



# SCKA competition rules

## **1. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY.**

Participation is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Minors are eligible to participate with a parent or legal guardian signature on the release form.( ask for release form when entering a minor.) To participate all fees must be paid up to date before competition.

## **2. REGISTRATION AND CAPTAINS MEETING.**

Registration will be published with the rest of competition date and rules. Entry fees are already worked into the club fees. Captains Meeting will be e-mailed or Whatsapped on the Wednesday before competition and on reply on that e-mail or Whatsapp, will you be registered to fish event. Should the need arise for any questions prior to competition, then it can be asked by e-mail or telephonically.

## **3. SAFETY.**

Safe boating will be observed at all times. During competition each contestant is required to comply with SAKAF regulations. In addition, participants must wear a PFD at all times while competing in the event and be in possession of a sounding (whistle) device. Tournament days may be shortened or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. The decision to shorten or to cancel will be left totally to the discretion of the Competition Director. A 5-hour period shall constitute a day of fishing.

## **4. CHECK IN.**

Check in will be announced in the captain's e-mail or Whatsapp. All competitors must check in their cameras or photos and scoring sheet, by the check in time to be announced in the Captain's briefing to be eligible for fishing prizes and points.

## **5. SPORTSMANSHIP.**

Competitors in SCKF events are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of no competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor, which reflects unfavourably upon fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy, shall be reason for disqualification. Evidence of chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of a felony or other crimes involving moral turpitude or other conduct reflecting unfavourably upon the SCKF efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship and compliance with tournament rules shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and for disqualification. Any act deemed by the Competition Director that gives an angler an unfair advantage not specifically covered under this set of rules shall be grounds for disqualification. Any violation by an angler deemed intentional or preconceived by the Competition Director to gain an unfair advantage, would be grounds for permanent disqualification.

## **6. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS.**

The consuming or transporting of any alcoholic beverages or drugs (other than prescription or OTC drugs) during official tournament hours, on any tournament angler's boat is prohibited, and angler or anglers will be disqualified from this and possibly all future tournaments.

## **7. PERMITTED FISHING METHODS.**

All fish must be caught, photographed, and if released, alive in a conventional sporting manner. Anglers may not catch fish or weigh in fish that have been caged or confined in an area prior to the tournament. All fish must be caught from a kayak (self-propelled water craft). During the hours of competition, contestants may not obtain or receive assistance, including but not limited to the following: a) non-competitor's boat, the placing of markers by a non-competitor, being towed by or riding on motorized vessels.

#### **8. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT.**

4 Rods per kayak. Only 2 in water at any time. Bait or artificial lures may be used. If angler intend to fish for a SA record or IGFA world record, he/she must comply by the organisations standards. The club is not affiliated at any of the above motioned organisations. Be prepared to show your current fishing license, at registration.

#### **9. COMMUNICATIONS.**

The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular telephones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, pagers or any electronic device to communicate is highly recommended for safety. If Emergency calls must be made a tournament official should be contacted also.

#### **10. NO MOTORS.**

The use of a boat or motorized water vehicle to transport your boat on the water is prohibited. All craft must be self-propelled - no motors are allowed (electric or combustion).

#### **11. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS.**

All fishing locations must be in waters accessible to the public at all times according to government regulations.

#### **12. SCORING.**

The event uses catch-photo-release scoring system with a buddy signing score sheet.( Buddy must be a club member). The first photo on the camera must be of your rigged boat as put in at launch. Fish must be photographed in or on the boat with measuring device, clearly showing the length of the fish. More than one photo of a fish may be taken. Length is determined from the forward-most point of the fish to the pinched top of the tail with the fish's mouth closed. Fish must be above the governments minimums to count – fish may be above the slot limit. In the event of a tie the entry checked in earliest will be declared the winner. The Tournament Director will review the photos to verify reported results and determine place winners. The Tournament Director is responsible for the final call in all matters.

#### **13. DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY.**

Participants may only use digital cameras for recording scoring. Images may not be digitally altered or enhanced in any way. Anglers should shoot images at maximum resolution possible. Entrants must bring the camera or memory card to check-in or e-mail photos with a open tournament. The tournament scorekeeper will download memory cards or e-mails onto the official computer. The tournament scorekeeper will be able to read most standard memory cards, however anglers should bring a USB cable for their camera to ensure that their photos may be downloaded.

#### **14. PROTEST.**

All protests must be submitted in within fifteen (15) minutes of check-in time to the Tournament Director. The protester also agrees that if there is a question of verifying the charge of a protest that he or she also may be subject to take a polygraph and agree to testify in a court of law if necessary.

#### **15. PHOTO RELEASE.**

Scoring photos remain the sole ownership of SCKF to be used at their discretion. Contestants grant SCKA and the sponsors the unconditional right to use their name, voice, photographic likeness and biographical information in connection with Kayak Fishing Association tournaments, 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.

#### **16. RULE CHANGES.**

Rules interpretation is exclusively left to the Tournament Director. The decisions of the Tournament Director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.

#### **17. CONTINGENCY PRIZES.**

Sponsors may at their discretion award contingency prizes for anglers winning or placing using their products.

#### **18. POINTS.**

Points will be awarded by using clubs "unique catch calculator". The calculator works out on a length to weight ratio how big your fish is within its own species, and points are rewarded accordingly.

Further will point be scored when more then 2 species are caught. Example :1 specie, normal points.

2 species, normal points.

3 species, total point X2

4 species, total point X3

#### **19. ANGLER OF THE YEAR QUALIFICATIONS.**

Prizes will be on most individual points, most competition points and most weight caught through year. Angler of the year will be determined through club management, taking those 3 categories in account.