

Report 2021-154

Appendix B



# Tournament Overview

**Big Bass Champion**, will be providing all the participants a detailed angler information package email that will include; current Covid protocols that are in place with our tournament, parking/launching guidance, weigh-in procedure, etc. I will be working closely with Niagara Health and the Port Colborne Emergency Operations Committee to assemble appropriate guidelines for the Port Colborne event. The interim will see all the Bass Pro Shops Big Bass Champion preparations to be gear to "RED ZONE" Covid protocols. These protocols can be scaled back should Niagara be in a more friendly Covid colour zone come tournament time. The protocol will incorporate things like, event workers will always wear masks, participants will wear masks when weighing in a fish, hand sanitizer will be readily available at the weigh-in, weigh-in will be designed to not have more than 1 angler at a time in the weigh-in area, no gathering policy in place, Covid screening form. Please reference more information below as well as in the weigh-in procedure found in the following slides.

## No Gathering:

There will be a no gathering policy in effect on any of the grounds, parking lots, launch ramps before and after boating. Weigh-in spectators will be discouraged.

## Covid Screening Form:

All participants will receive Covid Screening forms in their Angler Information Package, example right.

## Note:

Niagara Health was very helpful with assisting to establishing proper Covid protocols that were put into place to safely host a very successful Canadian Tire Lake Erie Open Bass Tournament October 2020. (This is a Bass tournament which I run annually out of the Niagara River)

## In Closing:

The Port Colborne Emergency Operations Committee and Niagara Health will be inclusive to the full operation of the event. Like Niagara Health it would be preferred that one EOC representative liaison be assigned to work with us directly. Any questions or concerns please email [bigbasschampion@gmail.com](mailto:bigbasschampion@gmail.com)



## Covid-19 Screening Assessment

*Every angler MUST complete this form before entry into our tournament is permitted*

### Do you have any of the following:

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|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Fever / chills   | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 2. New cough or a cough that is getting worse                   | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 3. Difficulty breathing   | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 4. Shortness of breath (even when sitting or walking regularly) | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 5. Sore throat (not due to allergies)                           | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 6. A runny or congested nose (not due to allergies)             | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 7. Unusual level of fatigue                                     | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 8. Unusual headache   | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 9. Nausea / vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of appetite             | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
| 10. Feeling unwell for an unknown reason                        | <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |

### Has someone you are in close contact with tested positive for COVID-19?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### Have you returned from travel outside Canada in the past 14 days?

☐ Yes ☐ No

### Do you live with someone who is awaiting COVID-19 tests results who 1) was tested due to symptoms **OR** 2) was tested due to close contact with someone who tested positive?

☐ Yes ☐ No

*I hereby certify that the information that I have given here in this form is true*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Tournament Overview

**We are NOT your traditional Bass tournament**

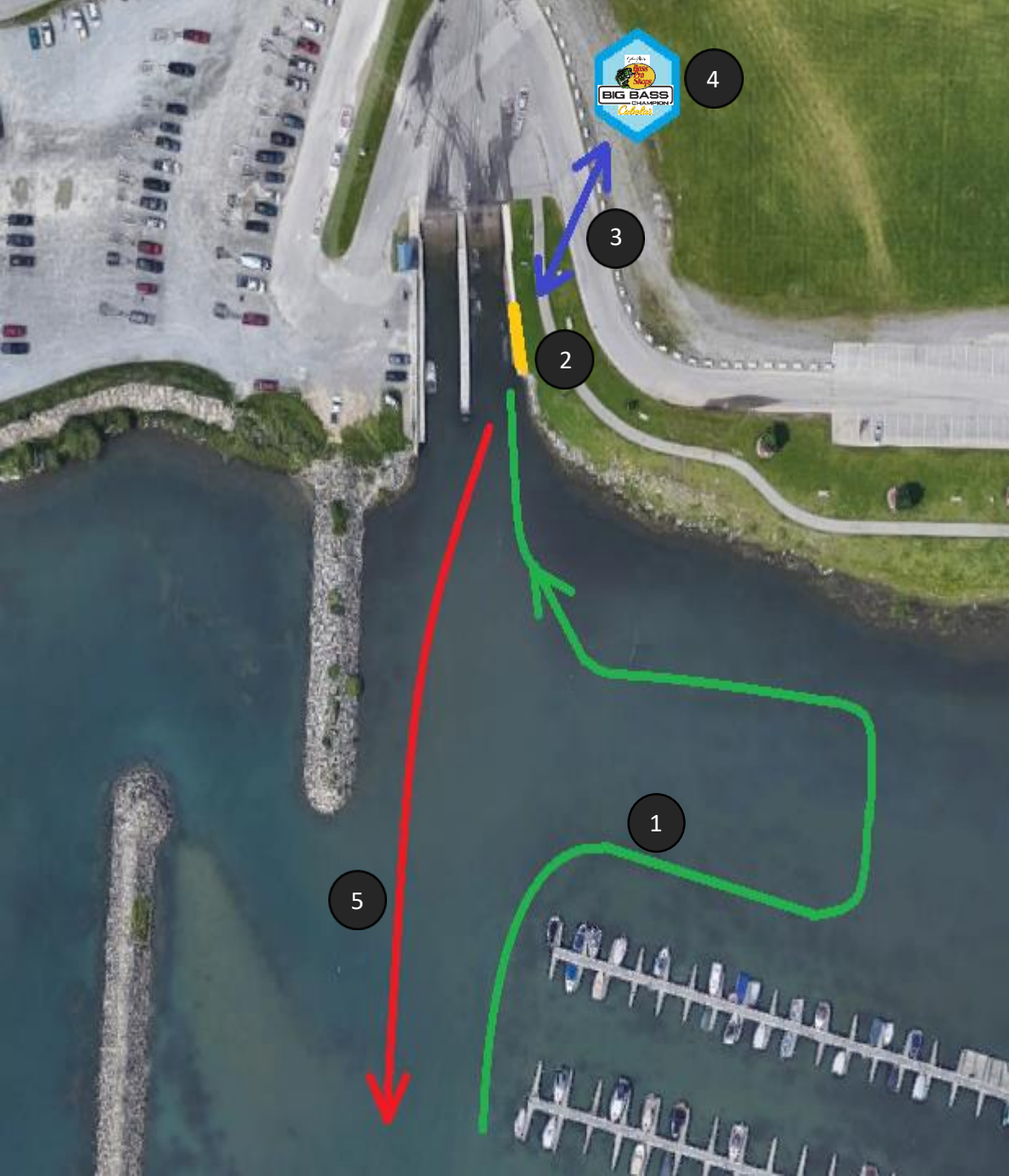
**There will be NO pre-tournament anglers meeting**

