



BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT TRAIL
GAUTENG & NORTH WEST
CASTFORCASH.CO.ZA

TOURNAMENT RULES

2026 / 2027 SEASON

Cast for Cash is a monthly bass angling tournament held on the last weekend of each month, except in December. You can enter as many events as you wish, and no club affiliation is required. The tournaments are open to everyone. Teams compete to qualify for the Cast for Cash National Championship, held in May.

By signing the entry form, each angler acknowledges that they have read and accepted the rules and tournament conditions listed below, and agrees that the tournament committee's decisions are final.

These rules remain unchanged throughout the season and supersede any previously published rules for this tournament trail. They are intended to promote the best interests of bass fishing in general, rather than to benefit any individual, team or competitor. Please make sure you understand the rules and regulations.

THE JUNIOR PROGRAMME

Growing the sport starts with the next generation. That is why we are splitting our junior anglers into two dedicated, highly competitive divisions.

THE KEEPERS

UNDER 13

THE KICKERS

UNDER 18

How to bring a junior on the boat. To get as many kids on the water as possible, we have set up three boat configurations. Here is exactly how they work.

STANDARD TEAM, 2 ADULTS, PLUS 1 JUNIOR

The two adult anglers fish for their standard five fish limit, while the junior angler fishes completely separately for their one biggest fish.

The junior's catch cannot be used to upgrade the two adult team's five fish bag.

SOLO SKIPPER, 1 ADULT, PLUS 1 JUNIOR **JUNIOR UPGRADE**

You get to fish as a combined team. If your junior angler catches a kicker that is heavier than your smallest fish, their catch officially upgrades your main five fish bag, and it is also recorded for the junior leaderboard.

If the junior's biggest fish does not upgrade your main bag, you simply bring six fish to the scales: your five heaviest, plus the junior's fish, weighed entirely separately for their division.

Taking advantage of this upgrade, allowing the junior to compete in the junior division while also contributing to the main team, comes at an additional entry cost.

SOLO SKIPPER, 1 ADULT, PLUS 2 JUNIORS

Perfect for fathers bringing two kids out on the water. The adult fishes alone for their standard five fish limit, while the two juniors each fish separately for their one biggest fish. You bring a maximum of seven fish to the scales: five for the adult's main bag, and one separate fish for each junior to weigh in their respective age divisions.

The junior catches do not upgrade the adult's five fish bag.

BINDING RULES, ENTRY FEES AND AGE ELIGIBILITY: SECTION 4

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INTERPRETATION & ENFORCEMENT

Interpretation and enforcement of these rules is left exclusively to the tournament organisers and the Tournament Director. Decisions of the tournament committee are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.

Each contestant agrees to report any rule violation to the tournament organiser immediately upon discovery of the violation. Failure to report violations may be cause for disqualification. Protests are to be made in writing within 15 minutes after the check-in time of the final flight of each tournament day.

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GENERAL AMENDED

All anglers enter the Cast for Cash Tournament Trail voluntarily and at their own risk. Cast for Cash and its organisers, tournament sponsors, and all resort proprietors and their employees at all levels are indemnified from any personal liability whatsoever that may be incurred by any person while travelling to or from, or during, the tournament.

The emphasis is on team rather than individual competition, and only one team per boat is allowed.

A team consists of a maximum of two competing adult anglers on one boat, but a team may consist of just one person. Registered junior anglers are additional to the team and do not count towards the two angler limit. A maximum of three persons may be aboard any boat during tournament hours.

Anglers may not keep the official weigh bags, tags or boat flags used at the tournaments.

PARTICIPATION AMENDED

Participation is open to any angler, irrespective of creed, colour or race. There is no age limit for anglers competing in the Cast for Cash Tournament Trail. Anglers under the age of 18 are required to fish with a registered adult skipper. The skipper need not be a parent or legal guardian, but written consent from a parent or legal guardian must accompany the junior angler's entry form.

Cast for Cash management reserves the right of admission to any participant. Any person who, in the judgment of the tournament organiser, is disabled or handicapped in such a manner as to unfairly hinder their skipper or co-angler partner, or to compromise their own safety or that of their skipper or co-angler partner, may not be eligible to participate.

