

Kariba Invitation Tiger Fish Tournament 2011 Rules...

1. **NAME:**

The event shall be known as the 50th Kariba Invitation Tiger Fish Tournament (Inter-club). It is a four person team event.
2. **DATES AND VENUE:**

The KITFT tournament will be held on the 26th, 27th and 28th October 2011, from the NAUZ Charara Site, Lake Kariba. It is a three day event.
3. **ENTRY FEE:**

The entry fee shall be \$300.00 per team. This amount is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal or non-arrival, unless authorised by the committee.
4. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

Entry is by qualification or invitation and is open to all clubs/societies and their members who meet with the following requirements:

 - (a) Zimbabwean clubs/societies must be properly constituted and fully paid up members of the NAUZ.
 - (b) Non-Zimbabwean clubs/societies must be properly constituted and be affiliated and fully paid up members of the Angling Union or Association of that country.
 - (c) Teams consisting of Zimbabwean anglers and International anglers must ensure that the two clubs have a reciprocal arrangement for these anglers during the KITFT week. To have international status, teams must comprise of at least three members from that country. Team status at the start of the first day will remain the same for the duration of the tournament.
 - (d) Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form. Changes of competitor's names on the entry forms will only be permitted provided proof of club membership can be furnished.
 - (e) All teams, once they have registered, will be allocated numbers on their arrival at the K.I.T.F.T. Registration office at NAUZ Charara site.
 - (f) Entry forms must be completed in full and delivered to any of the officially designated K.I.T.F.T. drop off points or any Committee Member. IN Harare contact Rod Bennett Cell: 0712 200 266 or Peter Koen: 0772 420 908 or Allen Robinson 0772 269 712
5. **FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR ENTRIES:**
 - (a) The closing date for the acceptance of entries will be 25th October 2011 14:00hrs. (Late entries may not receive gift packs).
 - (b) The Committee reserve the right to accept or reject entries without recourse.
6. **TEAMS:**
 - (a) A team shall consist of four persons and two reserves/drivers (optional) that must be registered. These reserves may replace any one of the team members on any three days of the tournament, provided prior consent is granted by the Committee and the reserve's name was entered on the original entry form.
 - (b) Only individuals in a four-man team can compete for the Individual trophies.
 - (c) A minimum of two anglers per boat. No angler may fish in a boat alone.
7. **BOATS:**
 - (a) Boats remain the sole responsibility of the individual competitors.
 - (b) A team may use a maximum of up to two boats only for the duration of the tournament (i.e. 06:00hrs on day one to 16:30hrs on the closing of day three.) It is a contravention of the rules for a team or competitor to seek or accept assistance of an additional vessel or vessels for the purpose of trying to increase their catch of fish. The bona fide rendering or seeking assistance in the event of a breakdown, accident, medical reasons or any other such emergency is permitted.
 - (c) A competing boat may not fish within 100 metres of another boat without invitation.
 - (d) Under no circumstances will competitors be allowed to carry passengers/spectators in their boats without prior consent from the Tournament Director.(e) Boats may not reserve spots. Do not claim a tree or area as yours. No complaints will be entertained by the Committee.
 - (f) To indicate that you are fishing at a preferred area you must either be anchored or tied with your motor raised.
 - (g) Safety equipment is compulsory and any boat not having this equipment will result in the team's catch for the day being disqualified. Marshals will make random checks throughout the tournament.
8. **CAPTAINS:**

The Captains Meeting will be held at 16:30hrs promptly on the Tuesday preceding the tournament, in the weigh bay. It is imperative that each team be represented by at least one member.
9. **CHECK OUT/IN:**
 - (a) Each team will receive two identification tags when registering their team at K.I.T.F.T. Registration, Charara Site Office. These tags must be handed in by each boat to a collection point as from 05:00hrs prior to the start of each day's fishing. The tag system is administered on the water.
 - (b) On completion of the day's fishing, teams should collect their tags at the weigh bay, whether they are weighing in or not. Any teams who have not collected their tags from the weigh bay or K.I.T.F.T. office before 18:00hrs will face disciplinary action.
 - (c) The tag system must be strictly adhered to, to avoid possible disqualification. This system enables the Committee to know what team had checked out and will be competing on the day. It also enables the Committee to ascertain who is not competing, and more importantly, who has not returned and may be stranded on the lake.
 - (d) In the case of teams not resident in Charara, the start will be a line running from the top of Charara point to Zebra Island. Tags may be handed in at these points until 7a.m. Thereafter competitors will be required to bring their tags to the K.I.T.F.T. office. A strobe light will be positioned on a floating platform or boat for identification purposes.
10. **ELIGIBLE FISH/SCORING SYSTEM**
 - (a) Only tiger fish *Hydrocynus vittatus* of a mass of 1kg or more will be eligible.
 - (b) A bag limit of 20 fish per team per day, shall apply. No more than the limit may be brought to the weigh bay enclosure.
 - (c) One point per kilogram will be awarded for the actual weight of the fish to the nearest 5 grams. Any fish in excess of the 20 bag limit brought into the weigh bay enclosure will attract a penalty of 2 points per kilogram, which will be subtracted from that day's catch.
 - (e) Any discrepancies must be registered with the Weigh bay Master before a team member signs the Day Sheet.
11. **THE START:**
 - (a) The tournament will commence at 06:00hrs daily. The signal to start will be the firing of a flare from Charara Point.
 - (b) The start will be a line running from the top of Charara Point to Zebra Island.
 - (c) In order to avoid disqualification, no competing boat or angler may proceed beyond the imaginary line before the official start.
 - (d) All boats must be behind the Start Line between 05:45hrs and 06:00hrs.
 - (e) Lines may not be wet until after the official start, i.e. 06:00hrs.
12. **THE FINISH AND WEIGH-IN:**

