Official Rules

Team Kayak Series, LLC (also referred to as "Team Kayak Series" or "TKS")

Updated and effective February 14, 2026

Participation Agreement

Angler Participation Agreement and Release of Liability

HAVING ACQUAINTED MYSELF WITH THE RULES AND REQUIREMENTS IN THIS DOCUMENT, I UNDERSTAND I MUST SIGN AND DATE A COMPLETED PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AT REGISTRATION PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT AND ALSO COMPLETE THE ONLINE ENTRY FORM BY THE DEADLINE DATES PROVIDED BY TEAM KAYAK SERIES, LLC. (TKS) MY REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL TEAM KAYAK SERIES, LLC (TKS) ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR(S) RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT MY APPLICATION FOR ANY REASON AND, UPON SUCH REJECTION, TO REFUND THE DEPOSIT OR ENTRY FEE.

P1. COMPLIANCE WITH RULES

By signing this agreement, I (also referred to as “Angler”) hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all Tournament Rules, the Code of Conduct, payment schedules and all other guidelines and regulations in the 2026 Team Kayak Series (also referred to as "TKS") rules or otherwise communicated to me in writing by TKS. I also certify that I am a member in good standing with TKS, that I am physically fit and that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude my participation in the tournament series.

P2. RELEASE OF LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION

2.1. I expressly assume all risks associated with my participation in the series and for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns, I hereby waive, release and discharge Team Kayak Series, LLC, Events and their respective affiliates and subsidiaries (herein collectively “TKS”), the hosts, sponsors, and tournament series officials (“Released Parties”) from any and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses (including without limitation, attorney’s fees and related costs), of any kind (hereinafter “Claims”) arising out of or in connection with my participation in the tournament series, including but not limited to Claims involving, death, disability, personal injury and/or property damage. I hereby INDEMNIFY, HOLD HARMLESS AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE the Released Parties for any and all Claims arising as a result of my participation in this Tournament. I acknowledge that this Tournament may carry with it the potential for death, serious injury, illness and/or possible exposure to COVID-19 or other communicable diseases and personal loss. The risks may include, but are not limited to, those caused by water conditions, temperature, weather, equipment and the actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers and spectators. This release of liability shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law.

2.2. I shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Released Parties against all Claims, whether or not a lawsuit or other proceeding is filed, to the extent that they arise out of:
(1) my breach of the terms of this Agreement; (2) gross negligence or willful misconduct by me, my agents or those acting on my behalf; (3) my violation of any applicable law, ordinance, rule or regulation, including but not limited to all rules and guidelines applicable to tournament events; and (4) breach of any warranty provided by me to Released Parties hereunder. I shall provide TKS with prompt notice of any claim and give complete control of its defense and settlement to TKS. I shall also cooperate in all reasonable respects with TKS, its insurance company, the Released Parties (as applicable) and their legal counsel in the defense of such a claim. If I fail to promptly indemnify and defend a covered claim, the Released Parties shall have the right to defend themselves, and in such case, I shall promptly reimburse the Released Parties for all of their associated costs and expenses.

P3. GRANT OF RIGHTS

3.1. I hereby irrevocably grant permission to TKS, and its affiliates and subsidiaries, the successors of each of the foregoing, and each of their respective agents, licensees and assigns and those acting under their permission or upon their authority (collectively, the “Licensees”), in perpetuity, a worldwide, nonexclusive, royalty-free, fully paid-up license to reproduce, display, exhibit, publish, broadcast, distribute and otherwise use, and permit others to use, my name,

image, nickname, initials, symbols, likeness, signature, photograph, voice, statements, biographical material and any and all attributes of my personality and appearance (collectively, my "Identity") in materials created in connection with my participation in the series (collectively, the "Materials"), alone or with other materials, in connection with the promotion of TKS, and any tournaments or other events staged by TKS, in any and all manner and media now known or hereafter devised including, without limitation, in print, on television programs, on websites owned by or affiliated with the Licensees, on third-party websites, in social media channels, in public relations materials and for any lawful purpose in its sole discretion. During tournaments, I agree to promptly and fully comply with all filming, camera location and other rules, guidelines and instructions of TKS.

3.2. I hereby warrant that I have the right to make this release and that my granting of this release and the rights conveyed thereby will not infringe the rights of any third party. I represent and warrant that I have or shall obtain any rights and permissions from all third parties sponsoring or affiliated with me needed by TKS (the "Third Party Rights") to effectuate the grant of rights set forth in paragraph 3.1. These Third-Party Rights from sponsors and affiliates shall grant TKS the right to utilize such third-party logos, insignias, trade dress or other intellectual property (collectively "Third Party IP") shown in any Materials featuring me, or otherwise in connection with TKS's use of my Identity as set forth in the paragraph. Provided that such Third Party IP is only shown in conjunction with my Identity, (for example, on apparel worn by me or on items used by me), TKS shall not be required to seek approvals from such Third Parties.

3.3. I acknowledge that the Licensees have no obligation to use the Materials or my Identity. I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve any finished product or the use to which it is applied and I agree no further approval is required for the Licensees to use any Materials or my Identity and that the Licensees will not be liable to me for any distortion or illusionary effect resulting from the exhibition, publication or broadcast of the Materials or my Identity. I acknowledge and agree that no further payment or consideration will be due to me for TKS's use of the Materials or my Identity as authorized herein.

