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TOURNAMENTS FOR QUALIFICATION FOR SENIOR NATIONALS AND INTERPROVINCIAL

TOURNAMENT RULES

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PREAMBLE

It is a SASACC requirement that all anglers qualifying for Senior National Trials and Interprovincial Tournaments should be subject to the equal qualification process. In order for SABAA to facilitate this requirement this document describes the standards and rules for participation and running of all Qualifying Tournaments that serve the purpose of qualifying anglers for participation at the Senior National Trials or Interprovincial Tournaments.

Note that this does not prohibit SABAA for implementing any additional rules or amendments to these rules for purpose of promoting qualification and/or participation of persons of colour in various teams at all levels of the sport.

The rules that apply for participation and running of Senior Nationals and Interprovincial Tournaments are contained in a separate document. This document however has precedence on matters relating to Qualifying Tournaments only. If this document however does not address a specific matter the relevant clauses in the National Senior Trials and National Interprovincial Championship Rules document shall apply. In particular the following clauses in the National Senior Trials and National Interprovincial Championship Rules document shall apply for Qualifying Tournaments:

- Rule 4 – Use of Live Wells – Clause A
- Rule 6 – Safety – Clauses A to L
- Rule 7 – Sportsmanship – Clauses A & B
- Rule 8 – Injured Fish – Clauses A to F
- Rule 9 – Weighing Fish – Clauses A to C
- Rule 13 – Fish Limits – Clause A & B
- Rule 14 – Fish Culling – Clauses A to D
- Rule 17 – Combining Catches – Clauses A & B
- Rule 18 – Boarding by Committee Members – Clause A
- Rule 19 – Protests – Clause A & B
- Rule 21 – Scoring Systems – Clause A & B
- Rule 22 – Lure Type Tackle – Clause A to E
- Rule 23 – Eligible Fish – Clause A to E
- Rule 24 – Wet Lines – Clause A to C
- Rule 26 – Methods of Angling – Clause A & B
- Rule 27 – Prohibited Areas – Clause A & B
- Rule 28 – Alcohol and Drugs – Clause A to D
- Rule 32 – Power of Disqualification – Clause A
- Rule 34 – Use of Drones – Clause A

SABAA structures hosting Qualifying Tournaments may not adopt alternate rules that contradict these Tournament Rules in any way. The tournament committee may however make additional arrangements aimed at the facilitating the smooth running of competitions as long as they do not contradict these Tournament Rules in any way, and as long as they are adequately and timeously communicated to the relevant parties.

DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The following definitions and abbreviations such apply in this document.

1. **Ordinary Member** – as defined in the SABAA constitution – also known as a competitive angler.
2. **Qualifying Tournament** – a series of competitions run within a single season by any SABAA substructure for the purpose of selecting anglers to qualify for participation in the Senior Nationals and Interprovincial Tournaments.
3. **Qualifying Competition** – an individual competition within a Qualifying Tournament.
4. **SASAAC** – South African Sport Anglers and Casting Confederation
5. **SASCOC** – South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee
6. **SABAA** – South African Bass Anglers Association
7. **Tournament Director** – a person appointed by the relevant SABAA structure who are hosting the Qualifying Tournament.
8. **Tournament Committee** – a committee consisting of the Tournament Director and at least two other members.
9. **Tournament Rules** – any reference to Tournament Rules refer to the rules as documented in this document unless specified otherwise.

If a specific term is not defined in this section or elsewhere in this document then the definitions contained in the SABAA constitution shall apply.

