



BARRIE BASSMASTERS LAKE SIMCOE OPEN 2022



Official Rules

“IF” the lake is blown off on October.15th, 2022 as determined by the tournament director and committee, the event will be moved to October.16th as an alternative and if still determined blown out then – we will restrict the event to Kempenfelt Bay only as a last resort. Safety of our anglers will be priority. Tournament director and committee’s decision will be final.

If due to extreme weather conditions the entire event must be cancelled, full refunds will be given as soon as possible.

- 1. All competitors must be registered and paid in full prior to the start of the event. No onsite registration will be available – no exceptions.**
- 2. No refunds will be issued for cancellations; unless your team is replaced by another team paid in full. Any potential refund will be issued following the event.**
- 3. Blast off will be at 7:30am or safe light for first flight – be ready to go 30mins prior. All boats must check-in at check in boat based on the flight they are in.**
 - a. Flight 1 – 7:30am to 3:30pm**
 - b. Flight 2 – 7:45am to 3:45pm**
- 4. A Late Penalty of 0.5lbs per minute will be applied to any team checking in after their designated check in time (3:30 or 3:45 based on flight). If an emergency arises please contact tournament officials by phone.**
- 5. Pre Fishing is allowed until 5pm the day prior to the event.**
- 6. Each boat must consist of only 2 anglers. At least 1 member of the team must be at least 16 years of age. Note: under 16 years of age must fish with a partner 16 years or older and must have signed parental consent. Only one line per angler is permitted.**
- 7. All teams must check in upon arriving to confirm participation and receive anglers package. After you launch your boat please proceed to boat check area. Boat checks will begin at 5:30am.**
 - a. All boats must have a fully functional kill switch and aerated livewell(s) (subject to inspection morning of event) All boats are subject to pre-tournament inspection. Failure to complete and pass inspection results in disqualification.**
 - b. Minimum boat length of 14’**
 - c. All Federal and Provincial boating regulations must be adhered to.**
- 8. Personal flotation devices must be worn by all competitors while traveling with the main engine.**
- 9. Kill switch must be attached to driver while traveling with the main engine.**
- 10. Trolling with a gas engine is not permitted. “Strolling” with an electric motor is permitted.**
- 11. Only artificial lures will be permitted; NO live bait or preserved bait excluding “pork-rind” type baits will be permitted.**
- 12. Fishing boundaries include any waters defined as accessible by boat without locking through. Lake Simcoe and Lake Couchiching will be allowed. Failing to comply results in disqualification.**



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13. In case of emergency, where necessary – one competitor can go ashore (ie.phone) while the competitor must remain in boat. One Competitor must stay in the boat at all times – cellular phone number(s) will be made available at check in for emergency purposes.
14. Competitors may obtain fuel and/or repairs from marinas – must contact the Tournament Director in the event of repairs.
15. No Fishing allowed within 100' feet of another tournament boat (tournament etiquette applies in all situations)
16. Only Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass may be kept all other fish must be released immediately.
17. Legal Fish entries will a maximum of 5 (five)bass. Any combination of largemouth or smallmouth bass will be accepted. Legal length for either bass species is 12" inches measured from "Tip to Tip" (extreme tip of nose to extreme tip of tail").
18. Culling equipment that punctures the body or mouth of fish as "stringer style culling clips, balance beams, and related equipment, etc. may not be used. Failing to comply results in disqualification.
19. No Competitor shall retain or transport any "bass" in their livewells starting Monday. October.10th, 2022 until the tournament day. "Guides" who are retaining fish for clients consumption will be allowed.
20. At no time shall a competitor have in his or her possession more than the legal limit, and at no time shall a competitor have more than the tournament limit in their possession while the boat is under power of the main engine. If a competitor determines they have over the limit they must immediately reduce his catch to the tournament limit with a live bass of their choice from their catch. Each returned bass will result in a 2 pound penalty to be deducted from their daily score. In this case, competitors must attempt to notify tournament officials and if unsuccessful must notify officials at check in. Once a competitor checks in they must present all legal bass to tournament officials at the verification table. If competitors at the verification table have more than the tournament limit, the competitor will reduce with live bass to the tournament limit and each returned bass will result in a 2 pound penalty to be deducted from their daily score. If a competitor has his fish verified, weighed and upon returning to the boat discovers additional fish over the tournament limit that were not presented to officials; he then must notify tournament officials immediately to receive a 2 lb. penalty for each bass discovered.
21. Culling of Dead fish is not permitted. Team must retain and weigh in any dead fish as part of the event limit. Culling dead fish will result in disqualification.
22. All fish weighed in will be promptly released following the weigh-in.
23. It is the responsibility of the participants to bring fish up to the weigh-in area from the boat, weigh bags will be supplied by the Barrie Bassmasters. Please use them. The inner mesh bag is essential to the weigh in process.
24. All fish to be weighed in must be in good condition at time of weigh-in and are subject to the weighmaster's discretion. Dead fish determined by the weigh-master and/or tournament director will be assessed a half pound penalty to be subtracted from that team's total weight – the fish in question WILL be tallied into the total. For fish falling short of the 12inch minimum, a 1pound penalty will be subtracted from that team's total weight –the fish in question WILL NOT be included into that team's total weight. Simplified: Dead fish –the fish's weight counts minus the half pound penalty. Short fish –the fish's weight doesn't count plus the one pound penalty



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25. "BIG FISH" must be alive, if deemed dead by the tournament director it will not count towards "Big Fish" prizes.
26. Each team is allowed one (1) re-weigh and final call is made by the weigh master. The team must keep the second weight regardless of the result. Teams are allowed to weigh-in multiple big bass.
27. Decision of the tournament officials are final. Protest will be allowed up to 15 minutes after the last team is weighed in. A \$50.00 deposit must be paid and will be refunded if the protest stands.
28. In the event of a tie, for any position the cash prizes for that position and the next position will be added together and distributed equally among the tied teams.
29. All boats must check-in at the designated Check-In Boat/person. A 5 lb. Penalty will be applied against any team that does not check-in with the check in boat/person.
30. Cell and Smart phones or other electronic communication devices may only be used in the event of an emergency. No communications between competitors or non-competitors to gain a competitive advantage during the tournament hours, unless deemed an emergency. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
31. Tournament Director may assign any team a scrutineer. Refusal to accommodate the scrutineer may result in immediate disqualification. Scrutineers will remain with their assigned team until they have completed the weigh-in process.
32. If in question, any cash/prize winning competitor(s) must agree to take a lie detector test and pass before receiving their prize.
33. Competitors may be disqualified for violations of the rules herein, the Ontario Fishing Regulations, or the law, and will not receive any prizes of any kind or refund of their entry fee.
34. No refund of entry fee (tournament director's decision is final); however, last minute substitutions for one or both anglers are permitted before the beginning of the event.
35. All taxes on any prize awards are the responsibility of the recipient.
36. Any prizes not collected will not be shipped at Barrie Bassmasters Expense, must make arrangements to have your prize collected.
37. Use of alcohol or narcotics during tournament hours is prohibited. Tournament hours are from, angler check-in until final award distribution.
38. If you have any questions on the rules be sure to clarify with the Organizers prior to Blast Off.
39. Decisions of the Tournament Officials are final.
40. This is a LIVE RELEASE TOURNAMENT

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