3.4. I acknowledge that all rights, titles, and interests to the Materials, including without limitation all copyrights and trademark rights, shall be the sole and exclusive property of TKS and that TKS has the unlimited right throughout the universe to edit, modify and otherwise use such Materials. With regard to the Licensees' exploitation of the rights granted hereunder, I, on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, hereby irrevocably: (a) release, discharge and waive all claims, demands, losses and liabilities of any nature against the Licensees that I, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns had, now have or hereafter may have, including, but not limited to, claims in the nature of copyright infringement, defamation, disparagement, slander, false light, violation of the right of privacy or publicity, or the like, and (b) covenant not to make any claims against any of the Licensees.

3.5. During tournaments, and subject to compliance with TKS guidelines, TKS hereby grants to the undersigned Angler, the right to create, use and publish Angler-created materials ("Angler Materials"), such as still photos and video shot by Angler, on Angler's website and social media channels. Angler may also live stream during a tournament. During Official Practice and/or competition, the use of drones by anglers is prohibited. TKS reserves the right to revoke this permission at any time if TKS at its discretion believes the content is inappropriate or in any way violates other TKS rules. Angler must remove such content within two (2) hours of notification.

P4. MISCELLANEOUS

4.1 Contingency Programs. Contingency programs are sponsor-funded programs developed to reward competitors based on a predefined set of criteria. Participation in contingency programs is at the Angler's discretion.

P5. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

If Angler elects to participate in other TKS-sanctioned tournaments, Angler will be required to execute a Participation Agreement containing the applicable rules and regulations, code of conduct and tournament series-specific content such as wrapped boat and uniform guidelines. Angler agrees to participate in programs recommended or developed by TKS that promote the growth of the sport and to fully support programs intended to raise awareness of my individual angler brand and identity.

P6. LEGAL

6.1 Truth Verification Test. By registering and signing the Participation Agreement, Angler agrees to submit to a truth verification test at any time and abide by its conclusion.

6.2 Communication. Angler must provide TKS with a current email address. Angler agrees that delivery of any notice, communication, guideline or instruction to Angler via email shall constitute notice to Angler and shall comply with any notice requirements set forth herein. Angler must also provide a personal cell number capable of receiving text messages from TKS.

6.3. Governing Law, Venue and Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in all respects in accordance with the substantive laws of the state of Georgia, without regard to its choice of law and/or conflicts of law principles. I irrevocably agree that any disputes directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be resolved exclusively in the state or federal courts located in Ware County, Georgia. I hereby irrevocably consent to such venue and to the exclusive jurisdiction of any such court over any such dispute.

6.4. Miscellaneous. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision herein. This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous oral and/or written representations, discussions, negotiations, understandings and/or agreements relating to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may not be modified except by an instrument in writing signed by both parties. In signing this document, I am not relying on any promises, representations or other statements that are not contained in this Agreement.

6.5. Electronic Signature. The execution of this document by electronic mail or by any other electronic or digital means shall be deemed to constitute effective execution of this document. Any signature transmitted by facsimile, email or other electronic or digital means shall be deemed an original signature for all purposes.

6.6 Requirement for Consent of Parent or Guardian. If I am under the age of majority in the state in which I reside, I understand that I must have the consent of my parent or guardian to participate in the tournament series. I agree to provide accurate and complete information to TKS to facilitate TKS's efforts to secure such consent. I acknowledge that my failure to provide accurate information or secure consent from my parent or guardian may result in my disqualification from the tournament series.

I UNDERSTAND I MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS AGREEMENT PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN THIS EVENT, AND THAT IF I AM UNDER THE AGE OF MAJORITY IN THE STATE IN WHICH I RESIDE, I MUST OBTAIN THE CONSENT OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT. MY REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL TKS ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, RECEIVES THE CONSENT OF MY PARENT OR GUARDIAN (IF APPLICABLE), AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DENY MY PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT SERIES OR ANY COMPONENT THEREOF FOR ANY REASON AND, UPON SUCH DENIAL, TO REFUND THE DEPOSIT OR ENTRY FEE.

I ATTEST THAT I HAVE READ AND HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RULES. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH CONTAINS LIABILITY AND OTHER RELEASE LANGUAGE, I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS. I HAVE VOLUNTARILY SIGNED THIS AGREEMENT.

Angler Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

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IF THE PERSON EXECUTING THE FOREGOING RELEASE IS A MINOR, THE FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:

I represent that I am a parent or legal guardian of the minor who has signed the above Agreement, and I hereby consent to the terms of set forth herein and agree

that we both shall be bound thereby. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS LIABILITY AND OTHER RELEASE LANGUAGE. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Content Usage Guidelines

TKS holds the content rights to the tournaments it owns and operates. However, TKS grants certain exceptions, including the following content rights, to tournament participants:

- Anglers may use video or still images, shot by the angler during a tournament, for promotional or marketing purposes on the Angler's website and on social media. You may also live stream during a tournament.
- During tournaments TKS may ask to mount a POV streaming camera in a competitor's boat (the footage may be used in TKS's web, TV or social media coverage). A competitor is required to comply, even if he already has a personal camera mounted in his boat. Refusing to comply may result in a penalty.
- Personal camerapersons or crews must be pre-approved by tournament officials before they are used during Official Practice and/or competition. If an angler has a preapproved personal cameraperson or crew following him/her on the water, that person or crew must not get in the way of TKS photographers or videographers who are covering the tournament. Off the water, they must follow the general guidelines of any media covering the tournament as set forth by TKS Communications.
- During Official Practice and/or competition, the use of drones by anglers is prohibited.
- Personal camerapersons or crews may use drones.
- Any photography and/or videography gathered by personal camerapersons or crews shall not be made available to any anglers during Official Practice or competition.
- TKS also encourages anglers to send photos, videos and updates to michael@teamkayakseries.com for exposure on TKS's web and social media pages.
- In social media, you may use our hashtag #teamkayakseries to amplify and spread your posts.

