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2023 SCHEDULE

FEB 18-19	LOWRANCE - HARRIS CHAIN OF LAKES Lake County, FL Open Registration Jan 19th 12 EST
MAR 11-12	FPV-POWER - LAKE CADDO & BISTINEAU Shreveport, LA Open Registration Feb 2nd 12 EST
APR 1-2	ENGEL - SANTEE COOPER Clarendon Co, SC Open Registration Feb 23rd 12 EST
APR 29-30	ST.CROIX RODS - LAKE SEMINOLE Bainbridge, GA Open registration March 16th 12 EST
MAY 20-21	AFTCO - KENTUCKY LAKE Calvert City, KY Open Registration April 6th 12 EST
JUN 24-25	HOBIE EYEWEAR - CAYUGA LAKE Seneca County, NY Open Registration May 4th 12 EST
JUL 29-30	TORQEEDO - NEW RIVER Beckley, WV Open Registration May 25th 12 EST
AUG 19-20	ST.CROIX RODS - MISSISSIPPI RIVER LaCrosse, WI Open Registration June 15th 12 EST
SEP 23-24	MARINEMAT - LAKE SAM RAYBURN Jasper, TX Open Registration July 20th 12 EST
NOV 8-10	POWER POLE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS To be announced

VIP registration Policy - Jan 16- 18th all 2022 TOC qualified anglers will be able to register and pay for ANY and all 2023 events they would like. While all event specific details may not be available at that time, registration will be open with a special code to enter. To confirm a spot, Anglers are expected to pay in full at this time. The refund policy applies to all entries. Sharing the code with anyone outside of the anglers it is given to will result in a 2023 season ban for all anglers involved in this violation.

Early Bird AOY registration policy - Starting prior to the Lake Seminole Registration, the current Top 35 anglers in the 2023 AOY race at that time will have an early registration window for the upcoming event. Those anglers will be sent a code to register for the event 25 hours before it goes live. The code will only be eligible for 24 hours and for that specific event. The refund policy applies to all entries. Sharing the code with anyone outside of the anglers it is given to will result in a 2023 season ban for all anglers involved in this violation.

We expect anglers to register and pay their own entry unless there is documentation otherwise. If not, this could cause issues with confirming an angler is in an event as well as issuing a refund.

Wait-list policy - In the event of a sell- out, the waitlist will be managed on TourneyX. An angler will go through the TourneyX registration process the same way as to register to enter the waitlist. Messages to BOS staff will not be counted for waitlist consideration. If a spot becomes available, we will reach out to the next angler on the waitlist and send them an invoice. They will have 24 hours to accept and pay or risk losing their opportunity and spot in-line. We will work through the waitlist until the event is sold-out or the practice period begins.

Refund Policy- If an angler has registered and paid for an event and can no longer attend, they will need to send BOS@Hobie.com a written request no later than 14 days before the event. Those anglers will be eligible for a 70% refund. An entry fee cannot be transferred to another event or another person. Any cancellation within 14 days of the event will not be eligible for a refund and the angler will remain on the event roster unless their spot can be satisfied by another angler from the waitlist. The refund process can take up to 30 days.

If an angler chooses to dispute their cancellation and refund, even though they have acknowledged and agreed to all rules and policies when entering, they will be banned from entering and fishing BOS events for a minimum of 365 days.



PROJECTED PAYOUTS

OPENS

2-DAY OPENS (9 EVENTS)

225 ANGLER MAX PARTICIPATION.

15% OF THE FIELD WILL BE PAID OUT.

YAKGEAR BIG BASS PAYOUT \$500

BIG BASS TO BE PAID OUT TO THE
LONGEST FISH OF THE TOURNAMENT.

The Top 3 non-qualified anglers from each open will receive automatic invites to the Tournament of Champions. Invites will only extend out to the Top 10 finishers if needed.

The top 225 Anglers in each open will receive AOY points for their finish.

