



Northern Division Juniors

2018-2019 Season

Good day to all Northern Division Junior Bass participants and parents,

17 June 2018

We are preparing for the upcoming 2018/2019 Season with our first event scheduled to be held on Tzaneen Dam on the 21st and 22nd of July 2018. I have attached the **AVISPARK LODGE** rates and contact details for those that would like to stay there. There will be a compulsory Angler & skipper opening meeting held at **AVISPARK LODGE** conference room Friday evening 20 July 2018. More detail will be made available with a detailed agenda as we get closer to the date.

I would like to convey the following information to all parents to ensure that you are all informed about the arrangements for the season ahead.

1. Participation

As you know, our Northern Division consists of Mpumalanga, Limpopo and Gauteng North. To my knowledge we have 6 confirmed anglers who will be competing in the divisional events this season. We need to field a team of 8 anglers at the Junior Nationals. So once again, I appeal to each angler/parent to encourage new entrants to grow our division.

2. Divisional Team Selection

The anglers that are ranked within the top 8 after conclusion of the series will make team for the ND Junior Divisional Team that will be selected to represent the division at the Junior National Tournament which is scheduled to take place early April 2019 (dates are unconfirmed). The junior anglers will fish a total of three weekends of which the Saturday and Sunday will count as separate sessions. Anglers will therefore fish six sessions (six days in total) of which the best four sessions will be used to determine the ranking of the anglers upon conclusion of the divisional series.

3. Northern Division Junior Manager

Thank-you for putting your trust in me to manage the team again this year. My intention is to select an event committee for each dam consisting of myself and two other committee members. The event committee members will be announced at the captains meeting before each event.

Please feel free to contact me via e-mail or my cell# below to clarify any queries you may have.

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There were many people who contributed towards last years divisional as well as the National Event that was held on the Vaal River. I would like to use this opportunity to thank each one of you for your efforts. To those boys that fished but did not perform as well as you'd have liked, hard lines chaps, it was a very difficult tournament and one lucky fish was all that some of you needed.

To Tristan Wickham, Jordan Bridger and Nathan Wickham – congratulations on your Junior Protea nominations, I know you will all enjoy your upcoming International Test to be held in Zimbabwe during December 2018. Mr Andre Senekal is the Manager and Mr Ian Geldard the Coach for this event.

As indicated to you at our AGM held on the 20th of January 2018, this will be my final year as manager, so please be ready to select a new manager come our AGM at the conclusion of this season.

4. Registration Fee

As agreed to at our AGM held on the 20th of January 2018, please deposit the R 3000 angler entry fee by end June (or please make arrangements with me). Please ensure each angler is a fully paid up club member and that their SABAA affiliation fees are fully paid as soon as your club provides you with the applicable fees.

5. Scheduled Divisional Tournaments

The first competition will take place on Tzaneen Dam on the 21st and 22nd July 2018.

The second competition will take place on 18th & 19th of August on Rust De Winter Dam (Loskop occupied).

The third and final competition is scheduled to take place on 22nd and 23rd September 2018 on Witbank Dam.

We will do our AGM directly after completion of the Sunday fishing session that concludes at 13H00 on 23 September 2018.

6. General Arrangements

The standard SABAA competition rules apply and a copy thereof will be circulated by email.

Anglers registration forms and Indemnity forms will also be circulated. Please complete and sign the forms and return to me by email before Friday 20 July 2018. **No documents = No fishing.**

Captains meeting will take place at **AVISPARK LODGE**, time to be confirmed. An agenda is attached hereto. Please communicate directly with the lodge if you require accommodation. Lodge contact details attached.

I ask the able and willing ladies committee to organise the food & drinks for the Friday night meeting. Boat packs (food, drinks & ice) for juniors and skippers will be the parent's responsibility as per last year. Saturday dinner will be by own arrangement.

The following will be finalised at Captains meeting Friday night but the following is an outline of arrangements for Tzaneen:

Boat pairing and starting order for Day 1 will be determined by way of a draw at the Captains Meeting on the Friday 20 July 2018 at **AVISPARK LODGE**.

Starting order and boat pairing for Day 2 and the rest of the competition days of the season will be according to ranking.

Juniors must please bring their own fishing equipment; weigh bags, Sun cream, hat & Life jacket.

The anglers will need a torch to facilitate packing in the dark.

All anglers must please wear their divisional shirts (those used on the Vaal River). Newbies must earn their divisional shirts and may fish in any appropriate clothing.

No cell phones will be allowed on boats (apart from skippers).

Absolutely no communication regarding fishing spots, baits or related matters between parents and anglers during competition hours (this also applies to dads that skip another boat).

A five fish bag will be applicable with a minimum length of 300mm.

Each day will count as a session.

Anglers must please ensure that their kit is on their assigned boats by 5h30 am as boats will depart at 5h45 for the dam. We will launch and depart as soon as all the boats are ready (or safe light).

Weigh in on Saturday will be at 16h00 and weigh in on Sunday 22 July will be at **13H00**.

Tags must be on the board before cut-off. You will be disqualified if your tag is not on the board before cut-off.

Anglers must make sure that they sign their weigh sheet at weigh in.

There will be no penalty for dead fish but we encourage our juniors to look after the well-being of their fish.

Any complaints must be submitted in writing with a R 50 admin fee to an event committee member by no later than 15 minutes after cut off. The complaints will be discussed at event committee level where a decision will be taken. No matter will be open for debate at the competitions.

All the best for the season ahead, we look forward to see everyone again. Remember, the most important thing is to make sure that the juniors enjoy the tournaments and love the sport.

Regards

John Wickham