legal tournament limit except for the appropriate time required to cull a fish.
- 5. Pre-tournament Practice:** Absolutely NO pre-fishing after 5 pm on the day before the tournament. During the five (5) days prior to a tournament, no competitor can solicit assistance and/or advice of a professional guide or a provincial wildlife agency employee. During the tournament, a competitor may not use a CB or VHF radio or cellular phone for the purpose of location or catching fish.
- 6. Registration - Tournament Day:** Each competitor must register in person with the K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS tournament officials prior to official competition hours. Failure to register will result in a TEN (10) inch penalty.
- 7. Safety:** Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by tournament competitors. During tournament hours each competitor must wear a certified PFD (Personal Floatation Device) at any time the main combustion engine is running. The PFD must be fastened securely at all times it is required to be worn. Tournament officials have the right to delay and/or cancel the start of a tournament due to bad weather or other unforeseen factors. Tournament waters may also be restricted because of bad weather.

8. **Sportsmanship:** Competitors in K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Use of alcohol and/or illegal substances by any competitor during official practice or tournament hours is grounds for immediate disqualification.
9. **Tackle & Equipment:** Only artificial lures may be use. No "live bait" or "prepared bait", with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc. Only one rod and reel combination, (8 feet maximum, butt to tip) may be used at any one time. Nets and cradles are permitted to be used to land pike. There is no trolling or downrigging allowed.
10. **Horsepower Regulations:** Maximum horsepower for all motors used in official tournament competition will not exceed the maximum rating allowed for that boat. Each boat **MUST** have a Coast Guard horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the engine must not exceed this rating plate.
11. **Boat & Motor:** All boats must be equipped with some type of operable ignition kill switch. This kill switch must be attached to the operator's body any time the combustion engine is operating. This includes "tiller-steered" outboard engines. Only manufacturer-approved gas tanks are allowed to be used during competition hours. Any competitor that acknowledges that he/she will be bringing a boat and motor to a tournament is expected to bring that said boat and motor to the tournament. It shall be the responsibility of the fishing partners to mutually agree on whose boat to use and a basis for sharing operation expenses.
12. **Basic Boat Equipment:** Every boat must have all required MOT safety equipment. In addition, it must have a functional bilge pump and/or baling pail and livewell space, properly aerated to adequately maintain alive a tournament limit of pike. If this livewell fails to operate prior to tournament blast-off, that boat will not be allowed to blast-off until repairs to the livewell are conducted.
13. **Boat Operation & Expenses:** A full discussion **MUST** be held between the two partners prior to the tournament blast-off. This discussion must deal with boat operation and afford each partner the opportunity to fish his selected waters an equal amount of time unless other agreements and/or strategies have been discussed. The operator of the boat reserves the right to refuse to travel to locations and/or spots that in situations of bad weather or the nature of the boat that it would be unsafe to do so. The focus in these situations is **SAFETY**. In view of the large expense involved in operation and towing a tournament boat to, from, and during competitions, it is required that the non-owner/partner pay 50% (1/2) of the costs incurred to fish any particular tournament. This includes gas for boat and tow vehicle, launch fees, and any other costs directly attributed to the participation in a tournament. **FAILURE** to pay this cost will result in disciplinary action in which the said person who does not pay will not be allowed in any more K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS tournaments until payment is made to the affected party and also meet the tournament director's approval. Please Pay Your Share!!!

14. **Permitted Fishing Location:** Tournament waters shall be established by the tournament director and the tournament committee. This information will be provided to all participants. There is absolutely no LOCKING to different bodies of water. Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except: within 50 yards of any marina gas pumps, 50 yards of another competitor's boat, (if that boat is anchored and the trolling motor is up), and 50 yards of any provincial, federal, conservation authority and/or commercial nets. Any waters closed to public fishing, (i.e. sanctuaries, signage posted by Ministry of Natural Resources) will be closed to all tournament contestants. Common courtesy should be your guide when fishing around private boat docks / houses. All angling must be done from the competitor's boat.

15. **Contestants:** All competitors must not depart the boat to land fish. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat unless in case of emergency. Only boats that return to the official checkpoint via water will be eligible to be weighed in. One contestant must remain in the boat at all times in the instances of emergencies, use of facilities, purchasing fuel and/or due to extreme illness. In the event that the boat experiences difficulty on the water, one contestant may take the day's catch and board another boat to be returned to the weigh-in location and have their catch weighed and measured.

16. **Official Checkpoint:** The official checkpoint will be determined by the tournament director and committee. There will be only one checkpoint.

17. **Tournament Limit:** The tournament limit for all pike events is THREE (3) PIKE per team (boat) per day. At no time shall a team (boat) have more than the tournament limit in their possession except for the appropriate time required to cull a fish. Any violations in this rule will be grounds for immediate disqualification.
SEE BELOW FOR EXCEPTIONS

18. **Size Limits:** The official size limit for all K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS pike tournaments is SIXTEEN (16) INCHES from the tip of the tail to the tip of the snout (406 mm). Any fish that does not meet the minimum size requirement will be disallowed and the angler(s) will be assessed a TEN (10) INCH penalty (254 mm). This penalty shall be deducted from the total length of the competitors' catch. *There is no excuse for not having a ruler!!!*

19. **Scoring:** Tournament standings, auxiliary awards and winners will be determined by total length of each competitor's catch during the competition. This will be determined by the total length in total inches (i.e. 65 1/4 inches).

20. **Dead Pike:** For each legal dead pike presented to weigh-in officials, the competitor shall be penalized and have TEN (10) INCHES (254 mm) deducted from the competitor's daily score. Dead pike are not eligible for big pike.

21. **Late Penalty:** Competitors who are not at the official check-in area at or before the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of ONE (1) INCH (2.54 mm) per minute, to be deducted from the total creel, up to ten minutes, after which the entire creel will be disqualified.

22. **Ties:** In the event of a tie for first place, the following procedure will be followed: The teams having tied for first place shall select their respective longest pike and have that particular fish measured again. The longest fish shall be declared the winner. If there is still a tie after this measurement, then the contestants shall measure their second longest fish. And the same shall apply to the third fish. If there is still a tie, then the flip of a coin shall determine the winner (two out of three flips). Ties for lessor positions shall be resolved by the teams that are tied combining the prize monies and points and dividing by the amount of teams (golf tournament style). Example: if two teams tie for second, the money and points for second and third will be added together and split equally between the two teams.

23. **Pairing of Contestants:** Two competitors will be teamed together by a random blind-draw of boaters and non-boaters. These draws will be held on a night the Tournament Director of the K-W CAMBRIDGE BASSMASTERS deems as draw night. These draws will be made at a time pre-determined and announced by the tournament director on these particular nights. The draws will be made on a first come / first serve basis. No entries will be accepted after the official draw time. Only those competitors drawn are eligible to fish in the tournament. It is the responsibility of both competitors to show up on time. The tournament director may reassign partners prior to blast-off, if required. Entries will be accepted right up until draw time.

24. **Tournament Hours:** See pike schedule for each tournament for the official tournament hours.

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