



## PRO BOAT ANGLING SERIES

### PRO BOAT ANGLING SERIES RULES 2020

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## **1 Organisers**

### ***Rule 1.1 Registration of Organisers***

Organisers must be registered as an organiser with Pro Boat Angling Series.

### ***Rule 1.2 Participation***

Any person can join Pro Boat Angling Series, which will allow any boat registered participation in Pro Boating Angling Series Competitions.

### ***Rule 1.3 Competition Bookings***

- 1.3.1 Management at Pro Boating Angling Series must be notified of any competition at least 10 days prior to the competition. Management must be notified of the venue, dates and times.
- 1.3.2 Any competition booking can only be made via the Pro Boating Angling Series Website.

### ***Rule 1.4 Cancellation***

- 1.4.1 Under unforeseen circumstances the Organiser is permitted to cancel or change the venue or date of competition.
- 1.4.2 Pro Boat Management must be informed at least 3 days prior to the competition of any cancellation of an angler or boat, accompanied by a valid reason.
- 1.4.3 Should any participant not adhere to rule 1.4.2, entrance fee will be non-refundable. The participant will be penalised with maximum point allocation.

### ***Rule 1.5 Suspension***

Pro Boat Angling Series reserve the right to suspend any of its members and/or organisers if found guilty of any dishonest or misconduct behaviour.

### ***Rule 1.6 Misconduct***

Pro Boat Angling, if said boat has been found guilty of any prior misconduct may refuse participation of said boat, including non-registration with Pro Boat Angling.

### ***Rule 1.7 Minimum Boat Participation***

A Pro Boat Angling Competition is valid when a minimum of 5 boats are present.

## **2 Participation**

### ***Rule 2.1 Clothing***

All boat crews need to wear appropriate attire at all times. Should the boat crew not adhere to this rules, a first warning will be issued, thereafter the boat will be disqualified.

### ***Rule 2.2 Injuries***

Any boat may withdraw at any time during the competition because of illness and/or injury; their bags may still be weighed.

## **3 Control**

### ***Rule 3.1 Officials***

Pro Boat Angling Management and Organisers shall appoint Marshalls on the day, to regulate and control the days fishing and weigh ins. Organisers will be the highest authority at local events.

### ***Rule 3.2 Personal***

A boat may for personal reason leave the water before the end of the Competition.

### ***Rule 3.3 Disputes***

The Organiser or Marshall must settle any disputes that originates during a competition, on the day of the competition. If not resolved the Skipper can lodge a dispute with Pro Boat Angling Series Management. Such an appeal must be

accompanied by the full testimonies of all persons involved. All fish in dispute must be weighed, should the dispute be referred to the Pro Boat Angling Management Committee.

## **4 Competition Times**

### ***Rule 4.1 Duration of Competitions***

The duration of competitions with regards to responsibilities of the marshals and the organiser safety needs to be paramount and taken into account at all times.

### ***Rule 4.2 Competitions***

The angling time period will always strive to be an 8-hour competition day, however the Organiser and/or Marshal may shorten the time period for safety reasons.

### ***Rule 4.3 Commencement of Competition***

Each day shall begin with a flag or hooter, and shall end at 3pm. All boats must return to the starting point no later than 60 minutes after completion of the day. This excludes return delays due to the following:

- Engine malfunctions;
- Safety due to weather;
- Arrangement with Marshall and/or Organiser as a result of a hooked fish prior to completion of the competition. Such an exception will only grant a maximum of 60 minutes after end of competition, should the fish not have been kipped within the extra time provided, the line must be cut; and the boat returned to the starting point for weigh in.

### ***Rule 4.4 End of Day Completion***

The day's completion commences when the last bag of fish has been weighed.

### ***Rule 4.5 Fish Preservation***

All fish are to be kept alive and in an appropriate bag. Live fish, where possible is to be returned to the water. Any dead fish are to be taken to the designated community or feeding scheme arranged by the Organiser.

