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2. ENTRY

1. All anglers must pay **prior** to the event.
2. All anglers must hold a valid fishing license.
3. A life jacket must be in the angler's possession at all times.
4. Entry into the tournament implies full agreement to all rules listed herein.

3. GENERAL RULES

1. Conduct yourself with integrity — **no cheating will be tolerated.**
2. Fish may not be placed in ice chests, baskets, stringers, or similar containers.
3. All fish must be caught **live and fresh** during the tournament.
4. Only **one rod** may be used at a time. Trolling with one rod is permitted/allowed.
5. **Artificial lures only** — no live bait.
6. Fish must be caught using **rod and reel only.**
7. Appropriate lighting is required during low light or dark conditions.

4. QUALIFIED FISH

1. A tournament identifier must be clearly visible in **every submitted photo.**
2. Fish will be measured to the **nearest ¼ inch**, rounding **down.**
3. The tail must visibly **touch or cross** the ¼ inch increment lines on an approved measuring device.

5. PHOTO CRITERIA

1. The entire fish must be visible in the photo.
2. **No cropping, enhancing, or rotating** allowed.
3. Fish mouth must face **left**, with the mouth closed (a 0.25"–0.5" deduction applies if open).
4. Dorsal fin must be **facing upward/north—belly south.**
5. Photo must be taken **directly above the fish**, not at an angle.
6. The **fish's eye must be visible** and not obstructed.

7. Hands must **not cover the fish's gills or tail**.
8. All submitted photos will be reviewed for **integrity**, including verification of location, time, date, and metadata to ensure authenticity.

6. APPROVED MEASURING DEVICES

1. Only the following boards are permitted:
 - All **Ketch** models
 - All **YakAttack** models
2. A sticker or mirror at the lip end of the board is allowed.
3. **Any modifications intended to manipulate measurements** will result in disqualification.
4. Measuring boards **must NOT** include guard rails. Submissions using such equipment **will not be accepted**.

7. TIE BREAKERS

- In the event of a tie, **the first angler to submit their longest fish** will be declared the winner.

8. POLYGRAPH

1. If an angler suspects cheating during the tournament, please contact the director. A **polygraph test can be arranged**, with half the cost covered by the director.
2. **Refusing a polygraph will be considered grounds for disqualification** and will result in being **banned from future participation** in this tournament.