



THE NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL FISHING LEAGUE 2026 RULES

1. INTERPRETATION & ENFORCEMENT - Interpretation and enforcement of these rules will be left exclusively to THE NATIONAL PFL Staff. Decisions of the tournament director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal. We insist on the field of anglers being a “self-policing entity”. The integrity of the field, The Company and the sponsors is a top priority. Each Pro agrees to report any rule violation to the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the violation. The violation of a tournament rule may result in, but is not limited to, weight loss, the loss of weight up to a particular time in the tournament day, the loss of weight for the entire day, the loss of the heaviest one-day catch, the loss of the heaviest bass for the day, disqualification from the entire tournament, a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500 or ineligibility to participate in future NATIONAL PFL tournaments. Protests and/or alleged rule violations are to be documented in writing by the witness within 30 minutes of the check-in time of the final flight of each tournament day. THE NATIONAL PFL reserves the right to consider rule violations reported or discovered after a tournament has ended and assess penalties for future events, including denying entry to compete.

2. PAYBACK & PARTICIPATION -Payback is based on the full field of up to 130 anglers. Participation is open only to members of THE NATIONAL PFL . Any person’s participation in any tournament is at the sole discretion of THE NATIONAL PFL officials. All pros must have a valid fishing license for the waters they fish. Failure to provide proof of a valid fishing license within a reasonable amount of time when requested by the tournament director will result in disqualification for that day and any preceding days in which the license was required for the tournament.

3. POINT STANDINGS 250 points are awarded to the winner of each qualifying tournament, 249 to 2nd, 248 to 3rd, etc. All pros paid and in good standing will receive points in each of the six events. The top pro from the point standings after the six qualifying tournaments (ties resolved by total weight for the year, then total number of fish for the year , then total number of live fish for the year) wins THE NATIONAL PFL Angler of the Year title. The Top 40 in points (ties resolved by total weight for the year , then total number of fish for the year, then total number of live fish for the year) will receive an invite to fish the 2026 NPFL Championship.

4. NO INFORMATION / OFF-LIMITS – Upon public release of the official NPFL tournament schedule for the season, contestants are strictly prohibited from conditioning, altering, enhancing, or manipulating any area of tournament waters for the purpose of gaining a competitive advantage. This includes, but is not limited to, the relocating, driving, herding, or staging of fish and the installation or placement of ropes, cables, buoys, markers, physical guides, tethers, or any other device or mechanism intended to assist in entering, accessing, or holding position within any area of tournament waters. Nothing in this rule prohibits a contestant from placing brush or structure in accordance with all state, federal, or local regulations when legally permitted to do so, provided such action is not performed for the purpose of creating, clearing, enhancing, or improving navigational access or entry into an area that would otherwise be difficult or impossible to access under natural conditions.

4a. Off-Limits Period & No-Info Restrictions – Beginning at 12:01 AM on the first Monday on or nearest to thirty (30) days prior to the start of Official Practice, tournament waters will be considered Off-Limits, and contestants may not enter tournament waters for any reason until the start of Official Practice as designated by the NPFL. During the Off-Limits period, practice, and competition days, contestants may not solicit, receive, purchase, barter for, or exchange information related to the locating or catching of fish on tournament waters from any source other than contestants confirmed in the tournament.

Effective immediately upon public release of the official NPFL tournament schedule, contestants are strictly prohibited from hiring, compensating, or providing any form of consideration to any guide, local expert, individual, or third party for the purpose of gaining an advantage on tournament waters. This prohibition is in effect from the moment the schedule is announced and remains active through the conclusion of competition for that event, regardless of how far in advance the schedule is released.

The purchasing of, solicitation of, or bartering for information, including the exchange of cash, product, favors, sponsor considerations, or future or shared winnings in return for information or access to areas, is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the event. Waypoints, tracks, routes, or locations may not be purchased, traded, gifted, or transferred from non-contestants, regardless of when the information was originally obtained. Any contestant found entering into an agreement, formal or informal, to share earnings, split winnings, or leverage outside relationships in exchange for information about tournament waters will be subject to immediate disqualification from the event.

4b. Public Information Clarification – Publicly available commercial mapping or general data not directed to a specific contestant is permitted; however, quasi-public or targeted information sources, including private social media groups, message boards, text threads, online forums, or pages intended to share information among a limited group are not considered public sources and are prohibited.

