



## 2020 Northeast Region Tournament Rules

1. All fish entered must be caught in public waterways (i.e. hooked, fought, and landed) from a kayak in the states of Main, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Washington D.C., West Virginia, Virginia and Kentucky. All states in the Eastern and Central Time Zones are fair game. Fishing must be done without the aid of a professional guide, motor, or powerboat (mothership) and use methods deemed legal by the state in which they were caught. Only one fishing rod may be used at one time.
2. Photographs with a digital camera or smartphone, providing evidence of the fish size with total length using iAngler Tournament.
  - A. Photo must be the whole fish taken from directly above the fish, with the mouth closed. *Any fish submitted with mouth open will result in a 1" penalty.*
  - B. If any of the pictures are blurry due to operator or climate they will be disqualified. It will be up to the tournament committee if accepted.
  - C. Fish must be facing to the left on the measuring board with dorsal fin to the top.
3. The fish and measuring device should be on a flat surface. Having a measuring trough to assist is mandatory and makes taking good pictures much easier. No laying measuring tape on top of fish, it must be under the fish. Fish bigger than the measuring board will need to be measured with a tape measure UNDER the fish and the entire fish MUST be visible in the photo. Judging of fish will be at the discretion tournament and assistant tournament directors. All Decisions are final. (Remember this is a fundraiser for a great cause.)
4. Dates to enter fish will begin Saturday, September 12, 2020 and end at 4:00 PM PST Sunday, October 11, 2020.
5. The Jim Dolan Memorial Tournament-Northeastern Region covers the following 7 species:
  - Bass – 8.5 points per inch
  - Catfish – 6 points per inch
  - Panfish – 12.5 points per inch
  - Striper – 5 points per inch

- Speckled Trout – 8.5 points per inch
- Redfish – 6 points per inch
- Flounder – 12 points per inch

6. Bass will include largemouth, smallmouth and spotted.
7. Only the top 3 species in freshwater and the top 3 species in saltwater will count towards an anglers' overall total. Your largest of each species can be changed as often as you catch a new one. Additionally, you can change the species as well. Anglers may enter both freshwater and saltwater if they wish or enter only one category. They do not have to enter both.
8. No out of season, undersized or oversized fish may be entered. This includes proper measurement for all fish that have a minimum size. For fish that have a minimum inch or max size they need to be measured with an attempt to keep the mouth closed. Fish that appear short will be disqualified. If your fish is borderline short, measure properly with mouth closed so there is evidence the fish is legal.
9. The Jim Dolan Memorial Tournament Northeastern Region marker must be visible in every picture submitted.
10. Please refer to your State Fish and Wildlife/Game handbook for all size limits and any further questions regarding species qualifications.
11. Prizes will be awarded to the top three overall finishers for each tournament. Prizes to be determined.
12. Only approved measuring boards are the *Hawg Trough*, *Yak Gear Fish Stik*, and *Ketch Boards*. Any other measuring device will need to be approved by the Tournament Director before use. *Measuring boards increments must be clearly marked (no "fat marks")*. Adjustable boards will not be accepted.
13. All local water rules must be followed at all times.
14. Any questions about rules please email Paul Strohm at [pkstrohm@gmail.com](mailto:pkstrohm@gmail.com) or Laura Armbruster at [events@heroesonthewater.org](mailto:events@heroesonthewater.org).