Weighing of fish will commence immediately as the first boat has been returned to its trailer. No boat will be allowed to leave the launching area without their fish being weighed first.

## **5 Fishing Equipment & Competition Rules**

### ***Rule 5.1 Compulsory Requirements***

1. All boats must have a valid Certificate of Fitness;
2. All boats must have a valid buoyancy certificate;
3. All skippers must have their Certificate of Compliance at all times;
4. Flotation devices are to be worn at pull off and on return to start;
5. All boats must be in possession of the necessary anchors and flotation devices.

### ***Rue 5.2 Tackle, Bait and Anglers***

1. Two anglers per boat only;
2. No limitations will be placed on the amount of bait used.
3. Participants are not permitted to fish with more than two fishing rods at any given time. Each rod will be equipped with a reel and only two single hooks are allowed to be tied to the trace. If the stipulation of the ordinance is violated the angler will be disqualified immediately;
4. Any line thickness will be allowed during competitions;
5. Should any participant require a spare rod, the said rod is to be presented to the Marshal and will be presented to the Angler on request. Should any spare fishing rod be provided to the Marshal, it must be clearly marked with the name of the Angler as well as the Boat name.
6. Only one fishing aid marker is permitted per registered boat.

### ***Rule 5.3 Prior Feeding***

Prior feeding is not permitted; any participant found to be guilty will be subject to a disciplinary enquiry.

### ***Rule 5.4 Competition Rules***

6.4.1 No fish may be shared between boats.

6.4.2 Should any boat be found guilty of rule 5.4.1, subject to a disciplinary hearing, such a boat may be disqualified.

6.4.3 Fishing aid Markers, may be placed after the commencement of the competition.

6.4.4 No angler is permitted on the specified venue 7 days before the commencement.

6.4.5 No boat may pull up onto the bank and must have water surrounding the boat at all times, in case of an emergency, request permission from the Marshal or Organiser.

## **6 Fishing Area**

### ***Rule 6.1 Fishing Area***

The specified fishing area will be announced during the Captain's meeting 1-hour prior to commencement of the competition.

### ***Rule 6.2 Distance between Boats***

No boats is permitted within 100 meters of another boat's fishing area.

### ***Rule 6.3 Distance from Bridges and National Roads***

No boat may anchor within 100 meters from any bridge or national road.

## **7 Fish Conservation**

### ***Rule 7.1 Sustainability of life***

All fish must be kept alive as far as possible.

### ***Rule 7.2 Keeping of Fish***

Fish are to be kept in the appropriate keep nets, in the water, next to the boat at all times. Any fish found not be held in the appropriate keep nets, with proper water flow, will not be weighed.

### ***Rule 7.3 Identity of Keep nets***

Each keep net must be easily identifiable, by a water resistant tag, with the Pro Boat Angling Affiliation number visible.

### ***Rule 7.4 Allocation of weighed fish***

Fish will be weighed per boat and not per angler.

## **8 Handling of Fish**

### ***Rule 8.1 Return of fish***

All live fish are to be returned to the water as soon as possible.

### ***Rule 8.2 Minimum weight restrictions***

All fish under 1kg is to be removed. They can either be kept by the Angler or provided to the feeding scheme.

### ***Rule 8.3 Feeding Schemes***

All dead fish are to be given to the food scheme or immediately be removed by the specific angler.

### **Rule 8.4 Dragging out fish**

#### **FISH MAY NOT BE DRAGGED OUT OF THE WATER ONTO THE BANK.**

If an angler is found not adhering to the rule, a warning will be issued. Should the angler transgress the rule for a second time on the same day, such an angler will be requested to leave the competition and his/her fish shall be released and not weighed for purposes of the competition.

