

## 2024 Kings of Cowtown Rules

*These rules apply to all contestants entering this tournament. Violations of any of these rules will result in an appropriate penalty or disqualification. It is each team's responsibility to know and completely understand the rules set forth for this tournament. All contestants will be subject to a polygraph test. Failure to pass or refusal to take will result in an immediate disqualification and be banned from all future Kings of Cowtown tournaments as well as all Team Trail Outdoors tournaments. All protests must be in writing no more than 5 minutes after the weigh-in scales have closed after each leg of the tournament. All decisions are final and are not subject to an appeal.*

**Participation and Eligibility:** This tournament is a pre-paid tournament. Anyone under 18 years of age, can only be the teammate of his/her legal guardian. Team Trail Outdoors LLC reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone.

**Registration and check in:** Pre-registration is required. All teams must check-in before each leg of the tournament. Any team that fails to check in before any leg of this tournament will not be able to weigh in their catch for that lake. It is each team's responsibility to notify the tournament directors that they will be late for any reason. If a team is late and have notified the tournament directors, no penalty will be assessed. If a team is late, their live wells must be checked prior to making their first cast. **(There are absolutely no exceptions to this rule)**

**Boat Requirements:** All entered boats must have all safety items required by the USCG, a permanently mounted aeration system and no raised fishing decks above the gunnel. All outboards shall not exceed the maximum horsepower rating of the USCG. Jet boats are allowed in this tournament as long as they meet all the requirements and are equipped with the same equipment of all other boats. There is no penalty for switching boats from one lake to the next.

**State Laws:** All state, local and federal laws must be obeyed.

**Teams:** All teams shall consist of no more than 2 anglers, although a contestant may enter this tournament as a one-man team. Only registered contestants are allowed in the boats during official hours. Once the tournament meeting has concluded, no partner substitutions will be allowed. If one team member can't fish, the other member must fish solo. If a team member has to get out of the boat for any reason, all fishing must stop and lines reeled in until both team members are back in the boat.

**Off-Limits:** Off limits for practice begins at 11:59 pm on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> and runs through the start of the tournament. Anyone that participates in or is involved in the unsportsmanlike and unethical practice of catching fish and relocating them to an area on tournament waters that traps them with the intentions of catching them on tournament day will be disqualified from this tournament as well as all Team Trail Outdoors LLC events.

**No information rule:** Beginning Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:59 pm, no team shall give or receive any information to help them or another team in this tournament. No private messages regarding the 3 lakes in this tournament are allowed on any social media websites or forums. Other than using publicly available information, no fishing information may be purchased, bartered, solicited or received from ANYONE. Anyone who violates this rule will be scratched from the field and will not receive a refund of entry fees.

**Safety:** all Teams must have a USCG approved life vest on and buckled any time the outboard is **IN GEAR**. Waist belts are not acceptable for use anytime the outboard is in gear. The driver of each entered boat must have an emergency kill switch connected to his life vest and boat anytime the outboard is in gear. No alcohol or illegal drugs are allowed during tournament hours. Tournament hours for August 10<sup>th</sup> begins at 6am until 8pm. Tournament hours for August 11<sup>th</sup> begins at 6am until you have weighed in your fish at the final weigh-in.

**Sportsmanship:** All teams entering tournament are expected to show true sportsmanship and common courtesy at all times. No fishing within 25 yards of another team without mutual consent. No team at any time, shall block any entry to a fishing area that is considered a public waterway.

## Fishing Times:

**Eagle Mountain Lake:** August 10<sup>th</sup> Start at safelight (**West Bay Marina**) Check-in times are listed below and scales close at 12:30 pm.

- Flight One (#1-20) – check-in by 11:30 am
- Flight Two (#21-40) – check-in by 11:45 am
- Flight Three (#41-60) – check-in by 12:00 pm

**Lake Worth:** August 10<sup>th</sup> start at 2:30 pm (**Casino Beach**) Check-in times are listed below and scales close at 8:30 pm.

- Flight One (#41-60) – check-in by 7:30 pm
- Flight Two (#21-40) – check-in by 7:45 pm
- Flight Three (#1-20) – check-in by 8:00 pm

**Lake Lewisville:** August 13<sup>th</sup> safe light till 12:00 pm

CONTROLLED START FROM **TOWER BAY** IN ORDER OF DAY 1 STANDINGS

- Boats 1-30 (**original boat number**) put in at Tower Bay
- Boats 31-60 (**original boat number**) put in at Arrowhead

STOP FISH TIMES (NO CHECK-IN at the lake. Check-in will be at Fun N Sun)

- Boats 1-30 (in order of standings) – stop fishing at 12:00 pm
- Boats 31-60 (in order of standings) – stop fishing at 12:15 pm
- There will be no official check-in at the lake and no dead fish penalty for this weigh-in of Lake Lewisville only. A dead fish will not be considered for big fish competition.
- The scales will open at **1:00 pm** at **Fun n Sun**. All teams must be **checked-in no later than 1:45 pm** at **Fun n Sun Hurst**. All teams must have in possession documentation that you are entered in this event for transporting fish (Zebra Mussels). Documents are provided by Team trail Outdoors on Sunday morning at the ramp.

**Off Limits Areas:** All areas marked by state, federal and local authorities (no fishing at all around these areas). All bridges marked or unmarked are considered no wake zones.

**Fishing Methods:** Only one rod and reel may be used at any time by each team member. No trolling is allowed. All fish must be caught alive and on artificial baits with the exception of pork trailers.

**Length requirements and scoring:** Only Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass will be allowed to weigh. Kings of Cowtown will utilize the length requirements set forth by each lake governing officials and will be announced at the meeting as well as the start of each lake. The official measuring board is the PRO RULE. Only 5 fish are allowed in the live wells at any time during tournament hours of each lake. No culling of dead fish. A dead fish can't be weighed for big bass competition. There is a 1-pound penalty and loss of fish for any fish not meeting the size requirements. There is a .50-pound penalty for each dead fish. All fish become property of Team Trail Outdoors LLC after weighed and will be released back in tournament water. This is an accumulated weight tournament over the 3 lakes of this tournament. The winners of this tournament will be determined by adding the weights of all three lakes. Ties will be settled by combining 2 places and splitting equally.

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