

2018 Perch Assault Tournament rules LAKE CASCADE (*changes are underlined*)

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY TO ANY PERSONS/TEAMS FOR ANY REASON AT ANY TIME.

Cheating will not be tolerated. If you are caught in a violation that could have a direct impact on your weight, therefore impacting the tournament results, then you have willfully violated the rules and are attempting to steal. If you attempt to steal from this tournament, you are stealing from every person entered. Anyone caught in any willful violation of these rules will be dealt with harshly and publicly. We will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law!!! (Simple mistakes will be judged on their intentionality and the potential impact on the results)

ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL!!!

TEAMS

A: Will consist of two partners. (At least one member must be 18 or over.)

B: Must not fish with anyone other than teammate during tournament hours. (PLEASE do not arrange to fish with friends, family members, etc. during this event. Don't hang around non-tournament anglers while fishing the event. Don't invite people to "meet me on the ice" during the event. *This is NOT a social event, it is a COMPETITION and as such, these rules will be enforced aggressively.*)

"In the event of a disqualification, for any reason, absolutely no refunds will be given. Any refunds for any reason MUST be requested prior to the close of registration for the event, which is NOON the THURSDAY before the event, and will be for a maximum of 75%, or full credit towards a future event."

C: Teammates must remain within **30** paces of each other and may not be closer than **10** paces to ANY person NOT their teammate, during fishing hours/activity (Officials/media/Law Enforcement excluded)

D: Teams must display their team number or id at all times during the tournament.

E: Team members may pre-fish until 3:00pm Friday night of the event. You MAY NOT leave ANY equipment on the ice. At least ONE team member must attend the rules meeting (location TBA)

F: *Substitutions-ALL substitutions must be submitted to tournament director no later than 6 PM Thursday night before event. Otherwise, other teammate must fish solo.*

TOURNAMENT RULES

TEAMS MAY ONLY USE ATV'S, UTV'S, SNOWMOBILES ETC. NO PASSENGER CARS, TRUCKS, SUV'S ETC. TOURNAMENT STAFF DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST MAKE THEIR OWN DECISION AS TO ICE SAFETY. **If using motorized equipment, a speed limit of 30MPH while on the ice will be in effect...If you are operating unsafely, (too fast, too close to others, etc.) you will receive a warning, then a fine or DQ. The SAFETY of all participants is #1. HELMETS ARE HIGHLY ADVISED.**

A: At each event, every team must check in and pass thru inspection. ALL equipment brought onto the ice will be inspected. Please have trailers, ice houses, coolers, buckets etc. open and ready as you pass thru inspection. **NO PREPOSITIONED EQUIPMENT ON LAKE!!!!**

B: Tournament HQ for 2018 will be ON THE LAKE, in a location to be announced at the rules meeting. Teams may access the lake from any legal access point, reporting to HQ via the most direct route, for inspection.

START TIMES: Check-In/Inspection 6:30AM, Shotgun Start-8AM, weigh in line closes-4PM

C: After inspection, teams will be directed to a “pre-start” area and will wait for the Directors final instructions. The Director will then signal the shotgun start, at which time you may proceed to your fishing area and begin. Teams may NOT assist other teams in ANY way (except in emergency/life or death situations.) NO towing another team member or their equipment during the event via snowmobiles, quads, UTV’s etc. EACH team is expected to move around on the ice, during the event, under their own power, motorized or not. NO sharing of bait, lures, equipment, etc. once the tournament has begun. No inter team cell phone/two way radio use during the tournament.

***D:** *At least one team member must maintain personal control over their tournament fish at all times, that person MUST be in the weigh in line (“across the cones”) no later than the announced time and then proceed directly to the weigh in area. Once across the cones, no more fish may be added to, or taken out of the team’s bucket of fish.* At **NO TIME** may any team’s tournament fish be within 10 paces of another team’s fish until those teams are in the official weigh in line. You must be “across the cones” with your team’s fish by the announced time or you will not be allowed to weigh in.

E: Each team will be allowed to weigh up to 10 perch at the end of the tournament. If a team chooses to weigh their catch prior to the official end of the tournament, then they are done fishing for the day. The total weight of the perch will be the team’s official score. Two day total weight will determine the overall score. Heaviest fish will determine tie-breaker.

F: All fish to be weighed must be sorted BEFORE entering the weigh in line, and your big fish must be identified (to the best extent possible) with the provided zip tie, or other marking device . Once in line, fish must remain in your bucket. Fish must be clean before being weighed-NO ICE/SLUSH ON FISH. It is your choice what fish you will weigh, but you may not turn in more than 10 fish in your container. **If you hand in 11 fish, we will not weigh your entry. Count them as many times as you must to be certain!** Your weight will be recorded and a receipt given. In the event of a discrepancy, you MUST have this receipt.

G: All contestants must abide by all Idaho F&G rules and all applicable local, state and federal laws. Anyone cited by law enforcement for any reason will immediately be disqualified from the tournament.

H: During this event, you may only leave and re-enter the lake after checking in with an official at HQ, INCLUDING bathroom breaks.

I: Rules violations will be evaluated by a tournament board following basic criteria.

Minor Infraction: Unauthorized telephone usage, 1st time distance violation, etc.

Major Infraction: Conduct (fighting, poor sportsmanship) pre-fish violation, safety, law enforcement, etc.

Outright Cheating: Modifying fish, entering fish not caught that day, illegal bait, etc.

Penalties may include a weight reduction, a DQ for that event, or a total suspension from further events. Any suspension or DQ will require a full board review before either member is allowed entry to any further tournaments.

J: Tournament directors may update/amend these rules as need to ensure fair and equal opportunities for all participants. **ANY attempts to blatantly circumvent or avoid direct compliance with any rule will be considered grounds for disqualification.**