## **9 Weighable fish**

### ***Rule 9.1 Fresh Water Fish***

- 9.1.1 All fresh water species are allowed to be caught and weighed except any large or small mouth yellow fish. Should any boat be uncertain about the specie of a fish, it is recommended to call the Marshal and/or the Organiser for clarification.
- 9.1.2 Catching of a fish will be deemed valid if accidentally hooked outside the mouth. A foul hooking or jigging of fish is strictly forbidden.
- 9.1.3 Fish may be caught and placed into the keep net that complies with the ordinance based on size and length, should any angler contain any fish smaller than the ordinance such a fish will be removed and placed back into the water, if alive and in the case of dead fish be provided for the feeding scheme. The remainder of the fish will be weighed.
- 9.1.4 Any fish brought to the pull off, for bait purposes, must be approved by the Marshal.

### ***9.2 Salt water Fish***

All Salt water fish are to measured and released after the necessary photographs and measurements have been taken to ensure a valid catch.

## **10 Weighing of Fish**

### ***Rule 10.1 Scales***

Pro Boat Angling and its organisers will provide scales at all times.

### ***Rule 10.2 Verification Certificates for Scales***

All scales need to be verified and have the necessary certificates. All scales must be in working condition and be able to weigh to the 2<sup>nd</sup> decimal, if scale weighs to the nearest 10 grams.

### ***Rule 10.3 Use of Scales***

All scales are to be handled by Pro Boat Angling personal only.

### ***Rule 10.4 Visibility of Scale Reading***

The scale reading must be visible at all times, to the relevant participant and officials. No person apart from the angler and weigh in official, has the authority to intervene, in any manner, for claims regarding the weighing.

### ***Rule 10.5 Members present at weigh in***

When the catch/bag of a specific boat is being weighed, a member of that boat must be present at all times during the weighing.

### ***Rule 10.6 Verification of weigh in***

Once the weighing has been completed, the member of boat crew must verify and sign the competition-weighing sheet. All dead fish are to be removed and placed at the designated area for the feeding scheme, and any live fish will be returned to the water.

### ***Rule 10.7 Placement according to catch***

10.7.1 Points will be awarded to the boat, in accordance to the total weight of the participant's bags placement at the completion of the competition day.

10.7.2 The bag placement with the highest ranking will be awarded the least amount of points, starting at one. The ranking bags will thereafter increase by 1 point. For example, first place shall receive 1 point, second 2 points, tenth place, 10 points etc.

10.7.3 Should the amount of competing boats differ from that of another pro boat angling series competition, the national ranking list shall be determined based on a ration point system.

### ***Rule 10.8 Placement of same catch point***

Should any two participating boats, both obtain the same amount of weight. The boat with the higher fish count will be regarded as the higher scoring boat.

### ***Rule 10.9 No fish caught***

Should any participating boat(s) catch no fish by the completion of the competition day. Such boat(s) shall receiving highest number of points for all boats registered nationally.

## **11 Pull off times**

### ***Rule 11.1 Starting time***

All competitions will commence at 7am, unless specified otherwise.

### ***Rule 11.2 Competition end time***

Lines are to be brought in at 3pm, also refer to rule 4.3.

### ***Rule 11.3 Safety***

11.3.1 The safety of the anglers are of paramount importance.

11.3.2 The minimum amount of hours fished to ensure a valid competition is 4 hours.

11.3.3 During any time of the competition, should the Organiser and or Marshal be of the opinion that the safety of the anglers are at risk, the Organiser and or Marshal may request all boats to return to the starting point.

## **12 Rankings**

### ***Rule 12.1 Participation points***

12.1.1 Points are awarded for the position obtained during the competition on local division.

### ***Rule 12.2 Best 6 Competitions***

12.2.1 Only the best 6 competitions points will be taken into account when rankings are finalised.

12.2.2 Top 6 competition points will allow the boat with the highest ranking to compete in the Elite finals.

### ***Rule 12.4 Web Ranking***

12.4.1 The boats ranking on the website will be determined by the best 6 rankings obtained at any given competition during the year.