PRICE BREAKDOWN

\$295: ENTRY FEE

\$210: PAID OUT FOR THE EVENT

\$50: CONTRIBUTED TO TOC CASH PAYOUT

\$35: ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

PROJECTED PAYOUTS

225 ANGLERS

1st - \$10,000.00	21st - \$725.00
2nd - \$5,500.00	22nd - \$700.00
3rd - \$3,000.00	23rd - \$675.00
4th - \$2,425.00	24th - \$650.00
5th - \$2,025.00	25th - \$625.00
6th - \$1,700.00	26th - \$600.00
7th - \$1,550.00	27th - \$575.00
8th - \$1,400.00	28th - \$550.00
9th - \$1,250.00	29th - \$525.00
10th - \$1,200.00	30th - \$500.00
11th - \$1,150.00	31st - \$475.00
12th - \$1,100.00	32nd - \$450.00
13th - \$1,050.00	33rd - \$425.00
14th - \$1,000.00	34th - \$400.00
15th - \$950.00	BIG BASS - \$500
16th - \$900.00	
17th - \$850.00	
18th - \$800.00	
19th - \$775.00	
20th - \$750.00	

175 ANGLERS

1st - \$8,000.00	21st - \$625.00
2nd - \$4,500.00	22nd - \$600.00
3rd - \$2,800.00	23rd - \$575.00
4th - \$2,000.00	24th - \$550.00
5th - \$1,800.00	25th - \$525.00
6th - \$1,600.00	26th - \$500.00
7th - \$1,400.00	BIG BASS - \$500
8th - \$1,300.00	
9th - \$1,200.00	
10th - \$1,000.00	
11th - \$950.00	
12th - \$900.00	
13th - \$850.00	
14th - \$800.00	
15th - \$775.00	
16th - \$750.00	
17th - \$725.00	
18th - \$700.00	
19th - \$675.00	
20th - \$650.00	

125 ANGLERS

11st - \$6,050.00
2nd - \$3,250.00
3rd - \$2,275.00
4th - \$1,800.00
5th - \$1,600.00
6th - \$1,400.00
7th - \$1,200.00
8th - \$1,000.00
9th - \$900.00
10th - \$850.00
11th - \$800.00
12th - \$750.00
13th - \$700.00
14th - \$675.00
15th - \$650.00
16th - \$625.00
17th - \$600.00
18th - \$575.00
19th - \$550.00
BIG BASS - \$500

75 ANGLERS

1st - \$4,850.00
2nd - \$2,500.00
3rd - \$1,800.00
4th - \$1,400.00
5th - \$1,000.00
6th - \$900.00
7th - \$800.00
8th - \$700.00
9th - \$650.00
10th - \$600.00
11th - \$550.00
BIG BASS - \$500





TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Over three Days, 60 Anglers will compete for the ultimate crown in competitive kayak fishing, a Hobie Fishing World's Qualification and land a huge payout to the top 15 anglers!

All 60 Anglers will be fishing all 3 days as points and final AOY totals are totaled. The top anglers of the season who have qualified for this event through Opens and AOY points will battle it out for the ultimate crown in competitive kayak fishing. This is the final event to earn Angler of the Year points.

ALL 60 ANGLERS WILL COMPETE FOR 3 DAYS.

60 ANGLERS (59 QUALIFIED PLUS LAST YEAR'S CHAMPION).

25% OF THE FIELD WILL BE PAID OUT

YAKGEAR BIG BASS WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE LONGEST BASS CAUGHT DURING THE EVENT.

LOCATION: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Official Practice Period begins November 4th at 6am and ends Nov 7th at 4pm.

TOC PAYOUT

1st - \$TBA

2nd - \$

3rd - \$

4th - \$

5th - \$

6th - \$

7th - \$

8th - \$

9th - \$

10th - \$

11th - \$

12th - \$

13th - \$

14th - \$

15th - \$

YAKGEAR BIG BASS AWARD - \$500

HOW TO QUALIFY

The top 3 non-qualified (eligible) anglers from each open will receive automatic bids. If an angler can't make it, their spot will be given to an angler in the AOY Point race (27)

The top 32 non-qualified (eligible) anglers in the Angler of the Year points race (32)

The Reigning Grand- Champion (Brian Nelli) will earn an automatic invite to defend their title (1)

All TOC Anglers are expected to attend the Pre- Event (Tuesday) and Awards (Friday) Banquets.