1 – ORGANISATION AND PARTICIPATION

- A) A SABAA sub-structure wishing to enter a team of qualifying anglers to the Senior Nationals or the Interprovincial Tournament shall host a Qualifying Tournament in accordance with these Tournament Rules.
- B) The sub-structure must meet the requirements specified in the SABAA constitution to be recognised as a SABAA sub-structure in order to enter a team to the Senior Nationals or Interprovincial Championships.
- C) The SABAA sub-structure hosting such a tournament shall determine the fees due for such a tournament. These fees should cover all reasonable expenses that may be incurred to run such a tournament.
- D) The SABAA sub-structure may seek sponsorship contributions to offset the costs of running such tournaments subject to the SABAA, SASACC and SASCOG guidelines on sponsorship. All such sponsorships must be vetted by the relevant SABAA executive committee responsible for sponsorships in order to coordinate sponsorship efforts at a national level.
- E) The SABAA sub-structure hosting the Qualifying Tournament shall at the beginning of the season appoint a Tournament Director and a Tournament Committee for the season. These should be persons with experience in participation in such tournaments, who are reasonably expected to attend all the tournament competitions for the season. The Tournament Director and Tournament Committee's responsibilities shall include the following:
 - a. Facilitating a process for selecting the venues and dates for the Qualifying Competitions that form part of the tournament (Ensuring that their COE's and those of neighbouring provinces do not clash)
 - b. Facilitating the angler registration process for the tournament
 - c. Appointing a suitable weighmaster for all competitions and ensuring that the weighmaster abides by the Tournament Rules and SABAA guidelines. This includes all the necessary arrangement for running a suitable weigh station for the competition
 - d. A minimum of 2 (two) calibrated scales shall be available at National Championship and at National Inter Provincial Championships accompanied by a Receipt printer, duplicate copies should be generated, and the angler should take a copy and the Weigh Master will retain the other copy. An angler's catch will not be released until the angler has confirmed that he is satisfied with the receipt that he has been given.
 - e. www.weighmasters.net will be the standard results site for all events and every Province should make provision for a system failure and as such should have a backup (e.g. Triplicate Receipt books are to be used, the middle copy goes to the angler, top copy to go with the Weigh Master

and the book to be taken by an independent person from the Provincial executive)

- f. Ensuring that anglers abide to all relevant rules and regulations, including relevant legislation and local venue regulations
 - g. Handle all contraventions to rules in a transparent and fair manner in accordance with the Tournament Rules and all other SABAA and other relevant rules or regulations, including the power to disqualify a competitor or impose a fine.
 - h. Maintain all relevant tournament records, including records of fish weighed, tournament results and competition attendance registers, for a period of at least three years.
- F)* In order to participate in a Qualifying Tournament an angler must be a senior (or qualifying Junior) Ordinary Member of SABAA at the time of entry and must be in good standing with all relevant SABAA structures.
- G)* A participating angler must register for the Qualifying Tournament and pay all fees due prior to the cut-off date which shall be published by the Tournament Director at the beginning of a new season.
- H)* All anglers who enter the Qualifying Tournament must be provided with a copy of the Tournament Rules and the anglers must confirm in writing that they have received the rules and that they accept the rules as binding as a precondition for participation. Failure to provide such written confirmation provides grounds for rejecting the angler's registration for the tournament.

2 – TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- A) Qualifying Tournaments shall consist of eight Qualifying Competitions of one-day duration each.
- B) A single Qualifying Tournament may be used to qualify for both the Senior National Trials and/or the Interprovincial. Alternatively, separate Qualifying Tournaments can be run for the National Trials and Interprovincial qualification respectively.
- C) In order to reduce anglers' costs and pressure on the angling calendar, competitions may be hosted on consecutive days at the same venue.

3 – COMPETITION FORMAT

- A) The Tournament Director, or in their absence a member of the Tournament Committee, shall hold a competition briefing prior to the commencement of the competition.

- B) The time and venue of the briefing is to be communicated well in advance to allow all anglers suitable notice.
- C) Non-attendance of a briefing will not be accepted as an excuse for ignorance of the arrangements and/or rules in the event of a complaint or objection being raised.
- D) The following is to be communicated at the competition briefing:
 - a. The name and contact details of the weigh master for the competition.
 - b. The name of the Tournament Director and Tournament Committee members presiding for the competition.
 - c. The scheduled start and finish times, taking local conditions into account.
 - d. Local venue regulations and rules, e.g. no wake zones.
 - e. Any no fishing, no wake and danger zones.
 - f. Any emergency procedures.
 - g. Launch and weigh-in procedures.
- E) A maximum of two anglers may fish off the same boat in a competition. If more than one angler fishes off a boat, a mechanism that does not result in any form of mutilation of the fish, must be used to identify the anglers' fish.
- F) The starting order for a particular competition shall be determined on the following basis:
 - a. At the first competition of a new season, the starting order shall be based on the anglers ceding at the end of the previous season. New or comeback anglers, who do not have a ceding, will depart after all ceded anglers (by means of a draw). For all remaining competitions the starting order will be determined by the angler's accumulated GP points for the current season. This will include all events to date, i.e. without discarding any events. In the event of a tie in starting order the angler who started earlier at the event immediately preceding the new competition shall be awarded the tie-break. If two anglers fish off the same boat for a specific competition the higher ranked angler's ranking shall apply for purposes of determining starting order.
 - b. The alternative starting procedure is to draw starting position for each angler at each event at the beginning of the season. Additional reserve numbers should be draw (eg. Reserve Boat 1 through 10) These numbers will then only be allocated to a "NEW or Come Back" member joining later than the due date prescribed by SABAA.