## **13 Substitutions**

### ***Rule 13.1 Crew Substitution***

Any boat may substitute crew members at any time during the year.

### ***Rule 13.2 Boat Position***

Substitution of crew members will not affect the ranking position of the registered boat.

## **14 Membership**

### ***Rule 14.1 Registered Members***

14.1.1 Only Anglers who have registered and paid full membership fees, will be permitted to participate in any Pro Boat Angling Series Competition.

14.1.2 Only registered boats will be permitted to enter a Pro Boat Angling Series Competition.

### ***Rule 14.2 Crew Restrictions***

All registered boats may only be accompanied by two registered anglers.

## **15 Fees**

### ***Rule 15.1 Member Registration fee***

Membership fees are charged at R 800.00 per angler.

### ***Rule 15.2 Organiser Registration fee***

Organiser fees are charged at R 2500.00 per organiser.

### ***Rule 15.3 Competition Entrance fee***

Entrance fee is charged at R 500.00 per boat.

### ***Rule 15.4 Entrance fee splits***

R 250.00 - allocated to daily price money.

R 75.00 - paid to the Organiser.

R 75.00 – paid to Pro Boat Angling Series.

## **16 Prize Money**

### ***Rule 16.1 Prize Money splits***

At the Elite final, the top 10 rankings shall receive prize money. The available amount will be an accumulation of funds received during the year. Allocation shall be done as follow:

First place: 30% of the allocated funds.

Second Place: 20% of the allocated funds.

Third Place: 15% of the allocated funds.

Fourth Place: 8% of the allocated funds.

Fifth Place: 7% of the allocated funds.

Sixth Place: 6% of the allocated funds.

Seventh Place: 5% of the allocated funds.

Eighth Place: 4% of the allocated funds.

Ninth Place: 3% of the allocated funds.

Tenth Place: 2% of the allocated funds.

## **17 Elite Knockout Competitions**

### ***Rule 17.1 Knock Out Stages***

The top 10 boats in every elite knock out will advance to the finals.

### ***Rule 17.2 Withdrawals***

Should any elite finalist withdraw during the knock out stages, no substitution shall take place.

### ***Rule 17.3 Prize Money Allocation***

The top 3 ranking boats shall be eligible for prize money, as follow:

First Place: 50% of the allocated funds.

Second Place: 30% of the allocated funds.

Third Place: 20% of the allocated funds.

## **18 Reservations**

### ***Rule 18.1 Maximum Allowable Participants***

Due to current legislation and COVID-19 regulations maximum allowable entries will be applicable and indicated on the registration website.

## **19 Enforcement of Rules**

### ***Rule 19.1 Power of Officials and Organisers***

The authority of any officials will be determined by Pro Boat Angling Management on a contractual basis.

### ***Rule 19.2 Additional instructions***

Should any official appointed by Pro Boat Anglin Management not adhere to the specified rules and regulations as set out in this documents or any other document by Pro Boat Angling Management, shall be held accountable for their actions as set forth in official appointment contract.

### ***Rule 19.3 Lodging of Complaints***

#### 19.3.1 Requirements of lodging complaints

##### 19.3.1.1 On day of Competition

##### 19.3.1.2 Official Complaints after completion of Competition

#### 19.3.2 Complaints Procedure

#### 19.3.3 Appeal on Hearing

## **20 Miscellaneous**

### ***Rule 20.1 Adherence to Rules***

20.1.1 All registered boats and participants, must equip themselves with the rules and regulations as set out by Pro Boat Angling.

20.1.2 Any deviations of the rules on an account of ignorance will be accepted when stipulated in writing.

### ***Rule 20.2 Substance abuse***

The abuse of alcohol and drugs is strictly forbidden. Should any participant be found guilty of such transgression, will result in disqualification.

### ***Rule 20.3 Ethics***

Should any registered participant not adhere to the general code of conduct, such a participant may be banned for the duration of the competition. The term is subject to Pro Boat Angling Series Management.

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