

Keystone Lake Anglers Rules and Regulations 2023

Disciplinary actions regarding the following rules and regulations will be dealt with in one of these methods: (1) Automatic expulsion from future KEYSTONE LAKE ANGLERS events, (2) Conference between parties involved and verbal reprimand for first offense, second offense will receive a written reprimand, third offense will be automatic expulsion from future KEYSTONE LAKE ANGLERS events. (3) In the event of a weigh in procedure violation, contestants fish will not be weighed.

It is the sole responsibility of each contestant to know and understand any and all of the rules governing any KEYSTONE LAKE ANGLERS event. Decisions made by the KEYSTONE LAKE ANGLERS Director on the following rules and regulations are final and absolute. KEYSTONE LAKE ANGLERS must have a signed waiver and release from liability on file or contestant may forfeit all awards and monies. KEYSTONE LAKE ANGLERS Director reserves the right to witness activities during tournament hours, either by boarding boat or by the use of a follow boat. Any incident not specifically covered by these rules will be resolved according to the KEYSTONE LAKE ANGLERS Director's discretion

(1) KEYSTONE LAKE ANGLERS DIRECTOR reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone.

(2) ELIGIBILITY: At least one member of the team must be 18 years or older. Underage contestants must have written consent from parent or guardian.

(3) ENTRIES & ENTRY FEES: Saturday League entry fees can be paid at Online or at site to be determined (check KLA web site) the morning of the tournament from previously designated time until official start time.

(4) TAKE-OFF: All Contestants must come through the Tournament Director prior to starting time.

Saturday League Events: Must check in at official launch ramp prior to fishing hours on the morning of each tournament. Teams may enter ahead of time but must still check in and launch at the official ramp determined by league officials the morning of the tournament for final instructions and boat check. Jackpots can be paid at the ramp but must launch from designated ramp.

(5) WEIGH-IN: Teams must be sure their names and the number of Bass that they will weigh in, is correct on the Check in Roster at the weigh-in area, prior to the end of tournament hours. Teams must use official KEYSTONE LAKE ANGLERS canvas bag in League tournaments. A team may weigh-in only once during each tournament. Early weigh-ins are final.

(6) NO TRAILERING OF BOATS DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS!

(7) TACKLE & EQUIPMENT: Only artificial bait or lures may be used. Pork-style baits are allowed. Use of only one fishing rod at a time per person, length of rod may not exceed 8 feet. Dip nets are allowed.

(8) NO TROLLING OR CHUMMING ALLOWED!

(9) OFF-LIMIT LOCATIONS: **SEE OFF LIMITS MAP at www.keystonelakeanglers.com**. KEYSTONE LAKE ANGLERS Saturday & Sunday league & all jackpots.

(10) FISHING ALLOWED FROM BOAT ONLY. Cannot leave boat to fish or retrieve bass. During tournament hours, a participant may not leave the boat except for good cause, subject to KEYSTONE LAKE ANGLERS Director's discretion. Teams may not get out of their boat or run their boat aground for the sole purpose of dragging their boat through shallow water in order to enhance their fishing opportunities.

(11) NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES can be consumed during tournament hours. NO ILLEGAL DRUGS are permitted in boat or permitted to be consumed during tournament hours.

(12) ALL BASS MUST BE CAUGHT ON THE DAY AND LAKE OF SPECIFIED EVENT DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS.

(13) RESTRICTING BASS by any method which disallows its natural movement or travel throughout the entire impoundment is prohibited. Having knowledge of restricting bass or restricting bass for the purpose of using them for their benefit is also prohibited.

(14) SEEDING BASS captured from another impoundment is prohibited.

(15) STATE & FEDERAL LAWS: Anyone caught running bridges or breaking any state or federal boating laws may be disqualified.

(16) SCORING: Only Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted or Kentucky Bass will be accepted. **ALL Bass MUST measure 14 inches** or more on Flat board, mouth closed and any way to get the tail to touch. Tournament Director determines the difference between species. Ask Director how determination is made. Total stringer weight will determine winners. Penalty for bringing too many bass to the scale; largest bass will be culled first. Dead bass will carry a 1/2-pound penalty. Dead bass penalty does not apply to Big Bass Prize at any event. Short bass carry a 1-pound penalty. **TOURNAMENT LIMITS ARE: KEYSTONE LAKE ANGLERS SATURDAY LEAGUE: 5 Bass per team. Jackpots: 3 Bass per team unless otherwise stated by league officials.**

(17) NO CULLING at weigh-in area.

(18) BOATS & MOTORS: Any safe boat, with working kill switch, lights and aerators.

(19) SAFETY: Life Jackets, Kill Switches, and Working Bow and Stern Lights are MANDATORY. Safe boating and fishing practices must be observed at all times. Life jackets and kill switches must be worn when boat is on plane.

(20) SPORTSMANSHIP: Unsportsmanlike conduct is cause for disciplinary action and/or disqualification.

(21) BRUSHPIILING & HABITATING: Contestants must follow state and federal guidelines. Contact Corps of Engineers Project Office or GRDA for guidelines. Destroying public or private property is cause for automatic expulsion.

(22) MONEY TIES: In case of a tie, the winner will be the team with the most Bass. If both teams have the same number of Bass, the team with the biggest Bass will win. If a tie still exists, the two or more positions will be added together, divided by the number of the ties with the payback divided equally. Saturday tournaments are 100% payout. \$5 per entry in Monday night jackpots will be held for KLA Series expenses.

(23) **TRUTH DETECTOR (polygraph) TEST:** By signature on legal waiver, contestants agree to a polygraph test by a qualified examiner of the Tournament Director's choice. Refusal to submit will result in immediate disqualification along with forfeiture of all monies and contestants will no longer be eligible for future tournaments. Test must be PASSED without question.

(24) **PROTEST:** Any protest must be filed, in writing and signed, with tournament officials within 15 minutes of conclusion of weigh-in.

(25) **LATE PENALTY:** 1 lb. per minute. If boat trouble occurs, one team member may hitch a ride with another participating team only, time limits still apply.

(26) **DEADWATER:** After midnight on day of tournament up to tournament hours.

(27) **PARTNERS:** Each team can consist of up to 3 paid members. Any 1 or 2 team members can participate in an event, including the Championship. The 3rd team member must be used during the Regular Season Qualifiers in order to participate in Championship. An immediate family member may be used in hardship cases during the season and the Championship, *WITH PRIOR APPROVAL FROM TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR*. Decisions on hardship cases will be made by the Tournament Director.