



## 2016 NSER BASS MASTERS OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

### **SPECIAL NOTE**

This is a catch-and-release tournament however students are allowed to legally retain a fish under the Department of Fisheries and Oceans guidelines. Qualifying fish are not required to be brought to a weigh station. Prizes are awarded based on the length of the fish, which is to be submitted via a photograph taken on the boat or on shore with a standard metric measuring device. The tournament is designed as catch-and-release to protect and preserve Striped Bass. Participants may certainly keep their legal catch for personal consumption.

### **TOURNAMENT DAYS & TIMES**

No lines in the water prior to **Sunday, May 1, 2016** and fishing may continue thru **Wednesday, June 8 at 10:00PM**.

Photos of qualifying fish showing length and angler ***must be submitted no later than Wednesday, June 8 at 10:00PM*** via **email**.

PLEASE NOTE: Keep original file / device used to take photo, which may be required post-submission to determine measurements in photos that may not be clear post transmission. For email submission send to **dax.silliker@nbed.nb.ca**. Anglers will receive confirmation that their photos were received when submitted.

### **TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES**

Fishing must occur on the Miramichi Watershed.

### **QUALIFYING FISH & PRIZES**

- NSER Bass Masters Tournament is a Striped Bass tournament, open to any students currently enrolled in grade 7 to 12 at NSER .
- **Prizes will be awarded to the angler with the largest fish by length.**
- Fish that have been mutilated or tampered with in any way will be automatically disqualified.
- Fish responsibly!
- The angler may submit as many fish as desired but, at the end of the tournament, in the event of a tie, the prize will go to the fish entered the earliest.
- ***All participants are responsible for getting their photos to the tournament committee within the allotted time and for getting confirmation that their submission was received by the tournament committee at the time sent.***
- The Committee will investigate all grievances and reserves the right to call witnesses, to question them and all parties involved. The Committee may disqualify from the Tournament any person or persons who falsify information, violate the Tournament Rules, act in an unsportsmanlike manner, or falsely testify for or against any person.

## **QUALIFYING FISH & PRIZES CONTINUED**

- Participants entering the tournament agree that all decisions made by the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding in any matter requiring their action.
- It is understood that all students participating in our Tournament do so voluntarily and at their own risk.
- All photos may be posted to NSER Website.

## **HOW TO TAKE GOOD FISH SCORING PICTURE**

Taking good fish scoring pictures is one of the most challenging facets of catch-photo-release fishing. Since the picture is all the judges have to assess your catch, it is vital that you take good pictures. Good fish scoring pictures make judging easy.

### **What constitutes a good fish scoring picture?**

- Use a good quality measuring device.
- Use a quality digital camera or smart phone.
- The entire fish must be clearly visible from head to tail
- Striped bass are total tail length
- The fish's mouth should be closed.
- Fish should not be stretched, bent, or manipulated in any way to enhance the length. The fish should be in a natural lay position.
- The picture should be taken from above the fish center.
- The fish and measuring device should be on a flat surface.
- The scoring marks on the fish measuring device should be clear and visible in the picture.
- The digital pictures should be shot at high resolution to enable judges to zoom in for detailed analysis.
- The pictures should not be digitally modified or manipulated (this includes editing, cropping, and resizing).