The gates to the weigh bay enclosure will be closed promptly at 16:30hrs. All fish not in the enclosure by the prescribed time will not be accepted under any circumstances. An announcement will be made five minutes before the weigh bay closes. It is then deemed that fishing for the day is now closed and there will be no further activity on the Lake until commencement at 06:00Hrs the next day, except for transit purposes (i.e. no boat or associated boat are permitted to perform any acts that may enhance fishing for the preceding day)
13. **EQUIPMENT:**
 - (a) The maximum accepted breaking strain of line for the tournament shall not exceed 10 kilograms.
 - (b) There will be no restrictions on the number of fishing rods a competitor may use.
 - (c) All other equipment and methods shall be strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations as laid down by CIPS AND IGFA.
 - (d) All equipment and methods will be randomly checked by the Marshals to ensure compliance with IGFA and IGFA Rules, a copy of which is on our Website www.kitft.co.zw
14. **MARSHALS:**

Marshals will be in attendance at Charara and on the 'CABS' houseboats Gold Class and Dem Bones. They will be identifiable by their printed shirts and/or arm bands. Their duties will be:

 - (a) To examine all boats and tackle of competitors at any time.
 - (b) To patrol the lake during the tournament to ensure competitors abide by the rules.
 - (c) To render assistance to competitors in the event of an emergency.
15. **FISHING BOUNDARIES, DELAYS, CALL OFFS:**
 - (a) The organising committee will have the power to determine the fishing boundaries and may change them from day to day as circumstances dictate.
 - (b) The committee may delay or call off any day of the tournament if in the opinion of the committee, in consultation with the Lake Captain, the lake becomes too rough, posing a possible danger to competitors and equipment.
 - (c) In the event of a call off, the day will be declared null and void for all competitors.
16. **TIES:**

In the event of teams tying for certain trophies, the honours will be shared.
17. **INFRINGEMENT OF RULES/DISPUTES/ DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

The tournament is governed by the rules and regulations as laid down by IGFA. In addition to these, the following will apply:

 - (a) The appointed organising committee shall form the disciplinary committee for the duration of the tournament. Any three committee members shall constitute a quorum. In the event of a dispute over, or an infringement of any of the rules or regulations contained in this booklet by competitors, the disciplinary committee shall act as sole judge in the matter and their decision shall be binding and final.
 - (b) Clubs/societies will at all times be held responsible for the actions of their members. Should any rule or regulation be breached by a member, the club in its entirety, at the discretion of the disciplinary committee may be barred from entering any teams for the following year.
 - (c) Should an individual competitor breach any of the rules or regulations governing the tournament, the competitor in question, together with his/her team members, may face immediate disqualification from the tournament. Furthermore, the entire team and its members may be barred from competing for a minimum of a further two tournaments, after which time their application for re-admission will be considered by the disciplinary committee.
 - (d) The following will not be tolerated - unsporting conduct, such as causing deliberate disturbance to fellow competitors in any form, fishing before time and generally, in the opinion of the organising committee, the rules and the spirit of the tournament have been abused, the necessary action will be taken.
 - (e) Complaints must be substantiated with positive proof in order for the committee to take any action, and must be lodged on the day of the alleged breach of rules and/or regulations.
 - (f) The organising committee is empowered to change any rule or to introduce new rules where it sees fit, provided these changes are advantageous to the tournament.
18. **INDEMNITY:**

The organising committee of the annual Kariba Invitation Tiger Fish Tournament (inter-club) will in no way whatsoever be responsible for the death of or injury to persons or loss or damage to personal effects or property prior to, during, or after the tournament and entry is at the sole risk of the competitor.
19. **APPROVAL:**

The tournament has been approved by the Lake Captain, the Sports Commission, which have statutory powers and authority over and in the venue of the tournament, the Kariba area generally and persons entering the area and using the Lake.
20. **TEST OF THE BEST TOURNAMENT:**

DATES: The TOTB tournament will be held on 24th and 25th February 2012, from the NAUZ Charara Site, Lake Kariba. It is a two day Catch and Release event. All K.I.T.F.T. rules and regulations, C.I.P.S. and IGFA rules and regulations, will apply. Replacement team members are as specified below:

 - (a) In the event that a team qualify for the Test of the Best Tournament, only members of that team or their reserves may fish in accordance with their entry form.
 - (b) In the event that the team cannot field four members for the Test of the Best Tournament, the remaining members will be deemed to be the full team.
 - (c) Any withdrawals from the Test of the Best Tournament must be in writing to The Chairman, K.I.T.F.T. Committee, Harare. The withdrawing team will be replaced by the next best team from the K.I.T.F.T. Tournament.
 - (d) Any such withdrawals must be received 28 days prior to the Tournament.
 - (e) Teams representing fishing clubs from outside Zimbabwe may choose any replacement at the discretion of the K.I.T.F.T. Committee.
 - (f) Fishing areas will be at the discretion of the K.I.T.F.T. Committee.