TEAM STRUCTURE & JUNIOR DIVISIONS

AMENDED

Teams may consist of a maximum of two adult anglers plus one reserve angler. Where any two of the three cannot attend, the remaining third member must fish alone, or two anglers from different teams who are each fishing alone may fish together from one boat. In that case each angler still pays their team's full entry fee, and the boat number for the day is the number drawn by the skipper.

All team members must be registered before 30 November 2026. Registrations cannot change and new members cannot be added for the rest of the season. If any member cannot fish the rest of the season, the remaining registered partners may complete the season. Should any member of a team be replaced at any time during a season, this constitutes the start of a new team, which loses all accumulated points for the season and starts over from zero on the log.

Reserve anglers. Reserve anglers may not compete in more than two tournaments during the season and may not compete at the Cast for Cash Championship. Junior anglers may not be registered as reserve anglers.

4.1 JUNIOR DIVISIONS

Junior anglers compete in two dedicated divisions:

- **Keepers Division:** under 13
- **Kickers Division:** under 18

4.2 DIVISION ELIGIBILITY & AGE DETERMINATION

A junior angler's division is determined by the oldest age that angler reaches at any point during the season, not their age on the day of registration.

- An angler who turns 13 at any stage during the season must be registered in the Kickers Division from the first event of that season.
- An angler who turns 18 at any stage during the season does not qualify as a junior for that season and must compete as an adult angler.

4.3 PERMITTED BOAT CONFIGURATIONS

The following three configurations are permitted during tournament hours. No other configuration is allowed.

A. STANDARD TEAM, TWO ADULTS PLUS ONE JUNIOR

The two adult anglers fish for their standard five fish limit. The junior angler fishes separately for their one biggest fish. The junior's catch may not be used to upgrade the adult team's five fish bag. A maximum of six fish is presented at the scales.

B. SOLO SKIPPER, ONE ADULT PLUS ONE JUNIOR, THE JUNIOR UPGRADE

The adult and junior fish as a combined team. The junior angler's fish must be tagged or clipped so that it is identifiable within the weigh bag at all times.

If the junior angler catches a fish heavier than the smallest fish in the skipper's bag, that catch upgrades the main five fish bag. The team presents five fish at the scales, one of which is the tagged junior fish. The displaced fish must be released on the water prior to check-in, as culling at the scales is not permitted. That single fish counts in full twice: once as the junior angler's fish for their division, and again as part of the team's five fish bag weight.

If the junior's biggest fish does not upgrade the main bag, the team presents six fish: the skipper's five heaviest, plus the tagged junior fish, weighed separately for the junior division only.

In both cases the junior fish is weighed first, on its own, before the team's bag is weighed. This configuration carries an additional entry fee.

C. SOLO SKIPPER, ONE ADULT PLUS TWO JUNIORS

The adult fishes alone for their standard five fish limit. Each junior fishes separately for their one biggest fish. The junior catches do not upgrade the adult's five fish bag. A maximum of seven fish is presented at the scales: five for the adult's main bag, and one separate fish for each junior, weighed in their respective divisions. The two juniors may be registered in different divisions.

The Junior Upgrade is available only in configuration b. In configurations a and c the junior's catch is scored separately, because allowing an upgrade there would place three baits in the water against two for a standard team.

4.4 JUNIOR ENTRY

A junior angler entered for an event must fish that event. A team may not withdraw a junior on the day and revert to a standard team, and junior entry fees are not refundable.

4.5 ENTRY FEES

PER EVENT

ENTRY	FEE
Team, two adults	R900
Solo skipper, one adult	R450
Keepers Division, under 13	R100
Kickers Division, under 18	R200
Junior Upgrade, configuration b only, charged in place of the division fee	R300

WORKED EXAMPLES

CONFIGURATION	TOTAL
a. Two adults plus one Keeper	$R900 + R100 = R1\ 000$
b. Solo skipper plus one junior, with upgrade	$R450 + R300 = R750$
c. Solo skipper plus two Keepers	$R450 + R100 + R100 = R650$

RIGHT OF ADMISSION

Right of admission is reserved. The Cast for Cash Tournament Trail is a showcase for bass angling. All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation, and to conduct themselves in a manner that is a credit to themselves, to Cast for Cash, to its sponsors, to the sport of fishing and to our efforts to promote the sport. Conduct not complying with those standards includes, but is not limited to, violation of or failure to comply with any of the official rules for the Cast for Cash Tournament Trail.

