

## Trot Line Baiting Competition Rules

### Rules & Procedures

#### 1. Starting the Competition

- The competition will begin at the signal **“GO.”**
- Timing will start at the signal.

#### 2. Baiting Guidelines

- Competitors will remove old “bait” from snooze and lay lines.
- Competitors must replace it with a “fresh” piece of bait.
- Once **all bait pieces have been replaced** and the final chain has been pulled completely into the finished barrel, time will stop.

#### 3. Judging

- Judges will inspect the lines to ensure all bait is intact and securely fastened.
- **Penalties** will be applied for any missing or skipped bait pieces.

#### 4. Winning Criteria

- The competitor with the **fastest time and the most secured bait pieces** will be declared the winner.
- Any competitor who intentionally interferes with another competitor during the competition will be **disqualified**.

#### 5. Equipment

- Trot lines will consist of **20 total pieces of bait**:
  - 10 snooze lines
  - 10 lay lines
- Lines will alternate every six feet.
- Each end of the trot line will include a length of chain, which competitors must start with and finish with.