- G) A Tournament Competition is to be scheduled for a minimum of at least 8 hours per day.
- H) The Tournament Director MUST delay the start of a competition if at their discretion the conditions are unsafe, e.g. poor visibility due to fog or rain. In the event at any time of the day during the event that anglers experience poor visibility, they should only proceed on their combustion engines at 1200 RPM, the penalty for transgression of the above rule is immediate disqualification.
- I) If the venue and location permit an extension to the end time of the competition (light conditions etc), then the Tournament Committee will review safety conditions every half and may add time on to the competition only when the session would have been shorter than the prescribed 8 hours. If it is not possible to complete at least 6 hours of fishing the Tournament Director must cancel the competition and the Tournament Committee is to reschedule the competition for another date and if necessary an alternate venue.
- J) The following weigh-in procedure shall apply for all competitions:
- a. A large enough waiting area, including a suitable holding tank, shall be provided and marshalled.
 - b. Cut-off time is to be indicated by the sounding of a horn or siren and/or flare. Should any competitor's boat not be within the boundaries of the waiting area at such time, his/her catch for that session will be disqualified.
 - c. Should the Tournament Committee indicate at the competition briefing that a Disc (Tag) System is in operation then the competitor(s) will only be deemed to have arrived in good time for the weigh-in, if their discs are placed on the board prior to cut-off time.
 - d. If any Competitor's Disc is not returned to the board by cut off time, said Competitor will be disqualified.
 - e. If an angler is disqualified for being late but has weighed fish prior to the cut-off time, and these have been recorded by the weigh-master, these fish will count towards his score. Only fish that have yet to be weighed will not count.
 - f. In the event of the jetty or beaching area being overcrowded by boats, a competitor may claim waiting time if the weigh-in deadline is imminent. This can only be done by attracting the attention of a member of the Tournament Committee if in the waiting area (no-wake area) in good time before the deadline time is reached. The Tournament Committee member will immediately note the competitor's name & the time of any such incident in a log book and bring it to the attention of the weigh master on completion of weigh-in.

- g. Any competitor rendering EMERGENCY assistance to another competitor or member of the public which results in his/her late arrival may have his/her catch weighed if he/she provides satisfactory proof of such assistance given. A member of the Tournament Committee will note the name of the competitors concerned and the time of the incident in a log book.

4 – COMPETITION RULES

- A) Cut-off - No SABAA member may be on the water at which a Tournament Competition is scheduled to take place within a period starting five days prior to the commencement of the competition. For clarification if a competition is scheduled to commence on a Saturday the cut-off for the competition starts at 00h01 on the preceding Monday. In addition, no participant may solicit information relating to the fishing of the venue from any other person who has fished the venue during the above cut-off period. If an angler who is registered to participate in the specific competition transgresses this rule, they will be disqualified from participating in the competition. Should the angler in question not be fishing the specific competition, then they will be disqualified in the next event in highest ranked SABAA affiliated tournament that they shall participate in. If the competition in which the angler is to be disqualified is on a weekend where two one day competitions are being held on consecutive days, then the angler will only be disqualified for the first competition, e.g. the Saturday, and he may continue to participate in the second competition.
- B) All live-wells shall be inspected prior to the commencement of a competition. A system for proving that live-wells have been inspected shall be implemented.
- C) The use of cellular phones, is allowed for safety purposes only. No angler may contact another angler, whilst on the water, unless in the case of an emergency. Arrangements must be made with weigh master for emergency messages to be intercepted and conveyed to the competitors.

5 – QUALIFICATION FOR SENIOR NATIONAL TRIALS

- A) The SABAA executive shall from time to time determine the number of anglers (slots) that shall participate in the Senior National Trials.
- B) The number of slots shall be allocated to the respective qualifying SABAA substructures on a proportional representation basis. Proportional representation will be determined on the following basis:
 - a. When considering the slots for a years National Trials the proportional representation will be based on the Qualifying Tournament for that Nationals Trials that would have been completed in the season ending in May on the same year, assuming that National Trials are scheduled in the second half of a calendar year.