PRIZE MONEY AMENDED

PER EVENT

PLACING	PRIZE
1st place, heaviest bag	R10 000 plus Adendorff prizes
2nd place	R5 000 plus Adendorff prizes
3rd place	R2 500 plus Adendorff prizes
Biggest fish	R1 500
Keepers Division, under 13, heaviest fish	R1 000
Kickers Division, under 18, heaviest fish	R1 000

Trophies are awarded for the top three places and for the heaviest fish. Lucky draw prizes are drawn at prize giving.

Prize money for each event is awarded on total bag weight for the day and is allocated to teams, not to individuals. In the event of a tie, the tied teams share the prize money for the position for which they tied plus the position immediately below it.

Should the prize money be affected in any criminal way whatsoever, the tournament organisers, tournament sponsors and their employees at all levels will not be held liable for any compensation. In the event that a portion of, or the total amount of, the prize money is not won, the residual funds are added to the total prize money pool for the season's Cast for Cash Championship.

DATES & VENUES AMENDED

The tournament season runs from August 2026 to May 2027. The venue for each competition is announced at the preceding month's captains meeting, on our website at castforcash.co.za, and in the relevant WhatsApp groups.

Cast for Cash organisers cannot be held responsible if dates and venues need to change because of influences beyond their control. Notice will be given by notifying participants via the website, social media, email or SMS. At the discretion of the tournament organiser, tournament days may be shortened, postponed or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions.

COMPETITION TIMES AMENDED

No contestant may be on tournament waters for the purpose of locating fish, or testing boats or equipment, or be on potential fishing waters after the opening of registration, except during tournament hours.

TOURNAMENT DAY

06:00

Check-in and registration opens.

06:15

After your boat has been launched, your livewell, safety gear and safety lanyard must be checked by a tournament official, or any person appointed by the tournament official, prior to the commencement of the tournament. It is the responsibility of every team to ensure their livewell has been checked.

06:45

Captains meeting. At least one member of each team must be present.

07:00

Take off according to boat numbers.

15:45

Weigh station opens, fifteen minutes prior to check-in, unless the tournament organiser for the day states otherwise. The weigh station is closed during the day.

16:00

Check-in. All tags must be on the weigh board at 16:00 sharp.

Late entries are allowed, but registration only takes place after the last boat has left, and late entrants may only start after boat inspection has been done.

All fishing must cease upon check-in. No one other than a member of your team may hand in your tag on your behalf. If your tag is not on the tag board in time, it will be deemed that you are still on the water fishing, or in distress. Even where a team's bag has already been weighed, if their tag is not on the board at 16:00 the team is deemed late and their catch is disqualified.

Any team that has handed in their tag on time but joins the weigh-in queue after 16:20 will be disqualified.

Prize giving follows half an hour after check-in, and only once the results are known and any written complaints received have been resolved. Any complaint must be submitted in writing, or by providing video footage, to the relevant regional tournament organiser within 15 minutes of the check-in time of the final flight of each tournament day.

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TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Each team must download, complete and hand in their official tournament entry form in person at the designated registration site. Please write clearly.

Teams can pre-register for Cast for Cash qualifying events in a specific region for the season. The pre-registration fee does not include championship entries. Pre-registered teams must still hand in a signed entry form for every tournament on the day. Teams register under one team name for the season, and team names may only be changed during the season if the change is well motivated in writing and presented to the regional organiser.

Pre-paid entry fees cannot be transferred between regions, are non-transferable between tournament seasons and between teams, and are non-refundable once payment of any sort has been received, including upfront payments and monthly payments for no-shows, or if a team decides to stop fishing the season.

All tournament entries must be paid in full prior to the start of the event, regardless of whether the team consists of only one person. Cash entries may be accepted at the regional organiser's discretion. EFT payments are accepted, but not cash deposits, and must be made at least three days prior to the start of the event. Teams whose entry fees do not reflect on our bank statement by Friday morning at 10:00 will not be eligible to receive any prize money at the prize giving ceremony if they win.

STARTING POSITIONS

Starting positions for the day are drawn at random from one bag on a first come, first served basis by all teams. Only pre-paid teams may draw two numbers at once and choose the better number for the day. The rest of the field draws one number.