4c. Chum, Markers & Hole Sitting – Beginning with practice and extending through competition, contestants may not place chum or attractants, nor may they follow a non-contestant's boat, participate in the placing of any fish attractors or structures by others for the purpose of gaining competitive advantage, or engage in or benefit from "hole sitting" by any person.

4d. Official Practice Access – Tournament waters will reopen 30 minutes prior to sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset for Official Practice for three (3) days prior to registration day for qualifiers and four (4) days prior to registration day for the NPFL Championship. No practice is permitted at night (beginning 30 minutes after sunset and ending 30 minutes prior to sunrise), including running to or from fishing locations.

4e. Approved Practice Companions – During Official Practice for qualifiers, contestants may practice alone, with another confirmed NPFL contestant, or with an immediate family member (mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, or spouse), an NPFL-approved domestic partner, an approved sponsor representative, or an approved youth age 18 or younger, provided that the practice companion has also observed all Off-Limits, No-Info, and Conditioning prohibitions. For the NPFL Championship, contestants may only practice alone or with another confirmed NPFL contestant, with the only outside exception being NPFL-designated media

representatives.

4f. Aerial & Third-Party Enforcement – Flights, drone operations, aerial scouting, or any form of overhead reconnaissance of tournament waters are not permitted beginning at the start of the Off-Limits period and extending through the conclusion of competition. Any action, direct or indirect, including through the direction of another person acting in the contestant's stead or on the contestant's behalf, that violates any portion of this rule may result in disqualification from the event and further disciplinary action at the discretion of the League. Contestants are responsible for seeking clarification from NPFL Tournament Director or President before taking any action that may be in conflict with this rule.

5. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT Use of landing nets and grippers for landing bass is prohibited during tournament competition except whereas The National PFL deems it necessary to allow landing nets for specific events. During practice and competition no more than one artificial or biodegradable artificial lure may be attached to a line at one time. One lure is defined as a single man made device designed to attract and/or catch one fish at a time. Adding trailer hooks, plastic trailers, blades, etc., to a single lure is acceptable. If multiple fish are caught on a single man made lure, on a single cast, all fish are considered legal and may be added to the daily catch subject to scoring rules (17). No "live bait," "dead bait," or "prepared bait" will be permitted during official practice and competition, with the exception of pork strips or rinds. Any umbrella-type rigging, harness or other device designed to hold more than one lure at a time – with or without hooks – is not allowed. Such rigging, harness or device cannot be added to a single lure as described above. Twin arm spinnerbaits, twin arm underspins and twin arm buzzbaits are allowed. Trailer hooks and plastic trailers of twin arm baits must be on the main hook of the bait; only spinner blades can be affixed to the arms. The head on the main stem may be hinged. On these twin arm baits, no more than two wires, with a maximum length of 6 inches, may extend off the main arm or body of the lure at the head or line tie point. The bend of the main hook must be even with or trail behind where blades attach to the wires. TNPFL, LLC officials have the sole authority to determine whether a lure is considered a single lure as defined above. Only ONE casting, spin casting or spinning rod (10-foot maximum length from butt of handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time. A hung or snagged lure that is not in or on the water is not considered in use and may be set aside while another is in use. Other rigs as specified above may be in the boat ready for use; however, only ONE is permitted in use at any given time. If a competitor breaks his line while setting the hook or retrieving a fish, he is allowed to make an attempt with the rod being used or with his hands to secure the visible line and land the fish for it to be counted as legal. He may NOT hook the line with another lure, rod and reel or other device. The use of braid or other line to attach one stinger hook (single or treble) is allowed but cannot be over two inches in length. No competitor may intentionally snag or foul-hook a bass to be counted in his daily catch. Anyone guilty of intentionally snatching or snagging visible fish will have his entire catch disqualified. When visually fishing for bedding bass, to be counted as a legal fish, each bass must be hooked inside the mouth. With the fish's mouth closed naturally, you must not be able to see where the hook point enters the fish for it to be considered hooked inside the mouth. It is suggested anglers verify hooked in the mouth to another person in the boat or show the on board action camera in a manner that clearly shows the fish was hooked inside the mouth. Otherwise in such type events truth verification exams may ask this questions

6. Prohibiting Forward Facing Sonar (FFS). The National Professional Fishing League (NPFL) prohibits the use of Forward Facing Sonar (FFS) during official practice and competition days. It is the angler's responsibility to ensure that their boat is properly configured for each event to comply with this rule. Each angler has two options:

6a. Remove all FFS hardware from the boat.

