

UT Tyler Texas College Bass Tournament Series

2017 Schedule

January 21st- Sam Rayburn reservoir Lufkin, TX

Boat ramp- Castle Boykins first cast 7 A.M. last cast 3:00 P.M. (check in at ramp before 3:30)

February 26th- Lake Palestine

Boat ramp- The Villages first cast 7 A.M. last cast 3:00 P.M. (check in at ramp before 3:30 P.M.)

June 10th- Lake O' the Pines

Boat ramp- Cedar Springs off 155 first cast 6:30 A.M. last cast 3:00 P.M. (check in at ramp before 3:30 P.M.)

July 15th- Cedar Creek Lake Log Cabin, TX

Boat ramp- log cabin first cast 6:30 A.M. last cast 3:00 P.M. (check in at ramp before 3:30 P.M.)

October 14th and 15th Toledo Bend Reservoir

**Will count for Cabela's School of the Year points*

Boat ramp-Fin N Feather first cast 6:30 A.M. last cast 3:00 P.M. (check in at ramp before 3:45 P.M.)

Entry fees are \$100 per boat for tournament pot, \$20 big bass side pot per boat (optional) Entry fees may be paid over the phone with credit card by calling the rec sports office at 903-566-7466. Entry forms must be emailed RMcgill@uttyler.edu at time of payment. **No online payments or entries will be accepted after 5pm the Wednesday before the tournament.** Cash payments must be dropped off at Rick McGill's office (HPC1130) with completed entry forms.

OFFICIAL UT Tyler Texas tournament series rules

These rules will remain in effect during the year 2017. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director may impose such sanctions, as he deems appropriate, including, without limitation, disqualifications, forfeiture of prizes and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. Decisions of the Tournament Director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal. It is your responsibility to read and understand the rules and how you, your points and qualification for the Championship are affected by not complying with the following rules. Every Angler will be required to sign an affidavit that he/she has read, understands and accepts all rules.

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No online payments or entries will be accepted after 5pm the Wednesday before the tournament. Cash payments must be dropped off at Rick McGill's office (HPC1130) with completed entry forms. ***No refunds offered. If an event is cancelled for inclement weather, the club will attempt to reschedule but no guarantees***

1. Participation and Eligibility: Participation is open to current college students who are active members of a college bass club or team. Each team must consist of anglers currently enrolled at the same school. Anglers who graduate in the spring of 2017 are still eligible to compete in subsequent tournaments as long as they competed in at least one tournament while still enrolled.

2. Federal, State and Local Laws: All contestants must have a valid fishing license and are required to obey all federal, state and local laws and regulations.

3. Information: No anglers fishing the UT Tyler tournament series may hire a guide within 14 days of the tournament.

4. Teams: Teams can consist of up to two anglers but fishing alone is allowed. When qualifying for the championship you may not fish with another angler who has not also qualified for the championship. Each angler fishing the tournament will receive points individually based on how they finish. Qualification for the championship is as follows.

- Must compete in at least 2 regular season events. Anglers are encouraged to fish all regular season events the top two anglers will be awarded prizes at the end of the season.

Points will be awarded as follows

1st-105 points

2nd-98

3rd-97

4th-96

6th place and beyond will be awarded one less point than the previous contestant that weights a fish. Anglers that do not weigh any fish will be awarded 10 less points than the last contestant that weighted a fish.

5. **Pre-Tournament Practice:** All regular season tournaments and the championship will have off limits starting at midnight the night before the tournament. No angler or contestant is allowed on the water after 12:00 AM the day before the tournament.

