2019 BENEFIT BOWFISHING TOURNAMENT RULES

Saturday July 27th- 9am-4pm

(must be in no wake zone of dock you launch from both days at above time)

BOWFISHING TOURNAMENT RULES NOTE: READ CAREFULLY!!

1. Registration will close 60 minutes prior to the tournament starting.

2. All arrows must have a line attached to it for retrieval. This line must be attached to a reel on the bow.  All fish must be shot with a bow.

 3. You may have as many participants as you can safely load on the boat per team. (coast guard rules apply)

4. **Boundary**,  Blackfoot Reservoir only for the boat teams, Blackfoot and Alexander Reservoirs for the wading class. Designated Launches will be announced at the tourney meeting Saturday morning at 7:45 am

 5. Trailering will be allowed but only one boat to be used per team.

 6. The awards for tournaments will be presented at an awards ceremony as soon as possible after the check in. Awards will be given according to the RMBA schedule.

7. Weigh in will be at the Grace venue as previously done at the ranch.

8. When arriving at the tournament PLEASE register in as soon as possible.

9. A penalty of one fish will be accessed to any shooter in the wading class returning late for up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, any shooter not reported in will be disqualified. .  **NO grace period will be extended for the Big Fish, Big 5 or Big 10, if you are late returning you will be disqualified.** Big fish  and Little fish will be separate from the Big 10 so 12 fish will need to come back to weigh in.

10. NO shooting on tournament waters 3 days prior to the start of any tournament.

11. No baiting or chumming during any tournament.  (automatic DQ!)

12. Only Carp are to be counted.

 13. Wade fishing (leaving the confines of the boat) is legal during Utah events but is NOT allowed in our Idaho events (unless signed up for Wading/Bank shooting class only) **NOTE**: Wading class may shoot Blackfoot Reservoir, Alexander Reservoir, but must be at weigh in by 4:00 pm.

14. Snares, dip nets, gigs are not allowed. Gaffs are allowed for fish retrieval.

 15. Disqualification: Suspected transferring of fish between teams will result in disqualification of all teams involved. At no time is one team’s fish to be placed in another team’s boat or vehicle Disqualification procedure: 1) bring to attention of tournament director. 2) go in front of board (consisting of RMBA officers/representatives) 3) to a membership vote. Cheating will result in expulsion from the club and from all future RMBA tournaments.  Proof must be indisputable.

If you see anything unsportsman like such as stringers of fish transferring etc.: Take photos, set a GPS pin and call a director immediately!

**Please understand that if you are found guilty of any above mentioned conduct the RMBA will ban you for life as well as contact all bowfishing Associations about the matter.**

16. No unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated. Teams will keep a minimum of 25 yards whenever possible.

17. The decision of tournament officials will be FINAL.

18. Failure to comply with tournament rules will result in disqualification and entry fee WILL NOT BE REFUNDED.

 19. A formal protest fee in the amount of $50.00 must be made to officials and posted prior to the awards ceremony. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest stands valid.

 20. All participants must check out upon leaving the tournament. If you are going to leave early, please check out with the RMBA officer/representative prior to exiting the boat ramp.  **Each vehicle will require a tag issued to be placed in the front drivers side windshield than can be easily seen. This will have the information needed to keep accountability for all participating.**

21. Tournament hosts and sponsors will not be responsible for accidents or lost property.

22. NO AUTOMATIC REFUNDS OF ENTRY FEES. Fees or any portion of fees refunded will be the decision of tournament officials and will be based on reason of cancellation.

 23. Alcoholic beverages are PROHIBITED in boats during tournament hours.

 24. Identification of persons participating is required upon request. Liability insurance must be provide upon request.

25. Tournament boundaries will be determined by the tournament director.

 26. Release forms must be signed and on record for each participant of a tournament.

27. Fish entries must be taken with bow, compound, recurve, long bow, and single point arrow only, and must be fresh and shot within that days tourney hours.

28. Teams must return to the same launch they leave from. Not returning to the same launch will result in disqualification for that day. Wading class must return to the weigh in area by 4:00 pm

29. There will be no midday weigh-ins.

30. It is the responsibility of tournament participants to know and obey state and local fish, game and boating laws. Any violations will result in disqualification.

31. Fish disposal will be available.

32. No staging of boats at launches during tourneys that allow trailering.  Boats must be accompanied with truck when horn blows and you leave parking lot.   Boats leaving from tourney location may be in water prior to launch.

33. RMBA has the rights to change and modify rules at any time for specific tourney conditions, unknown hazards, fish and game requests, weather issues and more.  All specific rules will be posted and announced during tourney meeting morning or evening of tourney. Or see tournament advisor.

34. By registering for the tournament you are agreeing to random inspections of boats and vehicles, lie detector tests, and questioning, these can be random or also if ever an investigation or dispute occurs.

35. We will also have guys patrolling the waters during the tourney and the days prior.  Anyone caught shooting fish within 72 hours, transferring of fish or any suspicious activity during tourney will be DQ’d.

36. The format for the benefit will be Big Fish, Little Fish, and Big 10, you will need to bring back 12 fish for the pots. Wading class is a numbers only.  You must have your fish ready before approaching weight in station. **If your not ready we will ask you to go to the back of the line.  Once you have chosen your fish to be weighed those are your chosen fish.**

**\*\* I recommend you take a picture with your phone of the weigh in sheet, this will help if there is any questions.**

37. Wade and Bank shooting  Class must adhere to all launch times/return times and all other RMBA rules.

38.  If you are DQ’d for any reason you must still pass thru weigh in and check in stations.  Or contact the tournament director.

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