TKS reserves the right to revoke these exceptions, and the Angler must remove the tournament-related content, if TKS at its discretion believes the content is inappropriate or in any way violates other TKS rules.

TKS wants to help promote both your brand and the sport of professional bass fishing through its multimedia assets. If there are stories written about you or by you appearing on any of TKS's web, TV or social media outlets ("platforms"), TKS grants permission to link to these stories, and any others on our platforms, from your website or social media pages. You may also grab photos from TKS's platforms to promote yourself. Please credit TKS.

Official Rules of Competition

1. RULES AND PENALTIES:

The following rules shall apply to all Team Kayak Series ("TKS") tournaments, with the following exceptions: (i) rules for special tournaments may differ from those contained herein and (ii) these rules may be changed by TKS immediately upon notice by TKS to its members, which notice may be published on TKS's, web and/or social media platforms. This includes but is not limited to event-specific rules that may apply for specific tournaments. When applicable those adjusted rules will be posted on the event page in TourneyX and discussed in the Captain's Meeting for that event and will supersede these Official Rules for that event. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director(s) or his/her designee at a tournament. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director(s) or a rules committee may impose such sanctions as deemed appropriate by them, including without limitation, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. Subject to the appeal process set forth in Section 17 ("Truth Verification Test") below, the decision of the Tournament Director(s), his/her designee or the rules committee shall be final in all matters.

Except for very serious rules violations, as determined by TKS, and any rules that might lead to disqualification of an angler from participation in the Team Kayak Series tournaments or other TKS events, rules violations must be reported immediately to tournament officials within 24 hours of the final check-in on the day of the alleged violation.

Penalties for rules violations may include the following:

(a) Reduction of competition hours as determined by the Tournament Director(s).
(b) Loss of one or more fish caught in potential violation of rules or regulations.
(c) Loss of length(s) in 1/2" increments of one or more fish, with 1/2" being the minimum penalty and entire fish being the maximum penalty (see "b" above).
(d) Disqualification from the tournament in question.
(e) Disqualification from future TKS events, which may be from a specific number of events, a specific period of time or may be a lifetime disqualification.
(f) Any different or additional penalties determined by the Tournament Director(s) including, but not limited to, monetary fines and/or reduction of points toward championship qualification.
(g) All federal, state, and local laws, rules, markings, orders and warnings must be followed. Violation of any laws may be cause for penalization or disqualification.
(h) 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.

2. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:

(i) Participation in this tournament series is open only to current members of Team Kayak Series who are 16 years of age or older. Proof of age to the satisfaction of tournament officials is the responsibility of the potential competitor. Annual membership dues must be paid before participants will be allowed to compete in their first or any event in a calendar year. All annual memberships begin on January 1st and expire on December 31st regardless of when a participant pays his/her dues within that given year for that year. All annual membership dues for 2026 are $50 USD (plus processing fees) and are non-transferable and non-refundable and will not be discounted or prorated for anyone who pays/joins anytime after January 1st of a new year.

(ii) As implied in the name, Team Kayak Series is a team-based series. Specifically, all events will always be organized into 2-person teams where possible, with the only exceptions being those explained in Rules 2 v and vi. All prize monies, checks and/or trophies awarded at any events will be split between teammates (or "Alternates") as outlined here and in Rules 2 vi and x. The only exception is listed in Rule 2 v, regarding "Unintentional Solo" anglers.

(iii) Teams are free to choose their team names as long as said names are deemed appropriate and dissimilar from other already established team names, as determined by TKS officials. In order to earn Team of the Year (TOY) and Championship qualifying points, teams must keep the same team name for all of their qualifying events.

(iv) Anglers are free to choose their teammates, provided both anglers meet all eligibility requirements for participation, and unless an individual registers for an event without having already selected a teammate or

a predetermined "Alternate" as defined in Rule 2 x, or unless an angler/team has selected to compete in any event as an "Intentional Solo" as explained in Rule 2 vi.

(v) If any angler registers for any given event without having selected a teammate or a predetermined "Alternate" as defined in Rule 2 x, and they have not opted to compete as an "Intentional Solo" as defined in Rule 2 vi, they will be randomly paired by tournament officials with any other individual who has registered for the same event under the same conditions. In this scenario, no TOY points will be awarded and the event will not count as a qualifying event for the Championship. If there is no one to pair an individual with, and neither the "Alternate" or "Intentional Solo" exceptions are applicable, then the angler will be permitted to compete as an "Unintentional Solo". In this scenario, no TOY points will be awarded and the event will not count as a qualifying event for the Championship. Any prize monies, checks and/or trophies will be awarded to the "Unintentional Solo" angler.

(vi) As an option, teams will be allowed to participate in any TKS events, including the Championship with only one teammate participating as an "Intentional Solo". For this exception to apply BOTH eligible teammates MUST register AND pay all entry fees for any such event. In this scenario, TOY points will be awarded and the event will count as a qualifying event for the Championship. Any prize money, checks and/or trophies awarded in this scenario will be split between the teammates.

(vii) Anglers must keep the same teammate throughout the entirety of any single event they have registered for.

