

Androscoggin River – Turner, ME

31st Annual Bronzeback Open

Saturday- September 20th 8am – 4pm

MINIMUM \$4K IN GUARANTEED PAYOUTS!!!

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- 1. RULES & REGULATIONS:** The tournament committee members are designated judges and are responsible for the interpretation and enforcement of the tournament rules. THEIR DECISIONS ARE FINAL. The judges are eligible to compete for all prizes.
- 2. LAUNCHING and REMOVING BOATS:** All boats must go through an inspection to include a live well check and weed check prior to entering the tournament lake and after the event has completed. Boat owners are in violation if they pull a boat from tournament waters with fish in their live wells. No boat owners are allowed under any circumstances to pull boats from tournament waters with fish in the live wells.
- 3. INSURANCE:** It is the sole responsibility of the boat owner to carry and have proof of adequate public liability insurance covering them and passengers. All boat owners must carry a minimum of \$300,000 (per occurrence) liability insurance to participate. Tournament staff has the right to ask for proof of insurance at any time and all teams will be required to present their insurance information when they initially register. All contestants are required to sign the application absolving the tournament organizers, tournament sponsors, cosponsors and their employees from any responsibility for any damage or personal injury sustained as a result of their participation in the tournament or related activities. Contestants are required to have in their possession and provide proof of insurance on demand by the tournament director. All participants agree to hold harmless Bronzeback Mainiacs, officers, directors and agents.
- 4. PROTEST:** Protests must be filed in writing before the first fish is weighed.
- 5. TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION:** All registrations will be done on tournament day, no mailed in applications. All teams must be signed in at the tournament headquarters no later than 7:30am the day of the tournament. Only two contestants allowed per boat. Contestants under the age of 16 must be teamed with a parent or guardian.
- 6. REFUNDS:** There will be no refunds.
- 7. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT:** There will be only one designated check point at the close of the tournament. Any contestant late for the weigh in will be penalized one pound per minute up to fifteen minutes, at which time the contestant will be disqualified.
- 8. SAFETY:** Safe boating must always be observed. Life vest must be worn and fastened any time the combustion engine is in gear. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. All boats must have approved coast guard equipment on board including fire extinguisher and kill switch.
- 9. SPORTSMANSHIP:** All participants are required to comply with all Fish and Wildlife regulations of the State of Maine and this tournament. Any team ticketed will result in disqualification. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN A TOURNAMENT BOAT, AT THE OFFICIAL WEIGH – IN, OR THE AWARDS CEREMONY. Violators of this rule will be disqualified. All contestants are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner at all times.
- 10. TACKLE PERMITTED:** Only spinning, casting, or spin casting rods will be approved for this tournament. All bass must be caught on artificial lures in a sportsman like manner. No live or prepared baits except for pork rinds, etc. are allowed. A contestant may fish with only one rod at a time. However, he or she may have other rods prepared.
- 11. BOATS AND MOTORS:** Electric motors and small gasoline engines may be used to maneuver a boat while fishing. TROLLING is NOT permitted. Combustion engines shall not exceed 250 H.P.
- 12. FISHING TIME:** Starting positions will be determined as you arrive and check in. The tournament will start at or before 8:00 am and end at 4:00pm, weather permitting.
- 13. SCORING:** Only smallmouth and largemouth bass caught on tournament waters on tournament day will be scored. The minimum length limit shall be 14 inches, mouth closed. There is a 7 fish limit per boat with no weight restrictions. A .25 pound penalty (per fish) will be imposed for the weighing of a dead fish and a one-pound penalty for a short fish with the weight of the short fish not counting. Culling of dead fish is allowed. To qualify as lunker, a fish must be weighed alive and released alive at the weigh-in site. Contestants wanting to keep a trophy fish will have 6 ounces deducted from their total weight.
- 14. TIES:** In case of a tie, the contestants with the largest live weighed fish shall be declared the winner. The second tiebreaker will be the most live fish weighed. Third most fish weighed. Final tiebreaker is a coin toss.
- 15. LIVEWELLS:** All fish must be kept in a continuous flowing aerated live well, pumping fresh water in, except that you may put your live well in recirculation mode when the outboard is in gear. OUR GOAL IS A 100% LIVE RELEASE.
- 16. FISHING LOCATION:** : Fishing is allowed on the Androscoggin River from the Northern boundary of the Route 219 BRIDGE and to the southern boundary at the SAFETY ROPES just before the dam downstream (NO GOING PAST THE ROPES, you may cast over the ropes). No contestant shall fish within 50 yards of another contestant whose boat is anchored, trolling motor in stowed position. All fishing shall be conducted from the contestant's boat. No person shall leave the boat except for emergencies.
- 17. AWARDS AND PRIZES:** Contestants may get winnings at the event or have them mailed to them. Lunker pool will be divided evenly between largest largemouth and largest smallmouth (The amount to be determined by the number of contestants in the pool). Ties will split the pool money evenly in each category.
- 18. RAFFLES:** Winners will be notified of any raffles won.
- 19. TAXES & TOURNAMENT WINNINGS:** All taxes of tournament winnings are the responsibility of the winning anglers
- 20. CUT OFF:** *The pre-fishing cut off for this tournament is from Midnight* **Tuesday Sept. 16th, 2025!**
- 21. Non-Penetrating Cull Tags Only**

Registration Form

We have read and understand the rules and enclose the completed application. In signing this application, we hereby waive our legal venue and release all other contestants, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims for injury and/or damages incurred in connection with these tournaments and agree to all their rules and decisions. I maintain liability insurance and have verification of liability insurance on the boat I will use in these tournaments.

\$135 - NO CHECKS - Cash only

\$10 Optional Lunker Pool

Please fill out and bring to boat inspection/registration on tournament day.

A. Boater

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Do you have at least 300,000 Liability Ins. on this boat? **YES** ___ **NO** ___

Boat/Model _____ Motor _____ HP _____

Signature _____

B. Partner

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Signature _____