Entry Fee to the TOC is \$400





ANGLER OF THE YEAR

AOY will be calculated as the Culmination of points from up-to 5 Total events consisting of up-to 4 Opens and the TOC. Anglers are encouraged to fish more than 4 opens, but points will only be counted for the 4 highest open finishes during the season."

AOY will be calculated by the highest cumulative score and doesn't put additional value on number of events. If an anglers' score for 3 events is better than an anglers' score for 4 events, they will be placed higher.

The top **200** anglers in each open will receive points for their finish. Points will start at **200** and go down 1 point per position. There will be no points given to an angler that doesn't submit fish. If there is an unbreakable tie, anglers will be awarded the same point total.

THE TOC WILL BE WORTH 225 POINTS, GOING DOWN 1 POINT FOR EACH POSITION.

ANY TIES IN POINTS AFTER THE FINAL OPEN EVENT WILL BE BROKEN BY HIGHEST EVENT FINISH.

ANY TIES FOR AOY AFTER THE TOC WILL BE BROKEN BY THE ANGLER THAT FINISHES THE HIGHEST DURING THE TOC.

ANGLER OF THE YEAR PRIZE PACKAGES

1ST PLACE: **\$5,000 CASH**
RIGGED HOBIE PRO ANGLER 14 360
HOBIE FISHING WORLDS SPOT

2ND PLACE: **\$3,000 CASH**
PRIZE PACKAGE
HOBIE FISHING WORLDS SPOT

3RD PLACE: **\$2,000 CASH**
PRIZE PACKAGE
HOBIE FISHING WORLDS SPOT



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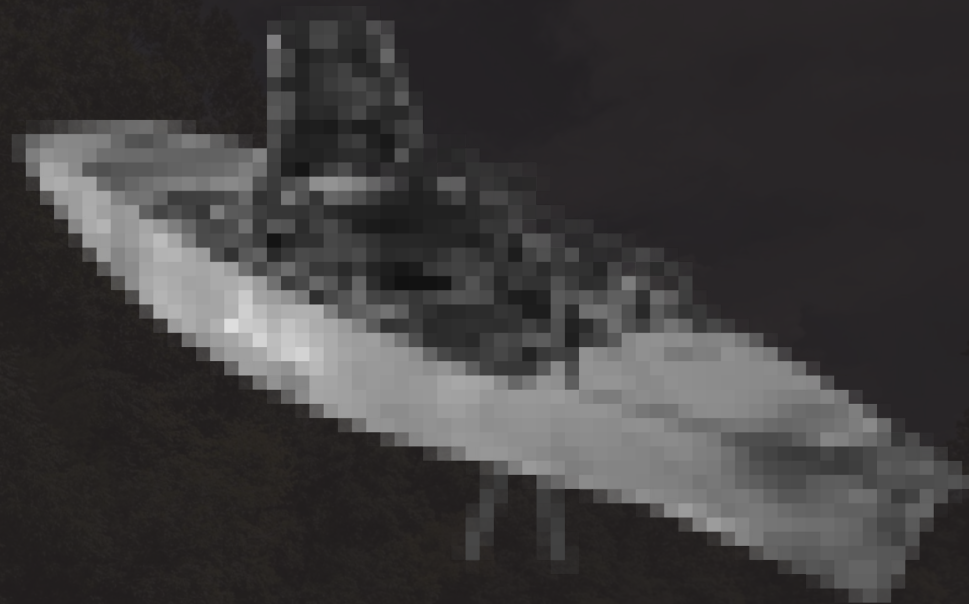


HOBIE LYNX

VALUED AT: \$3300

Hobie BOS will be giving away a Hobie Lynx with MirageDrive 180 Kick-Up Fin Technology to a random participant in the BOS series. Anglers will earn a chance to win this kayak for each event they participate in. Chances can be earned at all nine opens, one chance per open event entered.

The drawing for this kayak will occur during the Tournament of Champions.



CUSTOM HOBIE PRO ANGLER 14

VALUED AT: \$5999

Hobie will be awarding a custom 2023 Hobie Pro Angler 14 360 in a **never seen before color combination** to the top finisher in the Angler of the Year contest. It will also come rigged with select items from our sponsors.

