

# **Bakersville Adventures in Trout Fishing**

## **Fly Fishing Competition Rules**

### **ARTICLE 1: COMPETITION RULES AND MODIFICATIONS.**

1.1 The following Competition Rules apply, except when otherwise specified within these rules, or changed in Rule Modifications to take into account the laws, regulations, practices and particular needs of the hosting organization.

2.1 All competitors must sign the Liability Release Wavier prior to the start of competition.

### **ARTICLE 2: OBLIGATIONS OF COMPETITORS.**

4.1 Participants in the competition must respect the Competition Rules, Rule Modifications and Judge's decisions.

4.2 It is the responsibility of the competitor to be at the designated area, on time, per the schedule.

### **ARTICLE 3: DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF THE TOURNAMENT HEAD JUDGE.**

5.1 Review any reports of infractions and report them to the Judges Committee for appropriate action.

5.2.1 Appropriate disciplinary actions are;

5.2.1.1 Warning

5.2.1.2 Censure

5.2.1.3 Disallowing all or part of the competitor's catch

5.2.1.4 Disqualification of an individual competitor or team.

5.3 To insure that the fishing judges have been properly trained, and are knowledgeable, competent and conversant with the Competition Rules.

5.4 Is responsible for assisting Beat Judges in rule interpretation if there is any doubt about a possible infraction of the rules or Rule Modifications.

### **ARTICLE 4: BEAT JUDGE RESPONSIBILITIES.**

6.1 Will be responsible for accurately recording all details on the competitor's score card.

6.1.1 Details are:

6.1.1.1 Have the competitors sign the score sheet prior to starting.

6.1.1.2 Recording the time when the competitor, or team, start fishing.

6.1.1.3 Recording each eligible fish's length, rounded up to the next complete 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch.

6.1.1.4 Recording the time when the competitor, or team, stop fishing.

6.1.1.5 Crossing out any unused portion of the score card, when fishing stops.

6.1.1.6 Insure that the competitor, or team, signs the score card before leaving.

6.2 Will be responsible for warning competitors if any breach of the Competition Rules or their Modifications appear probable.

6.3 Will record any infraction of the Competition Rules or their Modifications to the Head Judge.

6.4 Beat Judges are responsible for ensuring that no person has access to the competitors during the competition session. All observers should be kept well away so that they do not interfere with the competitors.

### **ARTICLE 5: FORMAL PROTEST.**

7.1 Any protest should be brought to the Head Judge prior to the posting of session results.

### **ARTICLE 6: CARE OF FISH CAUGHT.**

8.1 If a competitor wishes a fish to be scored, the competitor must land it in a net and pass the fish in the net to the Beat Judge for measurement and recording.

8.2 The Beat Judge must remove the fish from the net, measure the fish, revive the fish and release it,

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taking care not to damage the fish.

8.3 If the competitor decides that a fish is ineligible or is undersized, he is not required to net it, but must release the fish in the water, taking care not to cause it any damage.

### **ARTICLE 7: ELIGIBLE FISH.**

9.1 Eligible fish species: Rainbow, Brown, and Brook trout.

9.2 For measuring purposes, the length will be from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail.

9.3 Only fish hooked in the mouth area, i.e. in front of the rear edge of the gill cover, will be eligible.

9.4 Only fish landed inside the beat parameters will be recorded.

9.5 If the competitor goes outside the beat parameter, the fish will not be recorded.

9.6 A fish hooked inside the session time period is eligible if landed not more than two minutes after the end of session period.

### **ARTICLE 8: FISHING COMPETITION.**

#### **12.1 FLY RODS**

12.1.1 One fly rod not longer than ten feet in length may be used at one time.

12.1.2 Competitors may have up to two fly rods rigged at any one time.

12.1.3 Competitors are responsible for carrying and protecting their equipment.

#### **12.2 COMPETITION FLY LINES**

12.2.1 Any factory-made floating, sinking or sink-tip lines may be used, except for lead core lines.

12.2.2 Any size fly line may be used.

12.2.3 Shooting heads are not allowed.

#### **12.4 COMPETITION FLIES**

12.4.1 Competitors may use floating or sinking flies.

12.4.2 Each fly must be dressed on a single hook, without limit as to size.

12.4.3 No egg patterns or egg sucking leech patterns allowed.

12.4.6 A maximum of two flies are permitted as a dropper rig.

12.4.7 All flies must be attached to the leader in such a way that they do not move or slide. No loop to loop connections.

12.4.8 All flies must be dressed on hooks that are barbless, de-barbed, or have the barb squeezed down flat. The fly must be able to pass a "cotton test" to be eligible.

#### **12.5 LANDING NETS**

12.5.1 The material of the landing net must be soft cotton or other non-abrasive material and preferably of knotless construction.

12.5.2 Landing net must not exceed forty inches in overall length when fully extended.

#### **12.6 AWARDING OF POINTS**

12.6.1 For each eligible fish caught, the competitor will score the total inches as points (15 inches=15 points).

12.6.2 All teams will record their "first" trout caught, regardless of size.

12.6.3 The recorded length will be rounded up to the next complete 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch for scoring purposes.

12.6.4 A total of five fish per team will be measured for points. Before officially measuring, the competitor will let the beat judge know if they are going to score the fish. Once measured, that fish will be included as one of the five total fish.

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### **12.7 LOST FISH**

12.7.1 In the event of the loss of a fish due to the Beat Judge before measurement, the competitor will be awarded the average of the points for all valid fish scored by that competitor.

### **ARTICLE 9: PROHIBITIONS**

**13.1** The following are prohibited;

13.1.1.1 Lack of sportsmanship towards other competitors, organizers or officials.

13.1.1.2 A competitor, during a competition session, requesting advice relating to the fishing from anyone, or accepting material help relating to the fishing from anyone, other than a competition teammate.

13.1.1.3 Any action by competitors, organizers or officials which would produce fraudulent or biased results.

### **ARTICLE 10: BEAT/TIME SELECTION**

14.1.1.1 Beats and times will be drawn out of a hat. All draws are final.

## **General Information**

First place \$1000....five \$100 fish will be tagged (one per beat).

The stream will be divided into six(6) beats. A limit of 30 teams will participate. Teams will fish their beat for one hour. The beat judge will start and stop the fishing times.

Only one team member may fish at a time. Only one team member may be in the water at a time.

Fishermen are allowed to fish only “during and on” their “drawn” beat and time.

Check-in time will start at 7:00 am. Fisherman must be checked in by 7:30 am.

Beat fishing time starts at 8:00.

### **Material needs:**

1. Beat board: lists every beat and time increment with team and total points.
2. Six measuring boards.
3. Scoring sheets for every team: each judge will need six.
4. Signs – (Sue will t/w Jim Nowack)