Every registered team must collect their corresponding boat flag number for display when boats line up for the start, and skippers must arrange themselves according to their starting numbers. A rolling start from position 1 with a five second interval between boats is used. Teams may only set off once their team number is called and a green flag has been raised. No team may set off while the red flag is raised. When a team's number is called, the team must idle out and may only go on plane from the point the organiser has appointed. All persons must be seated, and a qualified skipper must be behind the steering wheel in full control of the boat whenever it is on plane or the combustion engine is running and in gear.

There is one official checkpoint for boat check-in in the morning and one official check-in point in the afternoon. Failure to go through boat check-in and check-out in the morning, or failure to check in at the check-in point, results in immediate disqualification, and no tournament entry fees will be refunded.

Safe boating must be observed at all times and remains the responsibility of every skipper.

Each contestant is required to wear a fastened personal flotation device whenever the boat is under way, from boat check until weigh-in each day of the tournament. This applies to any form of propulsion, including trolling motor, and applies whenever the boat is moving between fishing spots. A personal flotation device need not be worn while the boat is stationary and being fished.

All boats fitted with a combustion engine must be equipped with an emergency ignition shut-off device, securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is running. All persons must be seated and a driver must be behind the steering wheel in full control of the boat whenever it is on plane or the combustion engine is running and in gear.

At the discretion of the Tournament Director, tournament days may be shortened, postponed or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. Competitors may leave their boat and seek shelter in bad weather or when danger is imminent. However, teams must stay within sight of each other.

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BOAT OPERATION & EQUIPMENT FAILURE

In no wake zones at any venue, anglers must line up in single file at idle speed and may not overtake another competitor. They may only pass the boat ahead of them once that boat has peeled off to the side or stopped to start fishing. Contravention of this rule results in that team's or those teams' catch for the day being disqualified.

At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. In the event of equipment failure or emergency, there are only two permitted methods of returning to the official check-in:

1. both partners remain in their boat and are towed, or
2. one partner boards the boat of another tournament contestant, with their entire catch kept separate in a weigh bag.

Under these two conditions the contestant's catch may be counted without penalty, except for late penalties or dead fish penalties. Equipment failure does not include flat batteries or running out of fuel. Contestants who elect to return to the official check-in by any other means than those cited above forfeit their day's catch.

A 100 metre radius from the weigh station must be treated as a no wake zone. Boats may not beach directly at the release point. There is a no fishing zone directly at the weigh station as indicated by the tournament organiser. Teams who do not comply will be disqualified. Tournament officials reserve the right to board any participating boat before, during or after the tournament.

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BOAT & HORSEPOWER REGULATION

AMENDED

All boats participating must be propeller driven or trolling motor driven, and must be a minimum of 3 metres, approximately 10 ft, in length. This minimum length includes craft competing under 13.2. No watercraft deemed unsafe by the tournament committee will be permitted to participate.

All vessels must be equipped to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated livewell or other suitable live fish holding system. This applies to every craft on the water, including trolling motor only craft.

The use of generators, other than solar or wind powered generators, is prohibited in contestant boats during tournament hours on all competition days.

13.1 SMALLER OUTBOARD MOTORS

Outboard motors smaller than 15 hp are permitted. However, for safety reasons, boats fitted with engines smaller than 15 hp must remain behind during the morning take-off and may only commence fishing once all other competing boats have departed the take-off area. This applies at every event, not only where the boat is an emergency substitute.

13.2 TROLLING MOTOR ONLY, EMERGENCY OR REPLACEMENT BOAT

In the event that a Cast for Cash team experiences boat or engine problems at any stage during the season, the team may, subject to written approval from the Tournament Director, compete from a watercraft powered by a trolling motor only.

Such approval must be obtained from the Tournament Director prior to competing from the trolling motor only craft. Permission may be granted at the discretion of the Tournament Director, taking into consideration the safety requirements and conditions of the specific venue. A trolling motor only craft may not be permitted at venues where the Tournament Director considers its use to present a safety risk.

13.3 VESSEL DOCUMENTATION

Boats fitted with an outboard motor of 15 hp or greater must carry valid boat papers and must conform to applicable SAMSA regulations. Craft powered by a trolling motor only do not require boat papers, but may not compete without prior written permission from the Tournament Director in terms of 13.2.

LIVE FISH

The Cast for Cash Tournament Trail is a catch, weigh and release event. Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated livewell. Cast for Cash and all its sponsors recommend the use of livewell additives that promote the healthy return of bass to their natural habitat. No stringers, keep nets or fish nets are allowed.