The kayak will be awarded at the Tournament of Champions.



HOBIE FISHING WORLDS



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WHAT IS THE HOBIE FISHING WORLDS?

Hobie Fishing Worlds is the pinnacle of international kayak fishing and the most prestigious kayak fishing event in the world. Kayak anglers who have qualified to represent their nation from countries across the globe will compete for a World Championship Title. Having the opportunity to represent Team USA and experience this once in a lifetime opportunity is extremely special. The location of the event switches between countries each time and we've visited fisheries in Australia, USA, Netherlands, China and Sweden in the past. Each event captures the culture of the country, offers a unique fishery and boasts camaraderie among anglers that makes our community and the sport of kayak fishing so special.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THE HOBIE FISHING WORLDS THROUGH THE HOBIE BASS OPEN SERIES:

- TOP 3 OF ANGLER OF THE YEAR (3 SPOTS)

- WINNER OF THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (1 SPOT)

*If the winner of the TOC is 1 of the top 3 AOY then the 4th place AOY will take that spot





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OFFICIAL RULES



2023 OFFICIAL RULES (updated June 22, 2023)

Hobie BOS exists so kayak anglers can enjoy the competitive atmosphere that tournament fishing has to offer. In addition, camaraderie and sportsmanship among anglers is what makes our community great, and playing fair, respecting fellow anglers and our series is of utmost importance. We want you to fish with us, we want you to have an enjoyable time, and we want you to be safe and get home after our events knowing you gave it your all and conducted yourself in the best way possible. That is all we ask, give 100%, abide by our simple rules, may the best angler win, and the angler who had the toughest fishing day win the best raffle prize!

Section 1. INTERPRETATION & ENFORCEMENT

- All Federal, State, and Local laws, rules, markings, orders, and warnings must be followed and will always supersede BOS rules. Violation of any laws may be cause for disqualification.
- All violations of laws will be turned over to the proper authorities for investigation and possible prosecution. This includes, but is not limited to, cheating, harassment, wildlife violations, illegal drug use, and any other illegal activity.
- These rules will remain subject to change by BOS Officials.
- Special Rules and amendments may be announced, added, or omitted for special circumstances or clarification at the judgement of BOS Officials.
- Interpretation and enforcement of these rules will be left exclusively to BOS Officials.
- Decisions of BOS Officials/ tournament director(s) are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.
- A violation of tournament rules may result in penalties, disqualification, or banishment at the discretion of BOS Officials.

Section 2. PAYBACK & PARTICIPATION

- All participants must pay the full entry, complete all liability release forms, attend / view the mandatory rules meeting, and be using a BOS certified measuring device approved by the tournament director to be considered a contestant. The adult release forms are part of the registration process however the minor release forms, must be printed off, signed by a Parent or Guardian, and sent to bos@hobie.com prior to the event starting.
- Competitors must register and pay in full in the tournament host app to be guaranteed entry into any BOS event. Anglers registering without paying in full will not be guaranteed entry into the event.
- Any person under the age of 18 entering a tournament must also have permission and a signed release of a parent or legal guardian.
- Any person's participation in any BOS tournament is at the sole discretion of BOS officials.
- Any contestant who wishes to withdraw from the event is eligible for a 70% refund of their entry fee, provided notification of cancellation is made no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of the event, in which case the refund will be zero.
- All cancellation requests MUST be submitted via email to bos@hobie.com and tournament officials must be notified immediately.
- Registration deadline for a particular BOS event will be at 5pm on the Friday, 1 week before the official start of the event, local time of the event headquarters.
- Official start of the event will be 5pm local time on the Friday night before the first day of tournament fishing begins.