6b. Use the league-supplied lockout device: Install the lockout device provided by the NPFL, secured with a serialized key tag.

i. All boats must be configured in compliance with this rule and photo uploaded to supplied jotform before the start of official practice. The NPFL reserves the right to inspect any boat in competition at any time during the events

7. VIDEO EQUIPMENT- All anglers must have the ability to record their tournament day with an action camera or similar equipment. Tournament video must be made immediately available to TNPFL upon request through the duration of the event until its conclusion. TNPFL will utilize the video in cases of possible rules infractions and for content for video production and promotion. Camera must be set up to capture all fish catches to the max extent possible.

8. CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY & SAFETY — Each contestant is considered the Captain of their vessel under NPFL rules and applicable U.S. Coast Guard navigation authority and is solely responsible for the safe operation of their boat and for the safety of all persons on board. Participation in NPFL competition does not relieve the contestant of any legal duty of care or maritime responsibility. It is the responsibility of the Captain to operate at a safe speed for conditions, maintain full control of the vessel at all times, account for water traffic, visibility, weather, structural hazards, wakes, and the presence of other competitors, and to take immediate action to avoid dangerous situations rather than operate through them. No tournament position, time pressure, or perceived competitive advantage supersedes safety duty. The decision to proceed at speed, run a route, or enter an area is considered a voluntary professional judgment by the Captain and does not transfer liability to the NPFL

8a. Mandatory Boater Safety Certification — All contestants are required to have completed a U.S. Coast Guard–approved or state-certified Boater Safety Course prior to participating in any NPFL competition. A valid certificate of completion must be submitted to the NPFL and maintained on file. It is the sole responsibility of the contestant to maintain valid documentation. No contestant will be permitted to launch, compete, or participate in any official practice or competition day without an active safety certification on file. Failure to comply will result in immediate ineligibility without refund or delay of event.

8b. Personal Flotation Device & Kill Switch Requirements — Each contestant and any person practicing with a contestant is required to wear a securely fastened, U.S. Coast Guard–approved personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is running and in gear. All vessels must be equipped with a factory-installed emergency ignition shutoff device (kill switch) that must be securely attached to the driver's body using the factory-length tether whenever the combustion engine is running and in gear. Pros may fish and charge batteries using an onboard charger by letting the combustion engine idle in neutral only.

8c. Safe Operation & Speed for Conditions — Contestants are required to operate their vessel at a safe speed for conditions and maintain full command of the boat at all times. Running at excessive speed in limited-visibility conditions, traffic, wakes, heavy boat pressure, or hazardous water conditions may be considered reckless operation and grounds for disqualification, even if no collision or accident occurs. Operating in a manner that endangers others, creates avoidable risk, or shows disregard for situational awareness will be considered a violation of this rule.

8d. Weather Judgment & Shelter Protocol — At the discretion of the Tournament Director, tournament days may be shortened, postponed, or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. Contestants may seek shelter in the event of hazardous conditions but must remain within sight of their marshal or companion competitor if present. Anglers without a marshal present must notify Tournament Staff once sheltered. The decision to seek or not seek shelter remains with the Captain and does **not** relieve the contestant of responsibility for their judgment or actions.

8e. Incident Review & Remedial Training Requirement — Any contestant involved in a boating accident, near-miss incident, or safety violation may be required, at the discretion of the NPFL, to complete a BoatUS Foundation or equivalent safety course before being permitted to compete in a future event. Verification of completion must be provided to NPFL. Additional disciplinary action may apply based on the severity of the incident or demonstrated disregard for boating safety standards.

8f. Enforcement & Liability Standard — The NPFL reserves the right to evaluate conduct related to boat operation independently of whether an incident occurred. Reckless or unsafe operation may result in immediate disqualification from the event and further disciplinary action at the discretion of the League. By competing, contestants acknowledge and agree that they are operating as independent Captains and assume full professional and legal responsibility for their vessel, their decisions, and the safety of all persons on board.

9. SPORTSMANSHIP - All pros are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves and our company.

- Violation of, or failure to comply with, any of the rules for the 2024 THE NATIONAL PFL.

Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any kind of mind-altering substance during registration or tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure.