Any fish presented to the weigh master with a white circle in the eye, or obviously dead, or not gilling or finning within ten seconds on a wet towel in the shade, is regarded as dead and penalised. 1 000 grams is deducted from the total bag weight for each dead fish, as decided upon by the weigh master alone.

Cast for Cash recommends the use of non-puncturing culling clips for marking fish, and livewell additives to help promote the healthy release of bass.

PERMITTED FISHING METHODS

A team may only start to fish after they have gone through the starting gate. Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to a line and a rod and reel, with the rod in hand. All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner.

All fishing must be conducted from the boat and only artificial lures may be used, with the exception of pork trailers and biodegradable soft baits. Only one wet rod, with one main line and one lure or bait per angler, is allowed at any given time. If you snag up you must break your line off before another rod can be used. The rod must be hand held and no rod holder may be used.

Rigs such as the double rig, where multiple lures or baits are attached to one main line, are not allowed, except for commercially available Alabama rigs restricted to a maximum of five wires with a maximum of five spinners, five lures and three hooks. Single hooks and treble hooks each count as one hook.

Trolling as a method of fishing is strictly prohibited. Trolling is defined as operating the combustion engine or using the trolling motor to extend a cast or lengthen a retrieve. All bass caught must be hooked inside the mouth. Creating feeding spots by dumping bait, either artificial or natural, or any other attractant in order to attract fish to a specific location, is prohibited.

Tournament ethics, courtesy and good conduct are unwritten golden rules and core responsibilities of all anglers at all levels.

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PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS

Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters available to the public and accessible by boat, except areas designated as non-boating or non-fishing by local or provincial officials, or within 45 metres of a competitor's boat. Non-contestants, including spectators on boats, are also not allowed within 45 metres of a contestant's boat.

At no time may a contestant get off the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. The cutting of trees, bushes or logs after the start of registration to make an area more accessible by boat is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification from the tournament.

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LIMITS AMENDED

- There is no minimum size limit for bass to be weighed.
- All livewells must be completely empty prior to the start of any official fishing session.
- **Adult anglers.** Each boat may possess a maximum of six bass in the livewell at any time in respect of the adult bag, but only five may be presented for weigh-in.
- **Junior anglers.** Each registered junior angler may possess one additional bass, presented and weighed separately for their division. The permitted livewell maximum therefore increases by one fish per registered junior aboard.
- Culling at the scales is strictly prohibited. Exceeding the permitted boat limit for the configuration entered will result in disqualification.

WEIGH-IN ORDER

Junior fish are weighed before adult bags in all configurations. Each junior angler's fish must be presented tagged or clipped and identifiable, and is weighed individually and recorded for that angler's division before the team's bag is placed on the scale.

PRESENTATION

Any fish presented for weigh-in that has partially ingested its prey or lure will not be weighed until the protruding remains of such ingested prey are safely removed, and those remains do not count towards the team's bag weight. The introduction of any foreign material, including vegetation, to increase a fish's weight is just cause for immediate disqualification from all Cast for Cash tournaments.

Any fish presented for weigh-in must be brought in a weigh bag filled with water. Any fish brought lip-landed to the scale will not be weighed. Each team's catch must be presented in an official weigh-in bag and verified by the signature of a team member. Failure to have a verified signature may result in disqualification of that day's catch. The team's boat flag must be weighed along with their fish. All adult fish are weighed together to determine the total bag weight. No points are awarded per fish.

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OFF-LIMITS, PRACTICE & COMPETITION

There are no off-limit periods prior to Cast for Cash qualifying events. However, each region may vote on the matter, and if the majority is in favour of an off-limit period then the venue is off limits starting on the Sunday evening prior to the tournament.

During an off-limit period contestants may not enter tournament waters to locate bass or potential fishing waters, sightsee, test equipment, fly in person or by drone over the tournament waters, or receive any fishing information on the tournament waters from a third party, after the opening of registration, except during tournament hours.

During competition days contestants may not place brush or other physical fish attractors, including chum or holding nets with bait fish of any kind, in tournament waters. During competition days teams may not follow a non-contestant's boat, or participate in the placing of markers, brush or other fish attractors including holding nets by non-contestants, or the practice of hole sitting by anyone.