Section 2. PAYBACK & PARTICIPATION (continued)

- If the event is full prior to a cancellation, the next in-line on the waiting list will get an opportunity to enter. BOS officials will work down the list until spots are filled or registration is cut-off. An angler can enter the waitlist through TourneyX waitlist feature, and TourneyX only.
- Once an event reaches 225 participants, registration will be cut off and the waiting list will start on TourneyX. Angler will be placed in order from the time in which they submit their waitlist request.
- If a Hobie BOS event is cancelled, anglers will be refunded fully.
- All contestants must have a valid fishing license for the waters they fish before they begin fishing. **Unless there are promotional/ free fishing days during the event days.**
- The number of paid places and amounts will be determined at each event by the number of entries.
- The number of paid places will be no less than 15% of the total number of paid entrants.
- BOS reserves the right to distribute payouts at their discretion based on the total purse and number of paid entrants.
- BOS reserves the right to add money and prizes to paybacks as well as distribute prizes at their discretion
- **Payments will be issued via ACH Direct Deposit from Hobie Cat Company II and will arrive no later than 30 days from the end of the event.**
- Refunds may be issued back through the PayPal account they were paid from or ACH within 30 days of refund request.

Section 3. OFF-LIMITS, PRACTICE AND COMPETITION

- Tournament Off-limits period and restrictions will begin 21 days before the event begins.
- The Official Practice Period window will begin at 5:00 AM the Saturday prior to the event and ends at 4pm local on that Friday.
- BOS Officials reserve the right to adjust off-limits and practice period days. Official off-limits and practice period days will be published for each event prior to registration opening.
- Competitors must be off the water by 4PM on Friday and may not enter tournament waters for any reason after the start of the pre-tournament meeting.
- During practice and competition, anglers are not allowed to make changes to the waterway, and it must be utilized how it's naturally presented. This includes but is not limited to adding, cutting, or removing trees/ brush, digging/ filling ditches, adding or removing rocks and purposely adding or removing vegetation.
- Utilizing private or non-confirmed event launches during practice is allowed.
- All time on water during official practice and tournament must be done in a vessel in accordance with Section 7: KAYAK REGULATION. Being in ANY boat not in accordance with Section 7: KAYAK REGULATION on tournament waters during the off limits or practice period, outside of an emergency or director approved job, will result in disqualification.
- Motors: If the watercraft is legally registered, electric motors will be permitted for PRACTICE ONLY. All state rules for motorized kayaks apply. Failure to comply, could result in disqualification. There are no exceptions for motor usage on tournament days.
- Testing equipment on tournament waters after the start of the pre-tournament meeting is NOT permitted unless approved and supervised by a tournament official.
- Competitors are not allowed to fish on tournament waters after Day 1 fishing ends until First Cast on day 2. Scouting new waters after fishing ends on Day 1 is not allowed. Anglers are expected to immediately and safely get back to their take-out once fishing ends on Day 1.



Section 4. INFORMATION GATHERING & COMMUNICATION

- The purchasing of or bartering for information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters (other than through commercially available sources) is not permitted during the Off- Limits period, the Practice Period and through the conclusion of the tournament.
- ANY use of or communication with a guide or guide services, directly or indirectly, pertaining to tournament waters within 21 days of the event is prohibited, other than through publicly available sources.
- Anglers may not solicit fishing or waterway information from **anyone** in attempt to gain a competitive advantage from the end of the practice period (4pm on Friday) to the conclusion of the event. Soliciting info from all available sources before 4pm Friday is allowed. A mutually beneficial and welcomed conversation with questions between competitors at any time, is not considered a violation of this rule.
- During the tournament hours of each day (First Launch- Fishing Concludes) contestants may not share information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters privately through electronic devices with other competitors. On water verbal communication is allowed.
- During the tournament hours of each day (First Launch- Fishing Concludes) an electronic device may not be used to speak to anyone about tournament waters, fishing strategies, techniques, etc. The device can still be used as a means of communication to BOS Staff, social media updates, safety checks, ride coordination, and/or work and family emergencies/ urgent matters.
- Any collaboration on or off the water with other competitors or non- competitors for the purpose of sharing or pooling winnings is strictly prohibited and will result in a disqualification of all involved.
- Any questions or concerns about tournament rules or violations needs to be communicated with BOS Staff immediately and initially to be considered.