(viii) Anglers are not required to keep the same teammate at subsequent events, unless they intend to build points towards TOY and/or qualify to compete in the Championship. (see Rules 2 and 15)

(ix) A member/angler will be allowed one (1) permanent team member change per season, ONLY if their teammate either decides to dropout, or of necessity must discontinue participating for a period of time which would negatively affect the team's accumulation of TOY points and qualifying Championship events count. The new teammate must be selected before the next event's registration deadline, and must be preapproved by TKS officials. The member/angler that continues with a new teammate under this rule, will retain any previously earned TOY points and Championship qualifying events count for the team. The original team name must remain the same. If/when the teammate that discontinued participating decides and/or is able to return, they will need to establish a new team with a new teammate and a new team name, and with no previously accumulated TOY points nor Championship qualifying events to start. Any use of this entire rule must be coordinated and approved by TKS officials before any actions are taken.

(x) To receive the maximum TOY points, teams will use their best 3 out of 5 regular season events and must retain the same teammate throughout the season, with the only exceptions being Rule 2 ix, AND that each designated team (not individual anglers) is allowed ONE (1) designated "Alternate" per season at any ONE (1) event, including the Championship. An "Alternate" MUST be determined by the team and approved by TKS officials prior to registering for the event in which they will be used. In the event of any TOY points ties, at the conclusion of the regular season, the final TOY position will be decided by the tying team's placements at the Championship. When using an "Alternate" under this rule for any event, all prize monies, checks and/or trophies will be split between the regular teammate and the "Alternate".

(xi) All competitions are conducted/scored using TourneyX®. Each angler who wishes to participate in such an event must create a free, TourneyX user account before the first day of the competition.

(xii) A PROPERLY COMPLETED OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY TOURNEYX ON OR BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE.

(xiii) The registration deadline for a particular event will be at 11:59 pm on the Thursday before the official start of the event, going by the local time of the event headquarters.

(xiv) Entry fees are nonrefundable and nontransferable regardless of the date of the cancellation once you have been confirmed in a tournament. Anglers who are on the waiting list will be refunded the entry fee if they have not been confirmed in the tournament for which they registered. Any exceptions to this rule will be at the sole discretion of tournament officials and considered on a case by case basis.

(xv) Each calendar year prior to competing in a Team Kayak Series event, all competitors must complete a W-9 and, when required, a FORM 590 or W-8 BEN provided by TKS. If tax status or address changes occur, new forms must be submitted prior to participation in the next TKS event. Tournament entry fees must be received by the tournament management app on or before the entry deadline date. The Tournament Director reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of applications prior to the deadline and the right to extend the acceptance date.

(xv) Any person under the age of majority in the state in which they reside entering a tournament must also have permission and a signed release from a parent or legal guardian.

3. OFF-LIMITS, PRACTICE AND COMPETITION:

(i) TKS **DOES NOT** implement an 'off-limits' rule for tournament waters prior to any events, however there is an 'Official Practice' period. See **Rule 3. iii** below, for start and end times of the Official Practice period. Specific rules apply during the Official Practice period (see **Rules 3, iii, iv, and vi below**). There are no specific restrictions to any practice done on tournament waters prior to the Official Practice period other than those listed in **Rule 4. "SOLICITATION OF INFORMATION"**

(ii) All contestants must have a valid fishing license for the state in which the tournament is taking place. Failure to provide proof of a valid fishing license at registration will incur a $50 penalty. The penalty must be paid and proof of a valid fishing license must be provided before the contestant will be allowed to compete.

(iii) The Official Practice period will begin at safe light the Saturday prior to each event and conclude the following Friday at 4pm. All anglers must be off the water by 4pm the Friday prior to each event. These days/times may be adjusted by tournament officials for events lasting more than 2 days or as otherwise deemed necessary.

(iv) Pre-fishing during the Official Practice period with non-competitors is not allowed and could result in a penalty or disqualification. Personal camera crew(s) must be preapproved with TKS officials in advance and cannot use any fishing gear or scanning electronics or help anglers in any way. This includes the sharing of any photography/videography with anglers during Official Practice or competition.

(v) Competitors are not allowed on tournament waters following the completion of Day 1 until First Cast on day 2. Scouting in new waters after fishing ends on Day 1 is not allowed. Anglers are expected to immediately proceed back safely to their take-out once fishing ends on Day 1. The same applies to the 2nd day for 3-day events.

(vi) All practice during Official Practice and competition must be done in a vessel in accordance with Section 8 ("Kayak Regulation"). If kayaks are legally licensed, electric motors will be permitted. All state rules for motorized kayaks apply. Failure to comply may result in disqualification or suspension of motor use.

(vii) Testing equipment on tournament waters after the start of the pre-tournament meeting is NOT permitted for any reason, except with permission from the Tournament Director

4. SOLICITATION OF INFORMATION:

The soliciting for (asking for), purchasing of, or bartering for information from anyone other than your designated teammate or other registered competitor, for the purpose of locating or catching fish on tournament waters, including, but not limited to, GPS waypoints (other than through commercially available sources) and the hiring of fishing guide services is not permitted during the OFFICIAL PRACTICE period through the conclusion of the tournament.

(i) Hiring or using a guide in any way including any communications in regards to tournament waters within 21 days of the event is prohibited.

(ii) Quasi-public websites, blogs and/or social media pages set up for the specific purpose of sharing information with individuals or a small group of individuals are NOT publicly available sources.

(iii) For multi-day events, once tournament officials determine daily cuts, if any exist, competitors not making the cut are no longer considered in the tournament and may not be solicited for information.

(iv) With the exception of the allowance for teammates to communicate verbally AND electronically, on the water verbal ONLY communication (meaning no electronic devices) between competitors (or competing teams) is allowed, including after lines out of a multi-day event, but subject to the restrictions outlined in Rule 4 .(iii).