CHECKPOINTS

All fishing must cease upon check-in. Contestants must leave and return to the check-in by boat. There is one checkpoint for boat check in the morning and one check-in point in the afternoon. Failure to go through boat check and check-out in the morning, or failure to check in at the check-in point, results in disqualification. Permitted exceptions in the event of equipment failure or emergency are set out in section 12.

POINT STANDINGS AMENDED

Each team's end of season standing points are determined by the team's participation points plus their best six Grand Prix scores for the season, in one region. A team's accumulated points cannot be transferred between regions.

A Grand Prix system is used as follows: the winner of each monthly tournament receives 100 points, with following positions receiving points on a decreasing scale, that is 99 for 2nd, 98 for 3rd, 97 for 4th and so on. Each team receives an extra five participation points per event they competed in. Participation points and Grand Prix points are not transferable to a new team or between regions.

The top three teams, six anglers, compete during the Cast for Cash National Championship for the Team of the Year award. If there are fewer than ten teams on the regional log, only the top team qualifies.

In the event of a tie on the end of season points standing for the top position, the team with the most event wins during the current season is the Regional Champion. If there is still a tie, the team with the heavier total combined bag weight through the entire season wins. If there is still a tie, the team with the heaviest single event bag for the current season is declared the winner.

20.1 JUNIOR STANDINGS

The Grand Prix points system applies to adult team standings only. Junior Angler of the Year, in both the Keepers and Kickers Divisions, is decided on podium finishes across the season. The junior angler with the most podium finishes in their division wins the title. A podium finish is a top three placing in that division at an event, and no minimum number of entrants is required for a podium to be awarded.

PENALTIES & DISQUALIFICATIONS

AMENDED

There are three penalty levels: minor, serious and disqualification.

MINOR, LESS 500 GRAMS PER OFFENCE

- Smoking in the weigh-in line.

SERIOUS, LESS 1 000 GRAMS PER OFFENCE

- 1 000 grams is deducted from the total bag weight for each dead fish.
- No angler may hand to or exchange any article with any other boat and, except in an emergency, may not leave the boat during the fishing session.

WARNING, THEN DISQUALIFICATION

- Failure to wear an approved personal flotation device whenever the boat is under way: warning for a first offence, instant disqualification for a second offence.

DISQUALIFICATION

- Violation of, or failure to comply with, any of the Cast for Cash rules for the season, other than the minor and serious offences above.
- Going on the plane, or passing another boat, within a no wake zone.
- Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or any kind of mind altering substance during registration or tournament hours, extending through the weigh-in procedure and prize giving.
- Abuse of or addiction to mind altering substances.
- Suspension, disqualification, probation or ban from any tournament or fishing organisation.
- Possessing more than the permitted limit of fish for the configuration entered.
- Beaching directly at the release point.
- The intentional introduction of materials that increase the weight or mass of a fish.
- Intentional damaging of fish, including fin clipping, illegal tagging or disfiguration of any kind.

- A tag that is not on the tag board by the closing time of the event, which results in the entire catch being disqualified and the team being awarded attendance points only. In the case of a lost tag, the team must identify itself to the tournament organiser and inform them of the lost tag before the cut-off time to avoid disqualification.
- Joining the weigh-in queue after 16:20.
- Fishing in an off limits area or a no fishing zone.
- Receiving more than three complaints in one season, which disqualifies the team or team member for the rest of the season.

In the event that a team is found guilty of cheating, the team members are immediately banned from all Cast for Cash and Championship tournaments, and legal action will be taken against the team members.

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SPORTSMANSHIP

All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation, and to conduct themselves in a manner that is a credit to themselves, to Cast for Cash, to its sponsors, to the sport of fishing and to our efforts to promote the sport. This includes refraining from any words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavourably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules.

In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined in these rules, Cast for Cash and its tournament organisers have the right to refuse an application to compete, to deny a confirmed application to compete by returning the entry fee, to disqualify a contestant, or to impose any penalty outlined in these rules. All disputes are handled and finalised immediately after each leg. The organisers may at their discretion co-opt persons to assist in settling disputes.

MISBEHAVIOUR

A. PHYSICAL AND VERBAL CONDUCT

Fighting, pulling, pushing, threatening and abusive language will not be tolerated. This includes conduct towards officials. Minimum three month ban, up to twelve months.

