



KayakFish Proudly Presents:

KAYAKFISH WITSANDS CLASSIC 2019

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 a release form. A completed entry form and entry fee must be received no later than the published entry date. – **POP to be sent to brett@kayakfish.co.za , with signed Entry Form.** NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THE 20th FEB 2019

2. BRIEFING MEETING.

Briefing of Competition will take place on Friday 1st March at River Breeze Restaurant (Bar/ Balcony Area) at 7pm. All Rules and information pertaining to the competition will be sent out prior to the Competition via WhatsApp Broadcast Group (Entered Competitors).

3. SAFETY.

Safe Boating at all times. During the Competition, each contestant is required to comply with SAKAF regulations. Tournament/ Competition Day 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 Directors/ KayakFish Partners. A 5-hour period shall constitute a day of fishing. If you do not own all safety equipment particularly flares, then we strongly insist that you use the Buddy system with someone who does.

4. WEIGH-IN/ CHECK-IN.

Weigh-in/ Check-in will be at the designated area on balcony at River Breeze Restaurant Venue. All competitors must bring their catches to the Tournament Official to be weighed in & processed. Those wanting to catch & release must be discussed with Competition Organisers. Weigh-In opens at 2:30pm and closes at 3:30pm (Strictly).

5. SPORTSMANSHIP.

Competitors 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 non-competitors who may be on Tournament/ Competition waters. Any act of a competitor, which reflects unfavourably upon fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy, shall be reviewed by the Competition Directors/ Organisers and a decision shall be made accordingly. Evidence of chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of a felony or other crimes involving moral turpitude or other conduct reflecting unfavourably upon the efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship and compliance with Tournament/ Competition rules shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and for disqualification. Any act deemed by the Competition Directors/ Organisers 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 Directors/ Organisers to gain an unfair advantage, would be grounds for permanent disqualification.

6. PERMITTED FISHING METHODS.

Anglers may not catch fish or weigh in fish that have been caged or confined in an area prior to the Tournament/ Competition. 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.

7. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT.

An Angler is allowed to use as many rods, hand-line's or "Yo-Yo's" on his/her ski as he/she can safely manage, without negatively effecting other anglers. Bait or artificial lures may be used. If an angler intends to fish for a SA record or IGFA world record, he/she must comply by the organisation's standards.

8. COMMUNICATIONS.

The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular telephones, marine radios is highly recommended for safety. If Emergency calls must be made a Tournament/ Competition official should be contacted also.

9. NO MOTORS.

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

10. SCORING and POINTS

TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO COMPETITORS via WHATSAPP BROADCAST GROUP AS WELL AS BRIEFING MEETING (* refer to Point 2)

In the case of a tie, the winning individual will be determined by the Tournament/ Competition officials' discretion. Points are earned depending on the species and if the fish was larger than the minimum legal size required. The event supports fish sustainability and strongly suggest that you "only keep what you eat".

13. PROTEST of law if necessary.

All protests must be submitted within fifteen (15) minutes of check-in time to the Tournament/ Competition Directors/ Organisers. 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.

14. RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE.

A waiver, release of liability, and covenant not to sue are part of the entry form. It is required that all members take responsibility for themselves while participating in event activities.

15. RULE CHANGES.

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

16. PRIZE GIVING

Prize Giving will commence at 4:30pm at River Breeze Restaurant (Bar/ Balcony Area). The Lucky Draw will be drawn then. The drawn Winner will need to be present at Prize Giving, in order to receive his/ her Garmin Striker 4 Fish Finder Prize. If not present, a re-draw will be done until a Winner (who is present) is to be found. This Lucky Draw is only open to the first 25 successful Entrants.

17. CONTINGENCY PRIZES.

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