(v) During tournament hours (First Launch through Lines Out) an electronic device may not be used to speak to someone in or outside of the tournament, except with your designated teammate, about tournament waters, fishing strategies, techniques, etc. The device can only be used for communication between teammates and TKS staff communication, social media updates, safety checks, ride coordination and/or work and family urgent situations/emergencies. Angler content (photos/videos) can be uploaded to TKS platforms.

(vi) Any questions or concerns about tournament rules or violations need to be communicated with TKS staff immediately and initially to be considered.

5. PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING/CHECK-IN (CAPTAIN'S MEETING):

It is MANDATORY that all contestants attend the pre-tournament check-in, board check, license check and briefing. These dates, times and locations will always be published on the TourneyX event page of each event. Each contestant must check-in prior to the pre-tournament briefing in-person and at the designated location. Any exceptions to this mandatory in-person check-in rule will be determined by TKS officials on a case by case basis.

6. SAFETY:

Safe boating must be observed at all times. During the official practice and competition, each competitor is required to wear a fastened chest-type U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device while fishing from or maneuvering their kayak during tournament hours. PFD MUST BE VISIBLE and worn on top of your clothing. Inflatable belt-type PFDs are not allowed. Failure to wear an approved PFD during Official Practice and/or competition will carry severe penalties as deemed appropriate by TKS officials, including disqualification.

(i) All kayaks must be equipped with an emergency whistle and a 360-degree light or installed LEDs that are visible from all angles.

(ii) It is suggested that all competitors perform a safety check prior to each day's competition.

(iii) At the discretion of the Tournament Director(s), tournament days may be shortened, postponed or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions, or other circumstances that may result in unsafe conditions.

(iv) Competitors are expected to use sound judgment and are accountable for his/her own actions when faced with a potentially dangerous situation (i.e., lightning, excessive wind, pleasure boaters, hunters, etc.).

(v) IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, COMPETITORS SHOULD CALL 911 FIRST AND THEN NOTIFY TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

(vi) COMPETITORS ARE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE KAYAK AND SEEK SAFE SHELTER IN BAD WEATHER WHERE DANGER MAY BE IMMINENT.

7. ANGLER CODE OF CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP:

(i) Competitors in TKS tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles, as determined by TKS officials, may be deemed a cause for penalization or disqualification.

(ii) Use of alcohol or the use of drugs (other than those drugs purchased over-the-counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any competitor, during the official practice or during the tournament, will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future TKS tournaments. No alcoholic beverages or prohibited drugs shall be allowed in the boats during the official practice or competition days.

(iii) Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor, which reflects unfavorably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters and courtesy, may lead to penalization or disqualification.

(iv) All competitors are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various states in which they fish. Some regulations may differ from these rules resulting in fines, citations or other penalties at the discretion of law enforcement and may or may not result in tournament penalties. Competitors are responsible for research of fishing and boating regulations.

(v) Anglers participating in any TKS-sanctioned event shall observe this code of conduct and the applicable rules for the specific event in which they are participating. Anglers and family members of anglers shall at all times conduct themselves in a professional manner that demonstrates integrity, honor and respect toward fellow competitors, tournament staff and the general public and does not reflect unfavorably on TKS, its members, officers or representatives, tournaments or sponsors.

(vi) Anglers are frequently in the public eye and are considered role models by young people; therefore, it is imperative that tournament competitors demonstrate good sportsmanship in fishing. Sportsmanship is defined as fair play, respect for opponents and polite behavior while competing in the sport.

(vii) The following are examples of unacceptable behavior by competitors or family members of competitors in TKS events that will be cause for penalties as outlined in this document:

a. Heated public disagreements with TKS officials, other competitors, fans and volunteers during an event.

b. Public attacks through media, including social media, upon the integrity of TKS rules or officials.

c. Public comments that an angler or family member knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of TKS, TKS officials and its sponsors.

d. Displays of anger and displeasure for reasons related to fishing competition or the event, where members of the public, including other anglers, spectators and the media, are present.

e. Publicly questioning or criticizing a tournament official or official decision, ruling or penalty except through the proper channels.

f. Abuse (physical, verbal, threatening or slanderous) of tournament officials, volunteers, fellow competitors or others connected with a TKS event, including comments on social media.

g. Offensive or slanderous comments with racial, cultural or sexual overtones regarding event

officials, event personnel or fellow anglers.

h. Intentionally interfering with a fellow angler's ability to compete (for example, working with a non-competitor to block other anglers or hold spots before or during tournament hours).

(viii) Any disqualification, suspension, or other disciplinary action imposed by any tournament or fishing organization may result in penalization or disqualification from competition and rejection of an application for participation in a TKS tournament.

(ix) Chemical substance addiction or abuse, the conviction of a felony or crimes involving moral turpitude may be grounds for penalization or disqualification from the competition and for rejecting any application for participation. Any angler who violates any of the provisions of the Sportsmanship Rules or the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to fines, reduction of points, forfeiture of tournament winnings and suspension from competing in individual TKS-sanctioned events, permanent ban from competition or any combination thereof deemed appropriate by TKS.

(x) Anglers are allowed to communicate with one another while in proximity as long as there is no intentional sharing to gain a competitive advantage. This rule does not apply to teammates.

(xi) In both Official Practice and competition, competitors are required to have all licenses and permits required on the tournament waters in which they fish. (See Rule 2 i)

8. KAYAK REGULATION:

(i) Watercraft propulsion is restricted to paddle, pedal, pole or electric motor. (See electric motor restrictions, below in Subsection 8(ii).)