- b. The number of anglers who have participated in at least 75%, i.e. six of the eight competitions, are to be counted per qualifying sub-structure. In order to qualify for participation in a specific event an angler must have launched their boat and made an attempt to fish during competition hours. It is not necessary that an angler weigh a fish to be counted for a specific event.
 - c. The count per sub-structure are then to be expressed as a percentage of the total count of all the sub-structures. A specific sub-structure is then allocated the corresponding percentage of the total slots available.
- C) Note that SABAA executive reserves the right to reserve or add additional slots for the specific purpose of promoting the advancement of participation by people of colour in the various teams.
- D) The scoring system to be applied for Qualifying Competitions is the same as applied at Senior National Trials (refer to Rule 21 of Nationals Tournament Rules), i.e. one point per live fish, plus one point per kilogram and equivalent part point per part kilogram, etc.
- E) Anglers are to be ranked for each Qualifying Competition based on total points applying a reverse GP system with the winner been awarded 100 GP points, the 2nd place 99 GP points and so forth.
- F) An angler that participates in a specific competition, but does not weigh any fish will be awarded zero GP points.
- G) The end-of-season tournament ranking for a particular angler will be calculated by calculating the Total GP points of the six highest results for that season and will be expressed as a percentage of the total available points (Example: Should an angler have 592 GP points for the season, it will be expressed as a percentage - 592 divided by the 600 GP points available resulting in a score of 98.667). The resulting total will used to rank all participating anglers providing their end-of-season ranking.
- a. For clarification should an angler be disqualified for a specific competition for whatever reason that competition may be considered one of the discarded competition for purposes of calculating the six highest results for that season.
- H) Qualification for National Trials will be based on angler ceding as calculated at the end of the season which shall be calculated as follows:

60% X the current (completed) season end-of-season Total GP points (six or the 8 events) after discards have been taken into account, plus 40% X the greater of the previous two seasons end-of-season Total GP Points

6 – QUALIFICATION FOR INTERPROVINCIAL TOURNAMENTS

- A) The SABAA executive shall from time to time determine the number of anglers per team participating at the Interprovincial Tournament.
- B) The points assigned will be the same as for qualification for National Trials as set out in section 5(D) to 5(H) above.
- C) The team selection will be based on end-of-season Total GP Points after discards have been taken into account.
- D) Note that SABAA executive reserves the right to add further requirements aimed at promoting the advancement of participation by people of colour in the various teams.

7 – TIE BREAKS

- A) Competition (Single) Event

In the case of a tie at any individual event both anglers will receive the same respective Grand Prix points for the tied position. (Example: A two-way tie in 2nd position; both anglers receive 99 points and the angler in 3rd would receive 97 points. 100, 99, 99, 97 etc)

- B) At the end of a Season

Anglers that are tied on Total Grand Prix points (after discards are taken into account): 1st Tie Break would be the total quantity of fish caught for the current season after the discards have been taken into account. 2nd Tie Break would be the total bag weights for the season after discards have been taken into account.

- C) Ceding

In the case of a tie on the ceding lists: 1st Tie Break is based on the total GP Points for the current season, plus the previous two seasons respective Total GP Points (all after the respective discards have been taken into account). 2nd Tie Break is based on the angler with the highest Total Grand Prix point in the current season after discards have been taken into account. 3rd Tie Break would be the Total number of fish over the current year plus the previous two seasons after their respective discards have been taken into account.

- D) Angler of the Year (AOY)

The AOY will be determined by the total Grand Prix Points after discards for the current season.

8 – ABSENCE DUE TO CONFLICTING SABAA EVENT

- A) Should an angler be representing SABAA at another higher event, e.g. an international event, and not be able to attend a Qualifying Competition, the angler may request a point allocation due to his/her absence.
 - a. If attending a local SABAA event, an application may be submitted if the angler is required to be away either 5 days prior or 5 days after the event.
 - b. If attending an International/Overseas event, an application for points may be submitted if the angler is required to be away either 14 days prior or 14 days after an event.
- B) For the purpose of the Qualifying Competition in question, the anglers ceding prior to the Competition shall be applied as his point for the calculation of the result of that specific Competition.
- C) For the purpose of determining the anglers future ceding post the Qualifying Competition in question, the anglers ceding prior to the Competition shall be rounded down and applied as their GP point for that particular competition.