Section 5. SAFETY

- Safe boating practices must always be followed.
- Each contestant is REQUIRED to wear a fastened U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device while fishing from or maneuvering their kayak during BOS tournament hours. The personal flotation device must always be worn on the outside of all clothing and visible. Inflatable belt PFDs are not considered satisfactory in BOS events.
- All Kayaks must be equipped with emergency equipment as required by all Federal, State and Local Laws. This often includes a safety whistle and 360-degree light. Additionally, a Hi-Visibility flag flown on the kayak is recommended.
- At the discretion of the tournament director, tournament days may be shortened, postponed, or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions.
- Competitors may leave their boat and seek shelter in severe weather or when danger is eminent.
- Competitors are expected to use sound judgement and are accountable for their own actions when faced with a potentially dangerous situation. (i.e., lightning, excessive wind, rough waters, recreational and commercial marine traffic, hunting areas, etc.)
- In the event of an emergency, competitors should contact local authorities like 911 or Fish and Game before contacting BOS officials.
- For an angler to receive AOY points for an event, they must use the Check-in/ Check-out feature on TourneyX. Only anglers that have checked out by the submission deadline on the final day of competition will receive points from the event no matter their placement. No other form of "checking- out," will be considered.

Section 6. SPORTSMANSHIP

- All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, sponsors, BOS, BOS sponsors, and the sport of fishing as well as BOS's efforts to promote the sport. Conduct not complying with these standards includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Violation of or failure to comply with event or state rules and laws.
 - Consumption of alcoholic beverages or any kind of illegal substance during tournament hours.
 - Suspension/disqualification, probation or ban from any tournament or fishing organization.
 - Verbal or physical abuse towards fellow competitors and tournament directors on or off the water during the official practice period through the tournament weekend.
 - Blocking navigable waters from fellow competitors to pass thru.
 - Working with a non-competitor to block other anglers or hold spots before or during tournament hours.
 - Any words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition, and compliance with tournament rules.
 - Failure to comply with standards set forth in the first sentence of Section 6.
- If an angler witnesses a potential violation occur, they are expected to communicate with the BOS Staff immediately. BOS staff must be made aware of who the angler or anglers are and have some proof of violation.
- Smoking is not allowed in the registration and weigh-in line during any BOS competition. Smoking must be done away from BOS staff, BOS directors and large groups of anglers. Please be respectful of others.
- In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined above, BOS shall have the right to refuse an application to compete or to deny a confirmed application to compete by returning the entry fee (less 30%), and to disqualify a contestant or impose any penalty outlined in section 1.

Section 7. KAYAK REGULATION

- During Competition:
 - All Kayaks/ SUPs/ vessels must be human powered ONLY
 - Pedal, paddle, or push-pole are the only acceptable forms of propulsion.
 - No motor or power assist is allowed
- Any motor must be removed from vessel during BOS tournament days.
- Eligible vessel must be at least 9 foot in length and no longer than 18 foot.
- Catamaran style personal fishing vessels complying with all other regulations will be eligible.
- No "Homemade" Kayaks will be permitted.
- The use of manual or motorized anchor system is permitted.
- Mother-shiping, tethering/holding or any on-water transportation coordination with a non-competitor is strictly prohibited unless approved by BOS officials within emergency situations.
- By officially entering, contestants agree to submit their kayak to an inspection by BOS personnel.
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OFFICIAL RULES



Section 8. PERMITTED FISHING METHODS

- All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner by the angler.
- All lures must adhere to state regulations.
- Only artificial lures may be used, except pork trailers and biodegradable soft baits are allowed.
- Alabama rigs and similar umbrella-type rigs are considered one lure and are only limited by the laws within the state they are fishing.
- Only ONE fishing rod may be used at a time.
- Each cast must be completed before another cast is allowed and there can never be more than one lure from one rod actively fishing in the water at any time.
- Trolling as a method of fishing is NOT allowed. Long-lining and drifting with current/wind are allowed. Trolling is defined as directly using the vessel's propulsion to present a lure.
- All bass caught while sight-fishing must be hooked inside the mouth.
- No fish are to be kept on stringers. Non-penetrating, fish gripping devices are acceptable to temporarily hold fish in the water.
- An angler's catch must be safely released before casting or fishing may resume.
- Unless posted otherwise, the fish must be targeted and caught while the angler is inside the kayak. Only an angler's arm or arms can extend into the water to help land a fish they hooked legally.

