

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TOURNAMENT

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry is by qualification or invitation and is open to all Clubs / Societies and their members who meet with the following requirements:

- Zimbabwean Clubs / Societies must be properly constituted and fully paid up members of the NAUZ (Union).
- Non Zimbabwean Clubs / Societies must be fully paid up members of the Angling Union or Association of that country subject to proof of membership of their Home Union.
- To have International Status teams must compromise of at least three members from that country. Teams' status at the start of the first day will remain the same for the duration of the tournament.
- Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form. Change of Competitors' names on the entry forms will only be permitted provided that proof of membership can be furnished.
- All teams, once they have registered, will be allocated numbers on their arrival at the KITFT office at NAUZ Charara site.
- Entry forms must be completed in full and addressed and delivered to the designated receiver.

FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR ENTRIES

- The closing date for the acceptance of entries will be published in advance.
- The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries without recourse.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal or non-arrival unless authorised by the committee.

TEAMS

- A team may consist of four persons and two reserves / drivers who must be registered. These reserves may replace any one of the team members on any of the three days of the tournament, provided prior consent is granted by the Committee and the reserve's name was entered on the original entry form.
- Only individuals in a four-man team can compete for the individual trophies.
- A minimum of two anglers per boat. No angler may fish in a boat alone.

BOATS

- Boats remain the sole responsibility of the individual competitors.
- A team may use a maximum of two boats, for the duration of the tournament (i.e. 0600 to 1630 on Tournament days). Replacement of boats due to breakdown must be sanctioned by the Committee. It is a contravention of the rules for a team or competitor to seek or accept assistance of an individual vessel or vessels for the purpose of trying to increase their catch of fish. The bona fide rendering or seeking assistance in the event of a breakdown, accident, medical reasons or any other like emergency is permitted.
- A competing boat may not fish within 100 metres of another boat without invitation.
- Under no circumstances will competitors be allowed to carry passengers in their boats without prior consent from the organising Committee.
- Boats may not reserve spots. Do not claim a tree or area as yours. No complaints will be entertained by the Committee.
- To indicate that you are fishing at a preferred area you must either be anchored or tied with your motor raised.
- Safety equipment as listed on the Safety and Survey form is compulsory and any Boat not having this equipment will result in the Team's catch for the day being disqualified. Marshals will make random checks throughout the Tournament.

CAPTAINS

The Captains Meeting will be held 16:00 hours on the Tuesday preceding the tournament. It is imperative that each team be represented by one member.

CHECK IN / OUT

- Each team will receive two identification tags when registering their team at the KITFT Charara Site Office. These tags must be handed in by each boat, into a collection point, as from 0400 hours prior to the start of each day's fishing. The tag system is administrated on the water.
- On completion of the day's fishing, teams must collect their tags at the Weigh Bay, whether they are weighing in or not. Any teams who have not collected their tags before 18:00 hours will face disciplinary action.
- The tag system must be strictly adhered to, to avoid possible disqualification. This system enables the Committee to know which teams have checked out and will be competing on the following day. It also enables the Committee to ascertain who is not competing and more importantly who has not returned and may be stranded on the lake.

MARSHALS

Marshals will be in attendance at Charara and on the Lake. They will be identifiable by their printed shirts and / or armbands and their duties will be:

- The right to examine all boats and tackle of competitors prior to the teams registering at the KITFT office.
- To patrol the lake during the tournament to ensure competitors abide by the rules.

- To render assistance to competitors in the event of an emergency.

EZYTRACK

- All boats to be fitted with tracking supplied by Ezytrack for safety measures to the anglers.

ELIGIBLE FISH / SCORING SYSTEM

- Only Tiger Fish (*Hydrocynus Vittatus*) of length of 30cm or more will be eligible.
- A bag limit of 20 fish per team per day, shall apply.
- A length to weight formula will be applied to calculate the points per fish.

THE START

- The tournament will commence at 0600 hours daily. The signal to start will be the firing of a flare at Charara Point.
- The start will be an imaginary line running from the Charara Point to the Zebra Gap.
- In order to avoid disqualification, no competing boat or angler may proceed beyond the imaginary line before the official start.
- All boats must be behind the Start line between 05:45 hours and 06:00 hours.
- Lines may not be wet until after the official start, i.e. 0600 hours.

THE FINISH AND WEIGH-IN

The gates to the weigh bay (long bar) enclosure will be closed promptly at 16:30 hours. All fish not in the enclosure by the prescribed time will not be accepted for weighing under any circumstances.

EQUIPMENT

- The maximum accepted breaking strain of line for the tournament shall not exceed 10 kilograms.
- There will be no restrictions on the number of fishing rods a competitor may use.
- All other equipment and methods shall be strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations as laid down by IGFA.

FISHING BOUNDARIES, DELAYS, CALL OFFS

- The organising committee will have the power to determine the fishing boundaries and may change them from day to day as circumstances dictate.
- The Committee may delay or call off any day of the tournament, if in the opinion of the committee, in consultation with Lake Captain, the lake becomes too rough, thereby posing a possible danger to competitors and equipment.
- In the event of a call off, the day will be declared null and void for all competitors.

TIES

- In the event of teams tying for certain trophies where bonus points? have been awarded, the team with the longest will be declared the winner.
- In all other instances where bonus points have not been awarded, the honours will be shared.

INFRINGEMENTS OF RULES / DISPUTES / DISQUALIFICATION

- Clubs / Societies will at all times be held responsible for the actions of their members. Should any rule or regulation be breached by a member, the club in it's entirety, at the discretion of the disciplinary committee may be barred from entering teams for the following year.
- Should an individual competitor breach any rule or regulations governing the tournament, the competitor in question together with his/ her team members may face immediate disqualification from the tournament. Furthermore, the entire team and its members may be barred from competing for a minimum of a further two tournaments after which time their application for readmission will be considered by the disciplinary committee.
- The following will not be tolerated: unsporting conduct, such as causing deliberate disturbance to fellow competitors in any form, fishing before time and generally, in the opinion of the organising committee, the rules and the spirit of the tournament have been abused, in which case the appropriate action will be taken.
- Complaints must be substantiated with positive proof in order for the committee to take any action and must be lodged by 16:30 hours on the day of the alleged breach of rules and / or regulations.
- The organising committee is empowered to change any rule or to introduce new rules where it sees fit, provided these changes are advantageous to the tournament.

INDEMNITY

The organising committee of the annual Kariba Invitational Tiger Fish Tournament (Inter-Club) will in no way, whatsoever be responsible for the death or injury to persons or loss or damage to personal effects or property prior to, during or after the tournament and entry is at the sole risk of the competitor.

APPROVAL

The tournament has been approved by the Lake Captain, National Parks and the Sports Commission, which have powers and authority over and in the venue of the tournament, the Kariba area generally and persons entering the area and using the Lake.

TEST OF THE BEST TOURNAMENT

All KITFT rules and regulations, IGFA rules and regulations will apply. Replacement team members are as specified below:

- In the event that a team qualifies for the Test of the Best Tournament, only members of that team or their nominated reserves may fish.
- In the event that the team cannot field four members for the Test of the Best Tournament, the remaining members will be deemed to be the full team.
- Any withdrawals from the Test of the Best Tournament must be in writing to:- The Chairman of KITFT Committee and will be replaced by the next best team from KITFT.
- Any withdrawals must be received at least 28 days prior to the tournament.
- Teams representing fishing clubs from outside Zimbabwe may choose any replacements at the discretion of the KITFT Committee.
- Fishing areas will be at the discretion of the KITFT Committee.