(ii) Unless specifically prohibited, the use of electric motors in competition is approved with the following restrictions:

a. Electric motor must be attached to the kayak in a safe manner for operation.

b. An electric motor used to propel a watercraft needs to meet the following criteria or be approved by a TKS official:

i. Manufacturer's labeled Maximum HP/Thrust Capacity

ii. 3 HP

iii. 155 foot-pounds of thrust

c. Competitors must comply with all boating regulations pertaining to motorized kayak/electric-propulsion watercraft registration, use and operating restrictions for the designated fishing area.

d. No more than one electric motor may be attached or even aboard a kayak regardless of combined horsepower/thrust/power rating.

e. Motors with dual props operated by a single power source are permissible as long as the unit is manufactured and sold as a single unit.

(iii) Vessel must be 9 feet minimum and shorter than 18 feet.

(iv) Allowed vessels include those that the manufacturer identifies and sells as a kayak, including inflatable kayaks and modular kayaks, stand-up paddle boards (SUP) and canoes.

(v) Other watercraft must be specifically approved as exceptions in advance of competition by TKS Management.

(vi) Catamaran-style personal fishing vessels complying with all other regulations will be eligible.

(vii) No "homemade" kayaks, sailboats, jon boats, pirogues, coracles, rowboats, dinghies, skiffs, float tubes, inflatable rafts or rigid inflatable boats (e.g., Zodiac), pontoon boats, pontoon-style pond boats, twin-hull watercraft or similar.

(viii) The use of a manual or motorized anchor system is permitted.

(ix) Mother shipping, tethering/holding is strictly prohibited, even among teammates. Any transportation coordination with a non-competitor is also strictly prohibited unless approved by TKS officials due to an emergency.

(x) By officially entering, contestants agree to submit their kayak to an inspection by TKS personnel.

9. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:

(i) All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner by the angler from out of their vessel with no outside assistance from anyone including teammates.

(ii) All lures must adhere to state regulations.

(iii) Only artificial lures may be used, with the exception of pork trailers and biodegradable soft baits.

(iv) Alabama rigs and similar umbrella-type rigs are allowed and are only limited by the laws within the state where the competitors are fishing.

(v) Only ONE (1) fishing rod may be used at a time.

(vi) 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.

(vii) Trolling as a method of fishing is NOT allowed. Long lining and drifting with current/wind are allowed.

(viii) All bass caught while sight fishing must be hooked inside the mouth.

(ix) No fish are to be kept on stringers. Fish gripping devices are acceptable to temporarily hold fish in the water.

(x) As a Catch/Photo/Release (CPR) series, competitors will be penalized for having more than one fish in their possession at any given moment, except in situations where the competitor catches multiple fish on one lure on any one cast. In this instance, it is allowed to hold any extra fish in a manner that preserves the life of the fish (no stringers) until each fish can be immediately processed for submission, released and before beginning the next submission.

10. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:

(i) Unique restrictions, designated launch points, official tournament waters, other location mandates and/or rules may be issued for individual events, in which case they would supersede these Official Rules. (See Rule 1)

(ii) Contestants will be provided with official water launches and/or boundaries and restrictions specific to each event. Failure to comply will lead to penalization or disqualification.

(iii) In the event that portaging is allowed, anglers will not be allowed to exit the streambed to access the surrounding property to do so. (A streambed is the channel bottom of a stream or river, the physical confines of the normal water flow. The lateral confines or channel margins are known as the stream banks or riverbanks during all but flood stages.) Failure to do so will lead to penalization or disqualification.

(iv) Portaging is prohibited unless posted otherwise.

(v) Unless posted otherwise, competitors must be able to float in AND out or through an area during tournament days for it to be considered legal waters. Anglers can use pedal/ paddle/push pole/motor to navigate. If an angler's kayak bottoms out and becomes completely or partially immobilized while navigating, they are no longer considered floating and cannot pass over. Kayak can be reoriented to eligible water. Anglers are responsible for verifying their launch is on the designated list as well as paying any launch fee required to utilize the facility.

(vi) Anglers can launch at more than one (1) legal location during a tournament day.

(vii) Anglers do not have to take out where they launched as long as the take-out is also a legal launch unless there is an emergency communicated with the TKS staff.

(viii) Ride coordination and shuttling are allowed, but ONLY among teammates and/or competitors, except for emergency situations.

(ix) Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters available to the public 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 TKS, commercial property owners and/or local, state or federal officials. Failure to follow this rule will lead to penalization or disqualification, regardless of the legality of any such postings, designations or restrictions.

(x) All fishing must be conducted from inside the kayak unless otherwise stated by tournament officials. Only an angler's arm or arms can extend into the water to help land a fish they hooked legally.

(xi) At no time may a contestant leave the kayak to land a fish, photograph/submit a fish or make the kayak more accessible to fishing waters unless allowed in the event and communicated by the Tournament Director(s). So long as they remain "aboard", anglers can beach their kayaks to take safe pictures for submission.

(xii) The cutting of trees, bushes and/or logs, or digging access trenches/ditches after the start of the official practice period and/or the removal of official local, state or federal barricades at any time to make an area more accessible by kayak is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification from the tournament. Failure to comply will lead to penalization or disqualification.

(xiii) Boats may never be tethered to buoys or safety signs.

(xiv) The use of cables, ropes, chains or any type of block and tackle system to maneuver a kayak into fishing waters is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply will lead to penalization or disqualification.

(xv) Using any items, including the kayak or fishing line, to block an area off to other competitors or anglers is strictly prohibited. Failure to comply will lead to penalization or disqualification.