Section 9. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS

- Restrictions, designated launch points, official tournament waters, and other location mandates will be issued for individual events and published within the event page. These launches/ restrictions are required for competition days only.
- Contestants may fish anywhere on eligible tournament waters that are available to the public and accessible by kayak except areas posted or otherwise designated as "off-limits," "no boats," "keep out," "restricted," "no trespassing" or "no fishing" (or similar language or markings intended to restrict public access) by BOS, commercial property owners and/or local, state, or federal officials.
- All fishing must be conducted from inside the kayak unless otherwise stated by tournament officials.
- At no time may a contestant leave the kayak to land a fish, photo/ submit a fish or to make the kayak more accessible to fishing waters unless posted otherwise. As needed anglers can beach their kayak to take safe photos to submit.
- During practice and competition, anglers are not allowed to make changes to the waterway and it must be utilized how it's naturally presented.
- Boats may never be tethered to on-water markers like buoys or safety signs.
- The use of cables, ropes, chains or any type of block and tackle system to maneuver a kayak into or out of fishing waters is strictly prohibited.
- Portaging is prohibited unless posted otherwise.
- Unless posted otherwise, as it pertains to tributaries of the main body of water, competitors must be able to float in and out or through an area during tournament days for it to be considered legal waters to navigate. Anglers can use pedal/ paddle/ push-pole to navigate. If an anglers' kayak bottoms out and becomes completely or partially immobilized from the bottom while navigating, they are no longer considered floating.
- Anglers are responsible for verifying their launch is on the designated list as well as paying any launch fee required to utilize the facility.
- Locking through Dams will be legal unless posted otherwise in event boundaries/ access.

Section 9. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS (continued)

- Anglers can launch at more than 1 legal location during a tournament day.
- Anglers do not have to take-out where they launched, as long as the takeout is also a legal launch, unless there is an emergency communicated with the BOS Staff.
- Ride coordination and shuttling is allowed.

Section 10. SCORING

- Scoring is determined by length using 1/4-inch increments of each contestant's catch during each tournament day via the Catch, Photograph, and Release (CPR) method.
- Competitors will be provided with a unique identifier for each tournament day.
- The five longest verified lengths of individual fish will be totaled for the anglers score each day.
- The contestant with the highest total score after two days is the winner.
- Rounding will be down and to the nearest 1/4-inch.
- Only the Black Bass Species consisting of the following: Largemouth, Spotted, Shoal and Smallmouth bass and any hybrid of the above are accepted species.
- All fish must measure/ score a minimum of 12", unless otherwise specified for individual events. Bass submitted that fail to measure/ score 12" with mouth completely closed will be denied.
- A submitted fish will only count once to an angler's aggregate score for all days of the tournament.
- If a submitted fish on Day 1 is culled and not present in an anglers Top 5 fish, that fish could be caught again and count for a Day 2 total if that catch is in complete accordance with Section 8.
- Only fish submitted on a metal KETCH measuring device that has been checked, marked, and authorized by the BOS tournament director will be scored.

Section 11. MEASURING DEVICE

- The metal Ketch Board offerings are the mandatory and official measuring devices for the Hobie Bass Open Series. Tournament officials strongly recommend the Ketch X board in any color that isn't black.
- Contestants are expected to bring their own measuring device. Those devices must be checked and approved prior to every event and may be inspected at any time by BOS staff.
- Anyone found to be using a measuring device that is determined to be illegal will be disqualified from the tournament.
- A clean measuring device is expected to ensure we can give you a proper score.



