York Bassmasters

COVID-19 Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19.

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, provincial, and local governments and federal and provincial health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

York Bassmasters ("the Club") has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Club cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Club and its sanctioned events could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Club and its sanctioned events and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the Club and its sanctioned events may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Club executive, members, volunteers, and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I may experience or incur in connection with attendance at the Club and its sanctioned events. On my behalf, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Club, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Club, B.A.S.S. and the Ontario B.A.S.S. Nation, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Club program.

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Signature	Print Name	Date

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COVID-19 Tournament Guidelines/Procedures

York Bassmasters will continue with the 2020 club tournaments on a modified schedule.

COVID-19 Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability must be signed by all members of the club prior to the first event.

COVID-19 self-assessment (https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/) to be confirmed completed by all competing anglers prior to the event through York Bassmaster's online form and will not be allowed to fish if this is not completed. This is **MANDATORY** and **MUST** be taken seriously to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to eliminate unnecessary risk to other club members and their families. Not everyone's situation is the same and the safety of our members and your families is the utmost importance to the Leadership team.

DO NOT SIGN UP IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PERTAINS TO YOU:

1) If you have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever/Dry Cough
- Head Ache
- Aches and Pains
- Tiredness
- Sore Throat
- Diarrhoea
- Chest pain or pressure
- Conjunctivitis/Pink Eye
- Loss of taste or smell
- Rash on skin
- Discolouration of fingers/toes
- Difficulty breathing

2) If you have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days
3) Someone you are in close contact with tested positive for COVID-19
4) You are in close contact with a person who is sick with new respiratory symptoms
5) You are in close contact with someone who has recently travelled outside of Canada

Guide-lines for York Bassmaster Members

Registration:

- All event sign ups to be done online through York Bassmaster's online form, no later than 6PM on the last Wednesday prior to the tournament weekend.
- All team draws to be done online.
- All entry fees to be paid via e-transfers (treasurer@yorkbassmasters.com), prior to 7AM start.
- All payouts to be completed via e-transfers, within 2 days.
- All York Bassmaster members must follow the Provincial rules, as outlined for Social Distancing. Anglers to be responsible and practice social distancing at all times (when possible).

Day of Launch:

- No car-pooling is allowed to/from events, unless you live at the same address.
- Co-anglers are advised to bring a small cooler for drinks/food.
- All Anglers are responsible for providing their own face covering (mask/buff) and other sanitary equipment (sanitizer, latex gloves, etc.)

- Non-Boaters will not enter a boater's vehicle at any point in time, unless absolutely required. This includes the launch and retrieval of the boat. However, if the Boater requires assistance, the Non-Boater may assist. Face covering (masks) and clean gloves (covering the entire hand) must be worn through the entire process. It is highly recommended that the steering wheel and gear shift be wiped with sanitizer promptly after.
- It is strongly encouraged to use multiple launch locations, to avoid large gatherings
- Boat inspections to be done on the water, drive by format like B.A.S.S. or WhatsApp video call

Fishing:

- Boats will check in, be inspected and anglers will proceed to their starting area. No lines in the water before at 7AM.
- Sun gloves are highly recommended.
- No minimum size limit for bass, to reduce fish handling
- Face covering (buff/masks) must be worn at all times, when within 2-meters of each other.

Boat Operation:

- Face covering (mask/buff) must be worn at all times when in the console areas of the boat and while the boat is being operated by the main engine
- Only the Boater may operate the boat, either by main engine or trolling motor. Exception is for emergency situations only.
- All Anglers should have hand sanitizer with them.

COVID-19 Weigh In Procedures:

- Weigh in will be done on water at a designated location, to be shared prior to launch. All boats will keep safe distances (unless the weather is deemed unsafe).
- All anglers must be at the designated areas prior to cut-off time.
- If you are not weighing in fish, the Angler must contact (text/call) a Tournament Director/Executive to notify them and confirm you are off the water safely.
- During the weigh-in process:
    - Drive-up Weigh-in style
    - Big Fish will be weighed first (must be announced at start of weigh-in)
    - Tournament Director to hold open Meshed bag
    - Co-Angler to place fish directly into the bag (Boater to remain at the front of the boat)
    - The Non-Boater will place the fish into the open mesh bag (without handling the bag).
    - The Tournament Director will weigh the fish using a hand held scale, and announce the weight
    - The Fish will be released directly into the Lake by the Tournament Director
- Results will be posted on Yorkbassmasters.com, Facebook and BigFatBass.

Please Remember:

- Everyone has a cell phone with a camera! Not only are we representing the York Bassmasters, but we're also representing B.A.S.S. and Ontario B.A.S.S Nation. We do not want to draw unwanted attention or provide a reason to end the tournament season early.