

Yak Tribe Tournament Rules

Note: This tournament may not be for you and that's okay! But, if you plan on participating in this tournament, it is YOUR responsibility to know the rules.

How will this ever work?

Merging salt water and fresh water into one tournament? Blasphemy! We have paired fish together than can compete in length. You will have 8 slots to fill with a mixture of species. This tournament will be closely watched. All fish will be turned in via Tourney X (<https://tourneyx.com/app/register/angler>) If you catch a bigger fish you'd like to replace an existing fish with, no worries. Log into your app and "cull" the fish you want replaced.

How do you place in this tournament?

Cumulative amount of inches wins. Can you submit more than 8 fish? Absolutely. The tournament is a month long. Keep catching fish and submitting them. We will take care of the rest.

A few new things you should know!

- After you register, you need to sign up for a FREE Tourney X account. We will be adding your name and email to the tournament 5 days before open.
- We do have a biggest bass and biggest red side pot.
- Your tournament CODE must be in the picture you submit. The code must be in your submission photo. Write it on your hand, a piece of plastic, a laminated piece of paper. Something. Just make sure the code is in your picture. Not photoshopped in or added later. At the start of the tourney, you can find your identifier code in the "identifier" section of the TourneyX app.
- Straps, bungees, and ropes MAY NOT hold the fish to your bump-board. Your fish will be disqualified if they are used.

Rules

1. If caught cheating, the participant will be banned from the tournament and all future tournaments. The participant will also be banned from participating in any sponsor or partner tournaments in the future. Let us clarify, if you are caught cheating you will not be participating in any YakTribe, Yak Gear, Sunsect, or any other partner tournaments again.

2. You must be fishing from a kayak or a SUP (Stand up paddle board). Not a boat, canoe, shoreline, etc.

Are kayaks with a trolling motor allowed? *Answer:* Yes

3. The official YakTribe token found in your sign-up care package must be on the fish when taking your submission picture. It must also have the code written on it!

Where exactly should the token be placed? *Answer:* Preferably on the middle of the fish.

4. You must use a measuring device with a bump board. **Make sure your fish qualifies!**



- A. You must use a ruler with a bump board. Suggested board: Yak Gear Floating Ruler.
- B. Minimum ruler length is 30 inches. Again, the Yak Gear Floating Ruler is suggested.
- C. Entire fish must be in the picture.
- D. Must show the fish from lip to tail.

- E. Bungees, ropes, or anything may NOT be used to secure the fish to the board.
- F. Do not cover eyes, mouth, or tail.
- G. Yak Tribe tourney CODE must be in the picture.
- H. If your fish is bigger than your ruler you may get out of your kayak, lay the fish on your ruler board, get a thick tape measure and butt it up against your ruler. Make sure the tail is fully extended. Please take multiple pictures for your sake.
- I. Flattening out your fish tail is permitted.
- J. Open mouths are permitted.
- K. Pinching the tail is NOT permitted. Flattening out the tail is.
- L. Lip must be touching the bump-board
- M. Make sure your picture is taken directly above the fish. Do not try and angle your camera to make the fish look longer than it actually is. Let's be fair.
- N. Plastic must be in your shot. That's right. Make sure we can see some kayak in your fish submission shot.
- O. Please note, make sure we can actually see the numbers on the board. We have had to turn away fish due to participants not taking clear pictures.

You can use a measuring tape like this if the fish is longer than a 30" inch board.



5. You can submit up to 8 fish.
6. You don't have to fish just one spot! That's the beauty of this tournament. You can fish multiple spots to fill your 8 slots!
7. This is a very important rule. You may only have 2 over-slot fish on the board at any given time. (This will be broken down below)
 - a. Why? Because this evens the playing field. You may choose to fish only salt or only fresh. You CAN fish both. That is your decision.
 - b. We made sure that if there is a person who wants to enter that can only fish fresh water or salt water can still compete. This is why we put a cap on the 2 over-slots.
8. Fish must be caught on rod & reel. No exception. No bow hunting.
9. Have fun!

Let's get visual

Fish you may submit & Slot Requirements (2 Over-Slot Accepted)	
Fresh Water	
Black Bass	14" - 24"
Catfish	14" - 24"
Trout	12" - 20"
Striped Bass	16" - 22"
Carp	16" - 22"
Pike (Walleye)	16" - 22"
Salt Water	
Trout	12" - 22"
Flounder	12" - 20"
Catfish	14" - 24"
Redfish	16" - 24"
Snook	16" - 24"

Remember, this tournament will be measured in inches. Not weight. You have 8 slots to fill. You must only submit fish that meet the slot requirements. Keep hunting until you catch them! You may have 2 positions on the board that can be over-slot. Again, you can keep 2 over-slot fish on the board. These slots are not local slots! If you plan on keeping fish, make sure they meet your states slot requirements!

Can I catch 6 black bass, 1 flounder, & 1 Snook? Answer: Yes.

Can I catch 4 black bass, 2 catfish, 1 flounder, and 1 fresh water trout? Answer: Yes.

Can I submit 8 slot red fish? Answer: Yes.

Can I submit 5 slot red fish and 3 over-slot red fish? Answer: No. You may only hold 2 over-slot positions. Go find some other slot fish or catch a bigger over-slot and replace one.

How do I replace a fish on the app? Answer: “Cull” the fish.

Biggest Bass & Biggest Red

1. Please don't throw away all of your fish if you are fishing in the biggest bass and biggest red pot.
2. If you already have over-slot fish on the board and your big bass is smaller than those over-slot fish (bass or red) please STILL submit the fish so we can qualify it and add your biggest bass or red fish length to the score board.

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if I forget my coin/code in the picture?

Your fish will not qualify.

Do I have to fill the two slots with the bigger over-slot fish?

No. You can fill all 8 slots with slot Catfish if you so choose.

Will I get a refund if my fish doesn't qualify?

No. Keep fishing. Make sure your next fish qualifies.

What happens if my picture is blurry and you can't see my board?

We will not accept the fish.

Can I use live or artificial bait?

Yes!

What happens if there is a tie?

If there is a tie, we will place the person with the biggest fish above. If there is still a tie, we will move to second biggest and so on. The reason for this way of judging and not by when the fish is submitted is because we understand not everyone has the opportunity to fish at the same times. We will move to the second biggest fish on the board and so on.

The tie rule goes to biggest bass and red as well.

Are these slots my local state fishing slots?

NO! Absolutely not. We have 5 thousand fish in our database from previous tournaments and these are the average slots we have given for this tournament.

What's the point of the two over-slot limit?

First, the reason for the slot sizes is because we want this to be a competitive hunt! Especially since people from all around the United States participate. The two over-slot limit leaves the element of surprise. Strategize and execute.

Note: Please don't hold out until the last minute to submit all of your fish just so you can pop out of nowhere with a win. That's not fun for anyone. I do not want to make that a rule. There is a difference between not being able to fish until the last week of the tournament and having a track record of holding out and placing. Tournament directors are in regular communications so lets have fun and fish on! We have had people hold out until the end to submit fish and miss the deadline. It was unfortunate because we know they worked hard for those fish.

****You may only place first place in a Yak Tribe tournament once a year. If the same person wins first place again, this person will be demoted and switch spots with 2nd place.****