



Milton Sheesley Memorial Fishing Open

An intercollegiate ACA sanctioned event

Date: April 1, 2017

Location: South Holston Lake, Bristol VA, TN

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Host School- Virginia Tech

Registration fee- \$60.00

The Bass Fishing Team at Virginia Tech lost a member, Milton Sheesley, this past fall in a motor vehicle accident. Milton was an amazing fisherman on the water and even better person. We as a family truly miss his presence on our team and find this the best way to honor his memory. A portion of the revenue will be going to the Sheesley family during this difficult time.

Rules and Regulations

Rules

Tackle and Equipment: Only artificial lures may be used. However, pork and pork type baits are allowed. Anglers may only have one line in the water at a time. Nets are allowed.

Trolling as a method of fishing is not permitted. Running a line and lure while the combustion motor or trolling motor is in operation is defined as trolling.

Leaving the Boat: Fishing from docks, shore, or other places is prohibited. All fish must be hooked, fought and landed from within the boat. Getting out of the boat to view fish locations is also prohibited. It is permissible to place one foot on the shore or dock to prevent boat damage, but one foot must remain in the boat at all times. Docking and leaving the boat is only permitted for personal or safety needs. If an angler leaves the boat for any reason his or her partner cannot fish until the angler returns to the boat.

Live Wells: All boats must have functioning live wells with aeration systems. Stringers are prohibited. Fish shall not be removed from live wells except in culling situations or at weigh-ins.

Pre fishing: Pre-fishing will be prohibiting on all tournament waters on the day of the tournament. Pre-fishing will be permitted up to midnight of the day preceding a tournament.

Information

Fishing Hours will be from 7:00 AM or safelight until 8 hours after launch (3:00 PM).

Official Timepiece will be that of the President. The President will announce the official time at the start of the tournament.

Morning Check-in: All boats must be checked for functional live wells and both anglers must wear approved PFDs prior to blastoff. If you are late for any reason you will be penalized 1.00-pound.

Weigh In: All anglers with scorable bass will weigh in before trailering their boat as requested by the marina.

Notification of Early Departure: Any contestant who must leave the water after launch must notify a club member or leave an obvious note on an officer's vehicle. A search party will be formed to look for any boat that fails to check in by the end of the weigh-in.

Legal Fish will be largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass. Largemouth and spotted bass of at least 12-inches in length with the mouth closed and tail pinched will accepted as well as smallmouth measuring 15-inches.

Culling of Fish: The limit for Team Tournaments is five (5) fish per boat. Culling is permissible to allow a team to maintain their heaviest limit. Care must be taken not to exceed the daily bag limit per boat when doing so. All fish must be culled immediately. Culling of a dead fish is not allowed.

Penalties

Penalties shall be assessed as follows:

- Contestants that are late or have not checked in by the specified finish time will be assessed a 0.5-pound per minute penalty for up to five minutes; over five minutes the contestant will be disqualified.
- 1.00-pound will be deducted from any team that arrives after launch.
- In case of boat emergencies the non-boater will be allowed to board another team's boat in order to bring their fish to weigh-ins. The boater shall stay with their boat until assistance can arrive.
- Anglers with a boat emergency must notify the Tournament Director before the official end of tournament time, and make a reasonable effort to return to the launch in order for their fish to count in the tournament.
- NO dead fish will be weighed.
- Weights of short fish will not be included in an angler's total weight. In addition, a penalty of 0.25-pounds will be deducted from the total weight for each short fish.
- There will be a courtesy measuring board at weigh-ins and each team may measure any fish prior to bringing their fish to the scales.
- Dead fish will be determined during weigh-ins and left to the discretion of the tournament director.

Complaints

Complaints or protests must be submitted to the President in writing no later than 30 minutes after the completion of the weigh-in. The decisions of the Officers will be final in all matters.

The President has final say in all matters of the tournament.

Any and all rules that the collegiate series follows will be enforced as well!