6. **Safety:** Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each Contestant is required to wear a fastened (fully zipped and/or all clips fastened), U.S. Coast Guard approved, personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is in **GEAR** from take off until weigh-in. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition shut-off device, which must be securely attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is in **GEAR**. The driver must be seated in the driver's seat anytime the combustion engine is in **GEAR**. Tournament days may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or any conditions that would endanger the safety of the competitors at the Tournament Director's sole and absolute discretion. Competitors are allowed to leave the boat and seek shelter in bad weather, at which time no fishing may occur. **All boaters are required to have liability insurance in a reasonable amount to cover any damages or injuries that may occur to other competitors.**

7. **Permitted Fishing Methods:** Only artificial lures may be used with the exception of pork trailers and biodegradable soft baits. Only one fishing rod per angler may be used at any one time. Additional rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, each cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is attempted or rod is used. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Switching or sharing fish with other teams or individuals is a violation of these rules and will result in immediate disqualification. All Bass must be caught alive, in a conventional, sporting manner. When sight fishing for Bass, all fish must be hooked inside the mouth to be counted as a legal fish.

8. **Sportsmanship and Conduct:** All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters.

9. **Assistance:** During the official practice period and extending through the hours of competition, Contestants may not receive fishing information from non-competitors or follow a non-competitor's boat or participate in the placing of markers by non-competitors or participate in the practice of "hole sitting" by anyone. In the event of an emergency situation, competitors should call 911 first and then notify the Tournament Director at (682) 478- 6978.

10. **Boat and Horsepower Regulation:** Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. Boats must contain a properly aerated live well space to maintain alive a limit catch of Bass. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition may not exceed the horsepower limitations as set by the U. S. Coast Guard in such vessel. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating plate to conceal such limitations will be cause for disqualification from the tournament.

11. Permitted Fishing Locations: Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off limits", "no boats", "keep out", "restricted" or "no fishing" (or similar language or markings intended to restrict public access) by state or federal officials, or within 50 yards of a competitor's boat which was first anchored. An anchored boat is a boat held in a stable position by a line attached to a weight or by a Power Pole or similar shallow water anchor with the trolling motor in the up position. The act of moving Bass from one area of the lake to another confined area of the same lake at any time, whether or not during official practice days or competition days, is not permitted.

12. Off-Limits Areas: Such areas established by federal, state and local laws and areas announced at registration for each UT Tyler college bass event. Contestants may not fish inside the established "off-limits" areas. Violation of the rule will result in immediate disqualification.

13. Launching: Trailering is Not Allowed unless otherwise stated by the tournament director.

14. Official Checkpoints: ALL ANGLERS MUST CHECK IN THE MORNING OFF THE TOURNAMENT. Official check-in begins 2 hours before official first cast. Each boat will be given an official weigh-in slip that must be presented at time of weigh-in. Official first cast will be outlined on the official entry form. **All anglers must check in at the designated location by official check in time.** This rule is in place to verify that all anglers got off the water safely and the end of the tournament. The scales will close at 4:30 P.M. for every tournament all anglers are required to be in weigh in line by this time.

15. Scoring: Every UT Tyler college bass tournament is a 5 fish limit per boat. The only time a boat may be in possession of more than 5 bass is while actively culling fish. Actively culling is defined as follows: an angler is actively culling when he is not fishing and is working to cull out the smallest fish in their 5 fish limit. When fishing with a partner it is lawful for one angler to continue to fish while the other angler culls. But at no time may both anglers be fishing while there is more than 5 bass in the boat.

16. Live Fish and short fish: Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated live well. The use of chemical live well additives which promote the healthy return of bass to their natural habitat are recommended. A half-pound (.50) penalty will be deducted for each dead Bass presented for weigh-in. Culling of dead bass is prohibited. No dead bass will be eligible for Big Bass awards or prizes. Short fish brought to the bump tank will be penalized 2lbs and the illegal fish will not count towards your weight.

17. Late Penalty: Contestants are considered late when they fail to check in before the scheduled time. Each minute late to weigh in line will result in a 1lb penalty. Official tournament hours will be outlined in the tournament flier. Tournament hours will change tournament to tournament depending on the time of year and weather conditions.

18. Protest and Reporting Procedure: All protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director no more than 15 minutes after all anglers are required to be in the weigh in line. The tournament director has final say in all rules violations.