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The event shall be known as the 60th Kariba Invitation Tiger Fish Tournament, KITFT (Inter-club). It is a four-person team event.

**DATES AND VENUE:**

The KITFT tournament will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 from the NAUZ Charara Site, Lake Kariba. It is a three-day event.

**ENTRY FEE:**

The entry fee shall be US\$430.00 per team of four. There is a further charge of US\$100.00 per Driver/Reserve in a team. This amount is not refundable in the event of a withdrawal or non-arrival, unless authorised by the committee.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

Entry is by application, 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 addressed and delivered to an appointed outlet, Master Angler, Sam Levy Village or contact George Stewart 077 3300515 or email [kitft@mweb.co.zw](mailto:kitft@mweb.co.zw)

**FINAL ACCEPTANCE FOR ENTRIES:**

- (a) The closing date for the acceptance of entries will be 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021, (Late entries may not receive gift packs).
- (b) The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries without recourse.

**TEAMS:**

- (a) A team shall consist of four persons. There is an option of two reserves/drivers who must be registered and paid for. These reserves may replace any one of the team members on any three days of the tournament, provided prior consent is granted by the Tournament Director 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.

**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. 06:00 on the day the ban is lifted to 16:30 on the close 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. In all cases the Tournament Director must be advised.
- (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.
- (h) Each and every boat competing in the tournament will be fitted with a tracking device supplied by the organising committee. This is primarily for safety reasons.

**CAPTAINS:**

The Captains Meeting will be held at 16:30 hours promptly on the Tuesday preceding the tournament, in the weigh bay. This is the official start of the tournament. It is imperative that each team be represented by at least one member.

**CHECK OUT/IN:**

- (a) Each team will receive two identification tags when registering their team at KITFT registration. These tags must be handed in by each boat to a collection point as from 05:00 hours prior to the start of each day's fishing. Boats may only hand in a single tag, i.e. for that particular team boat. 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 KITFT office before 18:00 hours could 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 07:00 hours. Thereafter competitors will be required to bring their tags to the KITFT office. A strobe light will be positioned on a floating platform or boat for identification purposes.

**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.

**THE START:**

- (a) The tournament will commence at 06:00 hours 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 on each day.
- (d) All boats **must** be behind the Start Line between 05:45 hours and 06:00 hours on all three days.
- (e) Lines may not be wet until after the official start, i.e. 06:00 hours on all three days.
- (f) There is to be no pre-baiting (chumming) until after the official start, i.e. 06:00 hours on all three days.

**THE FINISH AND WEIGH-IN:**

The gates to the weigh bay enclosure will be closed promptly at 16:30 hours. 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 06:00 hours the next day, except for transit purposes (i.e. no boat or associated boat/s are permitted to perform any acts that may enhance fishing for a team/individual for the following day)

**EQUIPMENT:**

- (a) The maximum accepted breaking strain of any class of line or braid 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) The use of electric reels is strictly prohibited.
- (d) The use of any propelled (remote controlled) vessel/device is strictly prohibited
- (e) All other equipment and methods shall be strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations as laid down by IGFA and CIPS.
- (f) All equipment and methods will be randomly checked by the Committee and Marshals to ensure compliance with IGFA and CIPS Rules, a copy of which is on our Website [www.kitft.co.zw](http://www.kitft.co.zw)

**MARSHALS:**

Marshals will be in attendance at Charara. The marshals will be identifiable by their Red printed shirts. 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.

**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.

**TIES:**

In the event of teams tying for certain trophies, the honours will be shared.

**INFRINGEMENT OF RULES/DISPUTES/DISQUALIFICATIONS:**

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

- (a) The appointed organising committee shall form a 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. The use of hose pipes, clubs, shoes or any other item used for the purpose beating individuals, either prior to, during or at the after prize giving party, will result in the immediate disqualification of the individuals and teams. In the case of fishing and/or pre-baiting before the official daily start 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.

**INDEMNITY:**

The organising committee of the annual Kariba Invitation Tiger Fish Tournament, KITFT (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.

**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.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

All of the above Rules and Regulations will apply from the Saturday preceding the Tournament until the Saturday following the Tournament.

**TEST OF THE BEST TOURNAMENT:**

**DATES:** The TOTB tournament will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022, from the NAUZ Charara Site, Lake Kariba. It is a two-day Catch and Release event.

All KITFT rules and regulations, IGFA and CIPS rules and regulations, will apply. Replacement team members are as specified below:

- (a) In the event that a team qualifies 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, KITFT Committee, at [kitft@mweb.co.zw](mailto:kitft@mweb.co.zw). The withdrawing team will be replaced by the next best team from the KITFT 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 KITFT Committee.
- (f) Fishing areas will be at the discretion of the KITFT Committee at all times.