11. SCORING:

(i) 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.

(ii) Each competitor will be provided with a unique identifier for the tournament.

(iii) Each regular season event will be 2-day events, unless Rule 6 iii applies, with lines-in and lines-out times for each day. These times will be provided prior to the start of the Official Practice period of each event.

(iv) Scores will be given in total inches by combining each team's ten (10) longest fish over the 2-day period, regardless of which of the two tournament days the fish were caught on, and regardless of which teammate caught them.

(v) Officials will round down and to the nearest 1/4 inch.

(vi) Only the Black Bass Species consisting of the following: Largemouth, Spotted, Guadalupe, Shoal and Smallmouth, and any hybrid of the above, are accepted species.

(vii) All fish must measure a minimum of 12 inches. Bass submitted that fail to measure 12 inches with mouth completely closed will not be scored.

(viii) A submitted fish will only count once to a team's aggregate score for all days of the tournament.

12. MEASURING DEVICE:

(i) The only approved measuring devices for 2026 TKS events include all Ketch Products measuring boards, the BUBBA Bump Board and the YakAttack® LeaderBoard. All measuring boards must be checked/inspected at each event's registration meeting prior to the start of any competition. Anglers may opt to submit any back-up boards for inspection. Anglers must present their own board(s), and cannot do so for another angler.

(ii) Your measuring device may be inspected by TKS staff at any time before, during or after the tournament.

(iii) Anyone found to be using a measuring device that is determined to be uninspected or otherwise not legal will be penalized or disqualified from the tournament.

13. PHOTO CRITERIA:

(i) These items are included in the rules for the tournament director(s)/judge(s) to establish the criteria for fish submissions/catch to be scored accurately. Failure to comply with these criteria may or may not result in penalization or disqualification.

(ii) Anglers must be prepared to manually upload pictures with the cables, cords and software required to download photos via a USB port to the official judge's device.

(iii) Each fish photo must include all of the following criteria to avoid penalties or disqualification:

a. The entire fish, from the tip of the lip to the end of the tail, on an approved measuring device, while in a tournament legal vessel.

b. Pinching and holding of the tail is permitted, provided that no portion of the very end of the fish is covered. Tournament officials must be able to see the tip of the tail to the measuring board, including the measuring board markings, with no obstruction(s).

c. Lying with the tip of the lip against the post end of the measuring device.

d. The mouth of the fish must be CLOSED COMPLETELY.

e. The tail of the fish must be lying flat on the board and will be measured to the longest point.

f. The fish must be facing to the left, tail to the right, belly toward the angler.

g. Measuring device markings must be clearly visible, including the actual numbers.

h. Only one hand, if any, may be used to hold the fish or even appear in the photo submission.

i. Assigned unique identifier must be visible, with no obstructions, and it must not cover any portion of the fish, unless the identifier is written on the one hand holding the fish.

j. One overhead photo shot frame (not shot at an angle).

(iv) Fish must be clear of any holding devices including fishing lure, hook or line. Failure to comply will lead to fish being disqualified.

a. Lip, eye and tail end cannot be obstructed in the photo, even by your hand or identifier.

b. Hand and fingers must not be under the gill plate.

c. Original/Raw photo only. Screenshots, crops, duplicates and edited photos will be disqualified. DO NOT ROTATE PHOTOS.

(iv) Although not required for initial submissions, for challenge purposes, it is suggested that the angler take a release video beginning with the fish on the board and showing the identifier, and then the fish actively swimming away. Failure to produce a release video in the event of a legitimate challenge from another competitor or judge, as determined by TKS staff, could result in penalization or disqualification.

(v) A submitted fish will only count once to a team's aggregate score for all days of the tournament.

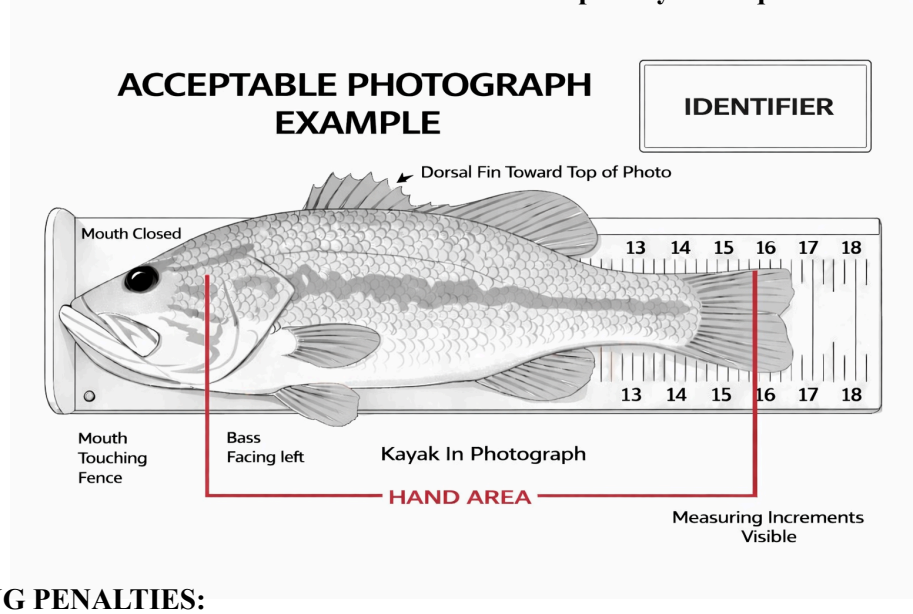
(vi) Photo submissions and release videos must be completed with the same handheld electronic device.