- Abuse of, or addiction to, mind-altering substances.
- Conviction of a felony within the past 36 months.
- Suspension/disqualification, probation or ban from any tournament or fishing organization.
- Boat operation in an unsafe or unsportsmanlike manner.
- Publicly criticizing or questioning the integrity of THE NATIONAL PFL or THE NATIONAL PFL officials, including but not limited to THE NATIONAL PFL rules, policies and procedures.
- Dissemination of disparaging content or content that one should reasonably know would harm the reputation of THE NATIONAL PFL officials or THE NATIONAL PFL sponsors.
- Any other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules, or which fail to comply with the standards set forth in the first sentence of paragraph
- In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined above, THE NATIONAL PFL shall have the right to refuse an application to compete, to deny a confirmed application to compete by returning the entry fee (minus deposit), to disqualify a pro or impose any.

10. BOAT OPERATION - Pros will have complete control of boat operation and waters to be fished. For safety concerns in rough water or swift current, in the event of an outboard or trolling motor breakdown or during an emergency, marshals may operate the trolling motor or the outboard but may not fish at any time. Pros may not use mobile communication devices, including but not limited to, cell phones, tablets, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc., to communicate with anyone about locating or catching fish on tournament waters during tournament hours. Mobile communication devices may be used during tournament hours to communicate with lockmasters about locking, to communicate with the tournament director or to communicate with THE NATIONAL PFL staff. Pros may use smart phones and/or tablets during tournament hours for GPS, mapping, weather, power generation, barge traffic updates, tidal charts, personal fishing notes and related data. At no time during tournament hours may pros read or discuss social media posts from other pros. At the request of their pro partner, a marshal may use a cell phone to assist the pro with his or her social media

updates. Marshals are not, however, obligated to assist a pro with social media updates, as their primary function is to communicate with THE NATIONAL PFL staff. Marshals are not permitted to smoke if requested not to do so by their pro. Pros are expected to compete every day for which they are qualified; failure to do so may result in ineligibility to compete in future THE NATIONAL PFL tournaments. If a special circumstance arises that inhibits a pro's ability to compete, the tournament director may allow the pro to withdraw from competition and maintain the weight caught to that point.

11. BOAT & HORSEPOWER REGULATION - All boats must be propeller-driven, a minimum of 18 feet in length and have a rear deck. All boats must be equipped with wheel steering; no other steering device will be permitted. All boats must be equipped with a functioning POV camera focused on the front deck so as to provide a clear view of the pro fishing. The camera must record throughout each tournament day. Each day's recording must be preserved until the next THE NATIONAL PFL event and must be turned over to THE NATIONAL PFL upon request. No barges or similarly cumbersome craft will be permitted. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. Boats must contain a properly aerated livewell space to maintain alive a limit catch of bass. Minimum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition will be 150 horsepower. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition will be 250 horsepower, not to exceed the horsepower capacity set forth on the "Maximum Capacities" placard described below. Each boat must have a clearly legible "Maximum Capacities" (or comparably titled) placard that includes a maximum horsepower rating affixed to the boat by the manufacturer. By signing the entry form, pros agree to submit their boat and/or motor to an inspection by THE NATIONAL PFL personnel. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating placard will be cause for disqualification from the tournament and may result in ineligibility to compete in future THE NATIONAL PFL tournaments. Fishing platforms must be factory-installed equipment. No portable platforms may be used in tournament competition. Fuel may be carried only in factory-installed (built-in) fuel tanks. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public and pumped through a hose with a nozzle. The use of generators, other than solar or wind-powered generators, is prohibited in pro boats during tournament hours on all competition days.

12. UMBRELLA RIGS -Umbrella rigs are not permitted. This includes official practice. All lures utilized during official practice and tournament days must comply with rule 8.

13. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS - Pros may fish anywhere on tournament waters available to the public and accessible by boat except areas posted or otherwise designated as "off-limits," "no boats," "keep out," "restricted," "no trespassing" or "no fishing" (or similar language or markings intended to restrict public access) by The League staff, commercial property owners and/or local, state or federal officials, or within 50 yards of a pro's boat that was first anchored. An anchored boat is a boat held in a stable position by a line attached to a weight or by a or similar shallow water anchor with the trolling motor in the up position. All fishing must be conducted from the boat. Trolling or Strolling may not be done with the stern(big) motor. At no time may a pro leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. At no time may a marshal leave the boat to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. The cutting of trees, bushes and/or logs and/or the removal of official commercial, local, state or federal barricades at any time to make an area more accessible by boat or gain access for fishing is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification from the tournament. The use of cables, ropes, chains or any type of block and tackle system to maneuver a boat into fishing waters is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the tournament. Pros must leave and return to the check-in by boat. The boat must remain in the tournament waters during the tournament day. The anglers marshal will remain within visual range of the boat during the weigh-in. Once the angler has checked in at the weigh line and the marshal signed for the angler daily catch the Marshal may depart as the custody of the angler catch becomes the responsibility of THE NATIONAL PFL staff. The event of equipment failure or emergency the tournament director must be notified as soon as it is safe to do so. There are then two permitted methods of returning to the check-in: (1) by the pro and marshal remaining in their boat and being towed by water, or (2) with permission from the tournament director, by the pro or pro and marshal entering the boat of another tournament pro. Under these two conditions the pros' catch may be counted without a

penalty (except for late penalties, dead-fish penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules). Pros who elect to return to the check-in by any other means than cited above will forfeit their day's catch to that point in time of the tournament day. Abandoning a boat and leaving it adrift without proper tie-off or anchoring after a mechanical failure may result in disqualification of that day's weight. Any pro returning to the check-in point will be eligible to restart and resume competition under the supervision of the tournament director or his designated tournament official. It is the sole responsibility of pros to locate the tournament director to request a restart. Pros and marshals must remain together at all times and within sight of each other until the weigh-in verification is signed. The momentary condition of being out of sight of each other for restroom breaks is permitted.

14. CHECKPOINTS - There will be only one checkpoint for boat check in the morning and one check-in point in the afternoon. Failure to go through boat check and checkout in the morning or failure to check in at the check-in point will result in disqualification. All fishing must cease upon check-in.

15 LATE PENALTY - Pros who are not at the check-in area at the appointed time will be penalized 1 pound per minute, deducted from the total weight, including any weight to be counted toward the Big Bass Award. Any pro more than 15 minutes late will lose credit for that day's weight.

16. LIVE FISH - Every effort must be made to keep bass alive utilizing a properly aerated livewell. four ounces/.25 pounds will be deducted from the total weight for each dead bass presented for weigh-in. There is no culling of dead fish.

17. SCORING - Scoring is determined by the pounds and ounces of each pro's catch during each qualifying tournament. Only largemouth, spotted, redeye, shoal or smallmouth bass are accepted species. No regurgitated forage or other foreign matter may be placed in a bass. The daily limit will be five bass unless conditions dictate a reduced limit for conservation purposes or the state or lake limit is less than five, in which case the reduced limits will prevail. After possessing the daily limit, pros must cull immediately upon their next catch. Pros possessing more than the daily limit must notify the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the infraction and reduce his/her catch to the daily limit by releasing live bass. Pros possessing more than the daily limit will be penalized 2 pounds for each bass over the limit. Bass are considered in possession once placed in the boat and fishing or travel has resumed. The minimum length limit for bass will be 12 inches unless the state or lake limit is more than 12 inches or THE NATIONAL PFL sets a longer limit for a specific tournament, in which case, the state or lake limit or longer limit set by THE NATIONAL PFL for the tournament will prevail. Bass presented for weigh-in that fail to measure the prescribed length limit will be penalized at the rate of 1 pound for each short bass presented. Each pro's catch must be presented in an official weigh-in bag and verified by the signature of their marshal. Failure to have a verified marshal signature may result in disqualification of that day's catch. After a pro's catch is weighed, it must be turned over to THE NATIONAL PFL or officials designated by THE NATIONAL PFL for release unless otherwise instructed by the tournament director. On day 3 of qualifying tournaments, the winner is determined by the heaviest combined weight from days 1, 2, and 3.

18. TIE & TIE BREAK PROCEDURE – A “tie” is defined as two or more contestants having the exact same total cumulative weight at the conclusion of the tournament. In the event of a tie, the following procedure will be applied in order to determine final placement:

18a. Heaviest Single Day Weight – The contestant with the heaviest single-day catch during the event will be awarded the higher position.

18b. Total Fish Weighed – If a tie remains, the contestant with the highest total number of fish weighed during the event will be awarded the higher position.

