

The Ike Foundation Tournament Trail

- Rules and Regulations

- 🎬 All-State Fish and Federal game rules apply.
 - 🎬 The minimum size Largemouth and Smallmouth bass are 12 inches, with exception of WMA lakes which is 15 inches, or when rules/regulations apply.
 - 🎬 5 bass per youth / HS participants may be counted or weighed in. You may cull out smaller fish for larger fish once you reach your 5 fish limit. Never have more than 5 fish in a live well.
 - 🎬 No culling of dead fish. All culling of live fish must be done on the lake instantly.
 - 🎬 The penalty for dead fish is 4 oz per dead fish on total bag weight. (does not decrease lunger pool fish)
 - 🎬 All boats must have aerated live wells that are fully functional. Manually aerating is not acceptable.
 - 🎬 No trolling or fly fishing during any tournament.
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- 🎬 Only one rod may be used per angler and physically in the water and at any given time.
 - 🎬 Any lake that has special rules, such as off-limit areas, will be discussed prior to take off.
 - 🎬 Once discussed, entering these areas will result in disqualification.
 - 🎬 There will be a 1-pound penalty for each minute an angler is late to weigh in. 15 minutes late will result in disqualification. The penalty will be assessed towards the total weight of the bag. You must check in with the tournament director at the tournament end time.
 - 🎬 No fishing within 25 yards of another boat. Respect the space of fellow anglers. The first time is a warning; the second time will result in disqualification of the current tournament.

■ All fish must be brought to scale in a weigh-in bag. THE BAG MUST BE FILLED WITH WATER.

■ Each Angler will bring their own fish to the weigh-in scale and no one else's.

■ If you suspect one or more of your fish are short, you may request a courtesy check. One courtesy check per angler, per tournament. Short fish brought to the weigh-in without a courtesy check will result in a 1-pound penalty of the total bag weight and loss of that fish.

■ Anyone late to a tournament must find a club official before fishing. There is no penalty for being late, just a loss of fishing time.

■ All live fish must be released back into the lake after weigh-in. Dead fish must not be thrown back.

■ Anyone caught fishing after the specified finish time will be disqualified.

■ Any tie will be decided by the largest fish. If the largest fish is the same weight, the greater quantity of fish caught will decide the final outcome. If that can't be used to decide, the second largest fish will be used to determine the winner.

■ Any tie for lunker will be decided by the total weight of the angler's full bag.

■ Anyone who leaves the tournament site prior to the completion time will be disqualified.

■ An angler cannot leave his/her boat to land a fish. One foot in the boat is required at all times.

■ All live wells will be checked prior to the start of the tournament.

■ No live bait of any kind is allowed. Pork rind-type trailers are acceptable.

■ CGA Life jackets must be worn at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS. Youth and high school anglers will be disqualified if seen without a lifejacket on.

■ All anglers must obtain a NJ State fishing license if 16 years or older.

■ Anglers are not permitted to use the trolling motor unless they have obtained a boater's safety certification.

■ Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated and will be handled accordingly.

■ All decisions made by the tournament youth director are final.