**There is NO morning group blast off**

**NO five fish limit & NO end of the day group weigh-in**

- The event that will be competitive and challenging, rewarding both skill and luck.
- The format and affordable entry fee will see all angler types participating.
- 2 Day Tournament, September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Entry fee is \$120 per angler, 4 anglers maximum per boat.
- Fishing will be permitted from 5am to 5pm.
- Anglers are free to fish for as long or as little as they wish within the allotted 24hrs of fishing time.
- Weigh scale will be open daily from 11am to 5pm.
- Only the TOP 10 biggest Smallmouth Bass weighed in over the two days will win.
- Additional prizes will be awarded to the Top 4 junior aged anglers who do not finish in the overall top 10.
- Minimum size allowed to weigh-in is 5lbs.
- This is a 100% live release event; dead fish will not be permitted to be weighed in.
- Social media by-the-minute updates for the TOP TEN BIG BASS.
- Social media updates will be used to inform anglers to NOT retain “out of the money” sized Bass.
- Estimated that under 40 Bass will be submitted for weigh-in over the entire two-day event.
- Anglers are responsible for releasing their catch back to the main lake.





## On Land Covid “Red Zone”, September 18th & 19th

### Weigh-In Procedure “A”

- 1 – Green Line shows the path for Boats to follow when driving in from the main lake, to weigh-in with their catches. Remaining in single file is MANDATORY, when multiple boats are staging to weigh-in.
- 2 – There will be a reserved section on the dock (24 feet long) for participants to weigh-in, one at a time. When this section is clear - a participant can pull in, dock their boat and start the weigh-in process. A BBC Staffer will be present near by to hand over a sanitized weigh-in bag to the participant. This bag will be used to carry their catch and some live-well water to the weigh-in station.
- 3 – A single participant of the team, wearing a mask, will walk their catch (in the weigh-in bag) over to the weigh-in station.
- 4 – The event Weigh-Master will receive the weigh-in bag from the participant and scale the catch. After being weighed, the catch will be returned to the participant via the weigh-in bag. The participant will walk back to their boat, dump their catch back into the boats livewell and hand the weigh-in bag back to the BBC Staffer.
- 5 – Red line shows the lane that the Boat/Team will travel to clear the reserved weigh-in dock area and return to the main lake to “Live Release” their catch.

#### Notes:

- a) BBC Staffers and Weigh-Master will always wear masks. New gloves will be worn before every new exchange with a participant, and hands will be sanitized in between. All weigh-in bag handles will be sanitized between uses.
- b) Long line ups of boats are not expected due to the format of the event.
- c) Boat Launches will always remain unobstructed for two boats in and two boats out for full public use during the BBC event.
- d) There is enough room to navigate around the reserved section that BBC boats will be docked at, in order to always have two launches available to pull boats out of the water.
- e) No gathering or spectating will be permitted

## On Water Covid “Red Zone”, September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

### Weigh-In Procedure “B”

1 – Green Line shows the path for Boats to follow when driving in from the main lake, to weigh-in with their catches. Remaining in single file is MANDATORY, when multiple boats are staging to weigh-in. Boats are to remain in the staging lane area (green line on diagram) until the weigh-in dock is clear to receive you.

2 – There will be a reserved section on the dock (24 feet long) for participants to weigh-in, one boat at a time. When this section is clear – the participant in the front of the staging line can pull up, tie up their boat along side the docked weigh-in boat and start the weigh-in process. The event Weigh-Master will give a mesh weigh-in bag to the participant. The participant will put their fish into the mesh bag and hand it back to the weigh-master. The fish will be scaled and returned to the participant.

3 – Red line shows the lane that the Boat/Team will travel to clear the reserved weigh-in dock area and return to the main lake to “Live Release” their catch.

#### Notes:

- a) BBC Staffers/Weigh-Master on the weigh-in boat will always wear masks and full-face shields. New gloves will be worn before every new exchange with a participant, and hands will be sanitized in between. All mesh weigh-in bag handles will be sanitized between uses.
- b) All participants must wear masks when at the weigh-in.
- b) Long line ups of boats are not expected due to the format of the event.
- c) Boat Launches will always remain unobstructed for two boats in and two boats out for full public use during the BBC event.
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