18c. Total Live Fish – If a tie still remains, the contestant with the highest total number of live fish weighed during the event will be awarded the higher position.

18d. Angler of the Year Standing – If a tie remains after all previous tie-breakers have been applied, the

contestant with the higher standing in the current season's NPFL Angler of the Year standings will be awarded the higher position. For the first event of the season only, this Angler of the Year tie-break does not apply and will be skipped.

18e. Equal Payout Rule (Non-First Place Only) – If all above criteria are applied and a tie still remains for any final standing other than first place, the tied contestants will split the combined payout for those positions equally.

18f. First Place Exception — Mandatory Fish-Off – In the event of a tie for first place only, and all above tie-break criteria have been exhausted, a mandatory fish-off will be conducted. The fish-off will last one (1) hour, and the contestant with the heaviest five (5) bass limit by total weight during that period will be declared the winner. All fish-off rules, check-in procedures, and weigh-in requirements will be controlled and enforced by the Tournament Director, and all fish-off determinations will be final.

19. LOGO DISPLAY & MEDIA COVERAGE –Pros are expected to participate in media opportunities requested by THE NATIONAL PFL staff during any day of competition. Each boat must display a minimum 10x8 Inch wide THE NATIONAL PFL logo on the windshield of the boat. The boat must also include the pros name on both sides above the rub rail and adjacent to the seating area.

THE NATIONAL PFL reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to prohibit any pro's apparel and truck boat logos that it finds to be offensive, not in good taste or poorly reflects on the NPFL and its partners. THE NATIONAL PFL may, at its sole discretion, place a camera operator or camera equipment in a tournament boat on any day of competition. During the season

20. TRUTH VERIFICATION TEST - Each pro agrees to submit, by signature on the NPFL angler contract to a polygraph or voice stress analysis examination and to abide by its conclusion. Failure to pass an examination will result in disqualification from the tournament. Truth verification tests will be used at THE NATIONAL PFL's sole discretion, and the determination of the meaning of the results will be made solely by THE NATIONAL PFL staff.

21. INSURANCE - Liability insurance with coverage of not less than \$300,000 per occurrence is required of all pros in THE NATIONAL PFL Tour events. Proof of insurance must be with the boat being used and must cover all passengers in the boat. Random checks will be conducted. Failure to provide proof of insurance when requested by the tournament director may result in disqualification

22. CATCH TRACK LIVE SCORING - CatchTrack is the backbone of the NPFL Live Broadcast system. All real-time scoring, on-screen angler graphics, photos, statistics, and storyline development are triggered only after a weight has been submitted through CatchTrack. If a weight is not entered, that angler will not appear in the live production feed. This is non-negotiable and will be a continued point of emphasis for the 2026 season. All anglers are required to enter each catch into the CatchTrack live scoring system in a timely manner after landing the fish. Timely and accurate reporting is essential for: Real-time fan engagement, Production team decision making, On-screen story and broadcast feature development

22a. Failure to enter weights in a timely and accurate manner that negatively impacts live production or storyline development, may result in penalties.

Penalties may include:

- Delayed launch on subsequent competition days.
- Carry-over launch penalties applied to the next NPFL event if issued on the final day of competition.
- Weight penalties of up to 2 pounds per day.

22b. If you are not willing to actively update CatchTrack, you should seriously reconsider signing this contract. CatchTrack compliance is not optional—it is a core expectation of competition within the NPFL

23. Weigh-In Bag Handling Rule - Anytime an Angler is transporting or carrying fish in an NPFL-approved weigh-in bag, the following procedures are **mandatory**:

- Anglers must only use the designated built-in handles of the weigh-in bag during transport.
- At no point during the weigh-in process may the Angler roll, fold, pinch, or otherwise constrict the bag in a manner that places pressure on the fish or manipulates their positioning.
- The bag must remain in its full, open configuration at all times—no rolling down or folding of the lip, sides, or top of the bag is permitted. A warning to correct behavior may be given while we normalize this new rule. Repeated violations will be perceived as an attempt to manipulate the weigh-in process and will be dealt with accordingly.

Penalty:

If an Angler restricts or continually constricts the fish in the bag by rolling, folding, or any similar means, a **one (1) pound penalty** may be assessed to that Angler's daily tournament weight.

This rule is designed to protect the fish, provide a consistent weight-reading environment, and aid the weighmaster in conducting an accurate and fair weigh-in.

ANGLER SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____