

Interpretation and enforcement of the following rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director. In the event of a rule violation, the tournament director may impose such sanctions, as he deems appropriate.

1. There will be a 5 fish limit of bass, largemouth or smallmouth, whether you are fishing as a team or singly. Fish must be 14" or longer, mouth closed. Short fish are thrown back along with your biggest fish. Dead fish are penalized 4 ounces (.250 in tenths). You must cull down to 5 fish before moving with your combustion motor.
2. Total weight determines the winning team. We will use Big Bass as a **tiebreaker** for total weight, and total weight as a **tiebreaker** for Big Bass.
3. Lake Michigan will be open water as long as weather permits. **Off limits** will be set at the pre tournament meeting. You may not fish within 50 yards of a gas dock or of a competitor's boat if it is anchored (trolling motor up and anchor down).
4. Anglers must practice a high level of **sportsmanship**, safety and courtesy during tournament hours. No alcohol or drugs are to be used during tournament hours (until after paychecks are awarded). This is an automatic disqualification.
5. Any violation of **Federal, State or Local Laws** is an automatic disqualification. Observation of **no wake zones** and having proper safety equipment are your responsibility. **NO WAKE NO PASS**
6. At least one member of each team must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Each team member or single angler must **complete and sign** the entry form and pay the entry fee.
7. **Big Bass** is optional and will be paid back 100%.
8. Approved **life vests** must be worn while moving with the combustion engine.
9. **Kill switches** must be used when the combustion engine is running.
10. Only one rod & reel (8 ft. Maximum length) may be used at a time. **Artificial lures** only - except pork strips. No trolling.
11. The **horsepower** of the outboard motor must not exceed the boat (bia) rating. All boats shall have the required Coast Guard safety equipment, functional kill switch, live well with aeration system.
12. You must leave and return to the **tournament site by boat**. If you break down, one person from the team may return in another contestant's boat with the fish to be weighed in.
13. **MANDATORY** - all boats must **check in** at the end of each tournament. It is your responsibility to find the check in person. You must check in by **3:00 P.M.** , first flight, **3:15 P.M.** second flight, not after you load up or while you are weighing in even if you have no fish to weigh. If you do not check in on time, you are disqualified for this event. **Do not bring up fish to be weighed until called for.**
14. Any **PROTEST** must be made within **10 minutes** of the scales closing.

Participant Agreement, Release and Acknowledgement of Risk.

1. I have read and understand the description of the tournament and the official rules of this disqualification without refund of my entry fee. I also understand that tournament officials may reject my application for any reason and I that event will refund my entry fee.
2. I understand and acknowledge that competitive fishing is a dangerous sport, the risks of which include though not exclusively, drowning, collisions in the water, and injuries from hooks and other fishing paraphernalia. I voluntarily assume responsibility for these risks, identified and identified and a risk of injury, or death or damage to myself, or my property or to others, including spectators and their property, arising from my participation in the tournament.
3. I hereby release, discharge and agree to hold harmless and indemnify Thornapple Outdoors, (DBA: NBAA),KR,Inc. & Lake Drive Marine, its shareholders, officers, directors, agents and employees, the host sponsors and tournament officials and it partners, agents or employees and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament from any and all liability claims, demands, actions or rights which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this tournament, including specifically but not limited to the negligent acts or omissions of its shareholders, officers, directors, agents and employees the host sponsors and tournament officials and it partners, agents or employees and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament, for any and all injury, death, illness or disease and other damage or loss to property suffered by myself or others. In signing this document, I acknowledge and agree that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged while I am engaged in this event I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against Thornapple Outdoors, (DBA: NBAA), Lake Drive Marine & KR Inc., its shareholders, officers, directors, agents and employees, the host sponsors and tournament officials and it partners, agents or employees and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament, even if they or any of them negligently caused the bodily injury or property damage.
4. I have sufficient health, accident and liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage incurred by myself or others as a result of my participation in this event. If I have no such insurance, I represent that I am capable of paying for any and all such expenses or liability.
5. I have no past or present medical or psychological condition that might affect my participation in the tournament in such a way as to cause harm to myself or others.

7. My signature below reflects that I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand that it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. References herein to "I" "my", "myself" and other first-person references shall include any spouse, child or ward for which I sign.
8. I also agree to be photographed, filmed and interviewed for media release, promotion and/or television.