(vii) The handheld electronic device used for photo submissions and release videos must also be the same device used for uploading entries to the approved Tournament Management System (TMS) (TourneyX). This device must be capable of "geo-tagging" photos and videos, and must have "geo-tagging" active for any photo submissions and release videos to be approved/scored. Photos/videos taken with other devices, including but not limited to action cameras, will not be allowed for fish submissions, but may be used by TKS officials, at their discretion, for validations when assessing any challenges or discrepancies in original submissions.

(viii) Any questionable issues with a fish should be immediately brought to the TKS official's attention.

(ix) The quality of the photo submitted is the responsibility of the angler. If the quality of the submitted photo is not sufficient for judges to confidently score the fish, that submission will be disqualified.

****All criteria above must be met to avoid immediate penalty or disqualification ****



14. SCORING PENALTIES:

(i) Mouth cracked or slightly open: 0.5 inch deduction
(ii) Mouth open or no attempt to close: 1-2 inch deduction
(iii) Lip or tail not touching board: No score
(iv) Rounded down to the next 1/4- inch mark. (No score if below minimum.)
(v) Other violations will be judged on a case by case basis

15. TOY POINTS & ADVANCING TO THE TEAM SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP (TSC):

(i) For 2026, teams finishing the season in the top 50% of TOY points will qualify to compete in the Team Series Championship (TSC). If eligible, TOY points will be awarded at each regular season event depending on where the team places. For TOY eligibility, please see Rule 2 x. At the end of the regular season, the team's maximum points will be based on their best three finishes. Anglers must compete in all TOY qualifying events with their designated teammates, with the only exceptions being those outlined in Rules 2 vi, ix and x. Five hundred (500) TOY points will be awarded to the 1st place team at each regular season event, with every subsequent place having a 5 point decrement. For example:

1st Place = 500 points

2nd Place = 495 points

3rd Place = 490 points (and so on)

(ii) The Championship (TSC) format will be a three day event. All qualifying teams that register, will compete in the first two days as usual. At the conclusion of Day 2, the top 50% of the field will progress to Day 3, where scores will be reset to zero.

16. TIES:

(i) Any ties will be broken between teams by the longest fish, followed by the next-longest fish until all fish that are part of each team's limits have been accounted for. If a tie still exists, the tiebreaker will be based on the timestamp of when their longest fish was submitted, and so on, until resolved. For regular season events, if a tie still exists, the Tournament Director(s) will divide any prizes between the tying teams. TOY points will be awarded for the place of the tied position, and each team will be awarded equal points. In case of any such tie still existing at the Team Series Championship (TSC), there will be a sudden-death fish-off between the tied teams under the direction of and special rules established by tournament officials.

(ii) Big bass ties will be broken by the 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 the timestamp of the earliest photo submitted of their largest fish.

17. TRUTH VERIFICATION TEST:

By registering and/or placing his/her signature on the official tournament entry form, each competitor agrees to submit to a truth verification test and abide by its conclusion should he/she be accused of any rule violation. The Tournament Director(s), rules committee or such person designated by the Tournament Director(s) shall have the discretion to determine the need for a truth verification test. Failure of a truth verification examination is not appealable. The Tournament Director(s) or his/her designee shall be responsible for selecting an independent expert to administer and interpret the results and establishing, in consultation with the expert administrator, the scope of the questions which may be asked during the test. The Tournament Director(s) or his/her designee shall have the sole responsibility of selecting the location, date and time of the test nearest TKS headquarters with respect to all concerned parties' schedules and travel costs. The competitor shall make himself/herself available at the location selected by the Tournament Director(s) and shall cooperate in all respects with such a test. Anglers taking a truth verification test may be responsible for all costs incurred. Random truth verifications tests may be administered on-site during the course of a Team Kayak Series event. A failure or inability to submit to a truth verification test may be grounds for a disqualification at the discretion of TKS officials.

18. PROTESTS AND REPORTING PROCEDURES:

Each competitor agrees to report to the Tournament Director(s) immediately any violation or infraction of any tournament rules. Failure to report violations may be cause for penalization or disqualification. OFFICIAL PROTESTS MUST BE FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1 ("Rules and Penalties"). ALL PARTIES OF INTEREST WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A COPY. An appeals committee will be established by TKS, which shall comprise three (3) members of the Team Kayak Series advisory board who are not competitors in the event in question. If three (3) non-competing advisory board members are unavailable, the number of non-competing anglers to form an appeals committee of three (3) will be chosen by TKS staff. Appeals must be presented in writing 48 hours from the time and date of ruling to the Tournament Director(s). Appeals hearings shall take place within seven (7) business days from the date of receipt of the written appeal, and all parties must make themselves available at the prescribed time of hearing. If competitors admit to a rules violation, they may not file an appeal of either the finding that they have violated the rules or the penalty imposed for the violation. Decisions of the appeals committee shall be final.

19. TAXES:

Where and when state laws require income taxes be paid on cash awards to nonresidents, the taxes will be automatically deducted prior to the awards being presented to the winners. Competitors are responsible for all applicable taxes on both cash and merchandise awards. Various states require withholding tax on merchandise be paid upon the awarding of certificates, and anglers awarded merchandise certificates in these states are responsible for remitting their tax to TKS. Failure to meet those obligations may result in reduction of points, fines, other penalties and/or disqualification from all future TKS events.

20. WAIVER AND RELEASE:

As a condition of participation in each tournament, each competitor must execute a waiver and release of liability, and a name and likeness release.

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