Section 12. PHOTO CRITERIA

- Anglers must be able to submit their photos to our tournament submission application. There will be no manual submissions.
- **No edited, manipulated, screenshot, or video clip of fish picture will be accepted or utilized to make a scoring judgement.**
- Each fish photo must include all the following criteria to avoid penalties or disqualification:
 - The entire Bass, from the tip of the lip to the end of the tail, on an approved measuring device, while in a tournament legal vessel.
 - Bass must be laying with the tip of the lip against the post end of the measuring device. Measuring device post must be visible.
 - The mouth of the Bass must be CLOSED COMPLETELY to receive full score.
 - The tail of the Bass must be lying flat on the board and will be measured to the longest point.
 - Pinching and Holding the tail is permitted.
 - Bass orientation must be facing to the left, tail to the right, belly toward the angler.
 - Measuring device markings must be clearly visible. Including the actual numbers.
 - Assigned unique identifier's number must be clearly visible.
 - One overhead photo shot frame (not shot at a drastic angle).
 - Fish must be clear of any holding devices including fishing lure or hook.
 - Lip, eye, and end of tail cannot be obstructed in the photo, even by your hand or identifier.
 - Hand or fingers must not be under or in the gill plate.
- If a fish has a visibly glossy eye or odd markings, we ask that the competitor take video of that fish to prove it is alive, showing it going from the board to the water and actively swimming away.
- Any questionable issues with a fish should be immediately brought to the BOS official's attention.
- Quality of the photo submitted is the responsibility of the angler.

Section 13. TIES

****All criteria above must be met, or the photo may not be scored****

- Ties between anglers will be automatically broken by big bass.
- Big Bass ties will be broken by next legal largest fish over all days of the tournament, and so on, until the tie has been resolved. If a tie still exists, the winner will be determined by earliest photo submitted of their largest fish.

Section 14. TRUTH VERIFICATION TEST

- Each contestant agrees to submit, by registering for this tournament, to a polygraph or voice stress analysis examination and to abide by its conclusion.
- Consumption of alcohol or any mind-altering substance is strictly prohibited prior to a truth verification test.
- Refusal to participate in the polygraph or voice stress analysis examination will result in disqualification from the tournament.
- Failure to pass an examination, if administered, can result in disqualification from the tournament.
- Truth verification tests will be used at BOS Official's sole discretion, and the determination of the meaning of the results will be made solely by BOS officials.

Section 15. PENALTIES (for Reference Only)

- Mouth cracked or slightly open - .5" deduction
- Mouth blatantly open- 1"-2" deduction
- Lip or tail not touching board: No score
- BOS Tournament Directors will judge fish and apply penalties in fairness at their discretion.
- BOS Officials reserve the right to apply penalties for infractions that include but are not limited to:
 - Reduction of Practice and/or Competition time
 - Loss of fish submitted.
 - Disqualify from tournament day or days.
 - Banishment from all BOS events for the season.
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Section 16. PROTESTS AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

- All protests must be submitted in writing to BOS officials, along with a \$100 cash deposit, during event hours or within 24 hours of the announcement of the official results. The protester also agrees that if there is a question of verifying the charge of a protest that he or she may be subject to take a polygraph and agree to testify in a court of law if necessary. If the Tournament Director, or polygraph, upholds the protest, the cash deposit shall be returned to the contestant submitting the protest.

Section 17. RULE CONSISTENCY AND SHARING:

These rules were developed from the culmination of many national events and a collective collaboration of tournament directors over many years. They are public for your viewing in BOS events and we encourage them being shared and used to help create a uniformity in our sport and spread the knowledge of proper practices for this style of competitive fishing.



Section 18, FORMS

Minor Release & Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement Form

The minors form NEEDS to be DOWNLOADED, filled in and signed, then you just UPLOADED the completed MINORS document within the Tourney X Hobie registration process, per event.

☐ I agree to the TourneyX® Terms of Use *

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Register For: *

☐ ADULT ☒ YOUTH

For Youth:

☒ If under the age of 17, your legal PARENT OR GUARDIAN agrees to print, sign and return the Hobie BOS Photo, Liability, COVID Release form for Minors (17 yrs. or younger) to be accepted in the event.

☐ I have read, agreed to and CONSENT TO these electronically executed documents *

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Rule changes and updates

- Any changes from the 2022 rules to 2023 have been highlighted in **ORANGE**.
- UPDATED RULES: June 22, 2023, **Updates** have been highlighted in **GREEN**.

Section 18, FORMS (continued)

Adult Release & Waiver of Liability, and Indemnity Agreement Form –

To read, just download then read and review. During the registration process, we have made it easy and to be accepted, we use tick boxes for these electronically executed documents.

ADULT FORM within TourneyX event registration process

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