

Rules and Procedures *(v. Feb 8, 2019)*



1. A team will consist of 2 anglers, one of which must be 19 years of age or older. Competitors may fish with one angler or one non fishing observer in the boat in the case of an extreme emergency, as interpreted by TOP 50 officials. Observers must be supplied by the angler & approved by the TOP 50 Officials.
2. Pike only will be allowed for entry, all other species must be immediately released
3. Scoring will be based on 1 point / centimeter, with 10 points for live release. Fish that cannot swim away on their own power will not receive a live release bonus. (and are not eligible for the big fish awards.) Torpedoing a fish by a contestant in this case will result in a no live release penalty. The contestant must take dead fish away.
4. A maximum of five (5) pike will be allowed to be measured. For Georgian Bay tournaments, a maximum of 4 fish will be allowed. Check MNR regulations for any slot size restrictions. If a Pike is lost at the measuring station, it is the tournament official's decision to provide 10 points for live release.
 - o When entering the measuring station, ONLY 5 Pike are allowed in the livewell or culled limit EX – 2 pike measured throughout the day, 3 at end of day would be limit except Parry Sound which is a 4 fish limit
5. Live well or aerated container mandatory.
6. Artificial bait only, pork rind may be used.
7. All Federal and Provincial boating / fishing rules/regulations must be adhered to.
8. Competitors boats cannot make contact except for emergency situations. IE breakdown.
9. Competitors may not go ashore without permission of an official.
10. Boat numbers must be turned over to officials before measuring fish.
11. Fishing hours will be from 8 am - 3:30 pm
12. No street drugs or alcohol may be taken during competition hours.
13. Boundaries will be announced at orientation meeting or confirmation by map.
14. Pre-fishing will be allowed until 4:00pm the day before the tournament. Boats can be on the water after 4:00pm but need written approval from a tournament official or Top 50 Executive. No prefishing Wednesday, Thursday and the Friday before the Classic.
15. Each boat must be inspected prior to the start of the tournament. Officials may inspect /board your boat at any time during tournament hours to ensure integrity of the tournament.
16. All boats must display their boat numbers until they are dispatched/blasted off.
17. Pike will be measured from the tip of the nose to the longest tip of the tail.
18. Entry fee is \$250.00 which includes Big Fish and Lucky Duck.
19. In the event of a tie, the team with the longest live released fish wins, still being tied the second longest live released fish and so on until the tie is broken.
20. Tether cord /kill switch (where applicable) must be attached to the operator while the engine is running at more than trolling speed.
21. Protective flotation devices must be worn while traveling at more than trolling speed.
22. Boats will be dispatched in flights of 5. Boats #s 1-5 then #s 6-10 then 11-15 until the entire field of boats are dispatched. Boats not following the procedure will incur a penalty (read dispatch procedures).
23. No fishing will be allowed within 50 meters of any measuring station. Enter measuring station slowly and depart in the same fashion.
24. You must be within 200 metres of the tournament official boat (marked with orange flag) and not fishing. Late arrivals at the end of competition hours will incur 10 cm penalty for every minute late. After 10 minutes, disqualified.
25. If you notice any violation of tournament rules, notify an official immediately and give them the violators boat number and boat description.
26. One team member must be present to collect team prizes, no proxy.
27. Protest must be in writing and be accompanied by a \$50.00 deposit. Protest must be made prior to final standings. Deposit will refund if protest is valid.
28. POLYGRAPH. Each contestant agrees to submit, by his or her signature on the official entry form to a polygraph examination and abide by its conclusion. Failure to pass the examination will result in disqualification. Polygraph will be administered at the TOP 50 discretion and the determination of the meaning of the results will be made solely by the TOP 50.
29. Competitors may be disqualified for violation of any of the above rules. Cheating/Fraud will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The decisions of the tournament officials are final.
30. At the discretion of the tournament director, tournament days may be shortened, postponed or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions.
31. Competitors may not transfer fish from one competitor's boat to another for any reason.
32. You must fish 3 tournaments to be able to qualify for the Classic.
33. The Classic entry fee is \$300, this includes Big Fish. There is no Lucky Duck for the Classic.