



CANADIAN BASS ANGLERS FEDERATION

CO-ANGLER TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

Before the Tournament

Information Exchange

- Contact your boater via CBAF chat board or phone.
- Exchange cell phone number in case of car trouble or last minute changes.

Ask the following questions.....

- Types of fishing you are going to do and target species.
- Tackle and gear needed
- Meeting time and location (car pooling is encouraged as parking is often limited and gas expenses can be shared).

Preparation for the Tournament

- Have all your baits tied on and ready to go, hooks should be protected with lure wraps.
- Bring only what you need for the tournament. A maximum of 4-6 rods and one soft sided tackle bag is recommended.
- Use rod sleeves and rod straps to keep the rods from tangling.
- Make sure your gear is compact and can fit in a bass boat compartment.
- Bring exact amount for tournament fees and boater costs.
- Make sure you pack Lunch, Water, Sun Protection, Personal Flotation Device, Rain Gear, etc.

Tournament Day

Before the Tournament

- Be early when meeting your boater at the ramp.
- ASK your boater what you can do to help prepare the boat (unhooking boat, lights, straps, launching boat, parking, etc).
- If you are not comfortable backing a boat into the water then DON'T. Tell your boater and they will easily find someone to help.
- Ask your boater where you can put your rods, gear, lunch, etc.
- Discuss medical conditions or other special needs that might come up during the day.

During the Tournament

- Keep your equipment neat and organized at all times. Decisions are made quickly when wanting to move to another spot.
- Keep sharp objects such as hooks, scissors, pliers and other equipment away from the boats seats and carpet.
- Don't crowd your boater and DON'T cast in front of them or over his/her line if they are fighting a fish.
- If you are unfamiliar using a landing net then ask for help before you have to net a fish.
- If you are still learning how to flip, pitch, dunk, etc, be extremely careful where you cast. Lures snagged on docks and trees can make for a frustrating day for all.

After the Tournament

- Discuss who will take the fish to the weigh in and who will stay with the boat if it's an on the water weigh in.
- Make sure to help your boater with the overall clean up of the boat. Don't leave old line, plastics, food in your partner's boat.
- Discuss with your boater plans for getting the boat out of the water. If you are not comfortable driving the truck or boat, SPEAK UP.
- Ask what you can do to prepare the boat for travel.

Tournament Etiquette

Fishing Information

- It is also very important for co anglers to understand that the fishing locations and techniques you learned took many hours for the boater to locate and refine. **DO NOT** go back to the dock telling the world about your secrets.

Spot Etiquette

- During two day events, a co angler should not reveal or travel to fishing locations shown to him/her by his/her day one partner.

Entry Fees

CBAF JOINED EVENT ENTRY FEE \$40.00

CBAF BOATER COST SHARING AMOUNT \$50.00

Fishing Licenses

Licenses: make sure you have your fishing license up-to-date and on you while on the water. If you are entering tournaments on Lake Erie / Lake Ontario ensure you have a New York State Fishing License. Conservation licenses are not acceptable.