B. PUBLIC AND SOCIAL MEDIA CONDUCT

Deliberate or intentional actions by a member, official or competitor, including the competitor's family, relatives or friends, in publishing negative comments towards fellow competitors, administrators, officials or tournament partners on social media, or using foul language towards spectators, officials, competitors, tournament partners or employees of the venue, may result in a ban of between three and twelve months if the competitor or official is found guilty by a special committee appointed to investigate the matter. The decision of the special committee is final.

COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL MEDIA

Contestants may not use mobile communication devices, including but not limited to cell phones, tablets, marine radios, walkie-talkies and CBs, to communicate with anyone about locating or catching fish on tournament waters during tournament hours. Mobile communication devices may be used during tournament hours to communicate with the regional tournament organiser. At no time during tournament hours may contestants read or discuss social media posts from other contestants.

MEDIA COMMENTS & PUBLIC ATTACKS

The favourable public reputation of Cast for Cash as a sanctioning organisation in the sport of fishing, the integrity of its officials, and the reputation of its media properties are valuable assets and tangible benefits. Accordingly, it is an obligation of competitors to refrain from comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage the integrity of tournaments, tournament officials, sponsors, fellow members or fellow anglers.

Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with Cast for Cash policies are encouraged, as opposed to attacks upon the integrity of the rules or officials. However, public comments that an angler knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of Cast for Cash, its officials or its sponsors are considered conduct unbecoming an angler and will result in disciplinary action.

LOGO DISPLAY & MEDIA COVERAGE

During all days of competition, any and all tobacco logos are prohibited and may not be worn or displayed. Anglers may wear their own apparel every day, except when anglers represent Cast for Cash at an event. Cast for Cash reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to prohibit any angler's apparel that it finds to be offensive. All decisions are in the tournament organisers' sole discretion.

Only official Cast for Cash sponsors and benefit providers are entitled to publicity at tournaments, as jointly agreed. No competitor may offer publicity, guaranteed or incidental, on behalf of Cast for Cash in exchange for sponsorship.

In the event of any television or social media coverage of a Cast for Cash event, Cast for Cash owns the rights to all camera footage. Cast for Cash is under no obligation to remunerate, whether in cash or by any other means, any competitor who appears in the production.

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TRUTH VERIFICATION TEST

Each contestant agrees, by signature on the tournament entry form, to submit to a polygraph or voice stress analysis examination and to abide by its conclusion. Failure to pass an examination results in disqualification from the tournament. Truth verification tests are used at Cast for Cash's sole discretion, and the decision based on the findings is made solely by Cast for Cash. All costs for such a test are for the competitor's account, regardless of the outcome.

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POWER OF DISQUALIFICATION

Under any of the above rules, tournament organisers are empowered to disqualify any competitor, after due consideration of the facts, deemed to have broken these rules at their level, and to apply disciplinary measures as defined in these rules. The regional organiser may recommend the banning of any angler for a serious breach of the rules. In the event of a dispute, Cast for Cash may make use of a polygraph test for both anglers on the boat.

By filling in the entry form, submitting it and participating in the Cast for Cash tournament trail or championship, you agree to abide by all the rules and acknowledge and accept the indemnity at the bottom of the entry form.

PURCHASING OF INFORMATION

The purchasing of, or bartering for, information about 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 after the entry deadline for each tournament. The sharing of tournament winnings with non-contestants in exchange for information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters is strictly prohibited and is cause for disqualification from the entire tournament. The purchasing of, or bartering for, fishing locations from another contestant is strictly prohibited and is cause for both contestants to be disqualified from the entire tournament.

Contestants may not ask for or receive information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters from anyone except anglers confirmed in the tournament, and through publicly available sources. Quasi-public websites, blogs and social media pages, including but not limited to Facebook and Instagram, set up for the specific purpose of sharing information with individuals or a small group of individuals, are not publicly available sources.

Flights over tournament waters, including drones, are not permitted from the start of the off-limits period, extending through practice and competition days.

CHAMPIONSHIP AMENDED

The monthly Cast for Cash bass angling tournaments are qualifying events for the end of season Cast for Cash National Championship.

Participation at the National Championship is by invitation only and is done pro rata from each Cast for Cash region as follows: the top 50 percent of each region's end of season point standings qualify to compete in the Cast for Cash National Championship, where the Cast for Cash Champions are crowned.

All registered junior anglers in the Keepers and Kickers Divisions qualify automatically for the National Championship. The pro rata top 50 percent qualification applies to adult teams only.