



## 2020 ICAST Cup Rules

All fish entered in the tournament must be photographed, measured and recorded with the [FishDonkey](#) app. [How to Enter a Fish](#)

Leaderboards will update throughout the tournament, so check them using the [FishDonkey](#) app or [FishDonkey.com](#) to follow your progress in the ICAST Cup.

Winners in each geographic division will be determined based on the total length of up to five largemouth, smallmouth and/or spotted bass as submitted through the [FishDonkey](#) app and verified by the tournament director.

### FishDonkey App

All entries and payment must be completed using the app. The [FishDonkey](#) app will be used to photo document fish and will generate live leaderboards. The leaderboards will update throughout the event as fish are submitted. All entries will be considered unofficial until verified by the tournament director.

### Measuring & Photo Documenting

- All photos must be taken through the FishDonkey app and measurements must be on a valid measuring board.
- Fish should be recorded immediately, and measurements noted by length in inches.
- All submissions must include at least two photographs: 1) A pic of you holding the fish and 2) A pic of the fish on the measuring board.
- Close the fish's mouth. The nose should touch the end of the measuring board with the belly facing you. The measurement photo needs to include the entire fish on the board.
- If the fish tail is touching the graduation line on the board, then that is the exact measurement. If the tail crosses the graduation line, round up  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- All participants must have their fish submitted before the end of the tournament.

### Practice with the FishDonkey App ahead of time

[Watch a 1 minute tutorial on How to Enter a Fish](#)

Test the app before you get out on the water.

1. Download the app
2. Join "Practice Entering a Fish"

## **FishDonkey in poor reception areas**

The app will work without internet. Open the app before heading out to poorly covered areas. Tap on the ICAST Cup tournament. Once you see the button "Enter a Fish," head out and fish away. Fish should be entered as normal in bad reception areas. Your Digital Livewell® (fish icon) will show you if there are fish waiting for an internet connection to get pushed into the leaderboard. When you get back to a well-connected area, open your Digital Livewell® and leave that screen open/active until all fish are "Received." If your pictures are missing from the leaderboard, this is what you need to do. Until your pictures are received, do not delete or alter the photos on your phone, as the software will not accept your photos as originals.

## **Missing pictures on the leaderboard?**

Anglers should open their Digital Livewell (fish icon) when they get back to an area with good reception and leave that screen open until all fish are "Received."

## **Measuring Boards**

All measuring boards must be commercially made. You are required to have a board with a 90-degree bend that marks 0 and at least ¼" lines. No handmade measuring boards, stickers or tape measures allowed. No sliding, retractable, or foldable measuring devices are allowed unless approved by the tournament director. If your measurement is not clearly readable in your submission photo, it may not be accepted, or could be penalized.

## **Tournament Director**

Your Tournament Director is Scott Ellison. If you need to reach your director, their contact info is in the "i" Info icon within your tournament in the app.

The interpretation and enforcement of the rules is at the sole discretion of the director. The tournament director may update/clarify rules or impose penalties as he deems appropriate, including but not limited to: disqualifications and length penalties. All decisions made by the tournament director are final.

## **Sportsmanship**

All participants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any participant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of fishing may be disqualified.

## **Body of Water**

Participants must fish in U.S. waters that are open to the public: no private ponds, streams, lakes or rivers. No fishing in areas designated as no fishing by local authorities.

## **Inclement Weather**

Do not fish in inclement weather or water conditions. Exercise caution at all times.

## **Tiebreakers**

Ties will be broken first by largest fish submitted by each angler and then by second largest fish submitted by each angler. If the tie remains unbroken, anglers will share the tied position.

## **Notification of Winners**

Ensure that your correct address, email and mobile number appear in your app profile for announcements. If complete and accurate contact information is not supplied, you may be disqualified.

## **Laws and Regulations**

All federal, state and local laws governing fishing and boating must be followed.

Failure to comply with any tournament rule, as determined by the tournament director, subjects participants to disqualification and removal from the competition.

## **Permitted Fishing Methods**

Participants may fish from boats, kayaks, canoes or the shore. Fish must be hooked in the mouth and caught alive in a conventional manner. Fish cannot be snagged, netted, speared, etc. Only artificial lures may be used, with the exception of pork trailers and biodegradable soft baits. All lures must comply with state regulations. Only one rod and reel may be used at a time. Trolling is prohibited.

## **Safety**

Participants are responsible for their own safety, actions and property at all times.

## **Questions?**

If there are any questions about the rules, please contact the tournament director.