



GREENVILLE

BASS FISHING

2019 Greenville University Invitational

Lake Shelbyville – Opossum Creek Boat Ramp

Saturday May 18, 2019

Hours: 6:30-3:00

\$70 Entry Fee

\$10 Big Bass

***School of the Year Points Awarded**

Registration

- Online at Cabela's Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship
- Email completed form to shane.campbell@greenville.edu
- Morning of the event at the boat ramp between 5:00-6:00
- All anglers must check in and sign release form by 6:00
- **ONLY CASH IS ACCEPTED FOR ENTRY FEE**
- Will provide entry fee receipt if needed

Payout

- 100% Payout for big bass pot
- 75% Payout of entry fees (top 3 places)

*There will be a pre-tournament meeting at 6:15 which at least one member of each team must be present at. Five fish, 14 inch length limit. Any questions? Please contact Shane Campbell at (618) 980-5451 or shane.campbell@greenville.edu.

*Boat ramp is located at 1598 N 2000 E, Shelbyville, IL 62565

2019 Greenville University Invitational Rules

Compliance

- Signing the release form and participation in this event constitutes agreement to all event rules and regulations. Any rule violations must be reported to the tournament director as prior to the last team weighing in. Any actions taken by the tournament director in response to a rule violation are final. Photo/video footage may be submitted as evidence of a violation. Any contestant receiving an on the water citation from the IDNR must report their citation to the tournament director. ANY violation during practice or competition may result in a disqualification.

Practice

- There is no off-limits period. Competitors may practice up to the day of the event.
- Competitors may only be on the water during safe light (30 min before sunrise to 30 min after sunset).
- All rules must be followed during practice (this includes life jacket rules).

Off-Limits Areas

- No fishing within 100 yards in all directions of the take-off dock (essentially point to point and out to no wake buoys)
- Any areas that are designated “No Boats,” “Boats Keep Out,” or “No Fishing” by the Department of Natural Resources, or Corps of Engineers cannot be fished, and anglers should treat a buoy line as a brick wall (lure or boat should not go past buoy line).
- Participants are expected to follow all lake rules and regulations. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Breakdown/Leaving the Boat

- In the event of an emergency, call 911.
- In the event of a breakdown, call the tournament director to notify that you will:
 - Both be towed back by anyone on the water while remaining in your boat.
 - One competitor will ride back with another competitor while the other stays with the disabled boat.
- Competitors may not leave the boat to gain access to an area, or to net a fish.
- Competitors may only leave boat to free the boat from an obstacle when leaving an area or when personal safety is at risk.
- If a boat leaves the tournament waters for any reason during tournament hours, the team will be disqualified. Except in the event of a mechanical failure there may be an option to “restart,” contact the tournament director to pursue this option.

Eligibility

- Students must meet Cabela’s Collegiate Bass Fishing eligibility requirements, including grade and credit hour requirements.
- Competitors must be a member of a school’s fishing team/club.
- Schools may bring as many teams as they wish.
- All competitors must possess a valid Illinois Fishing License.
- Competitors must fall within 5 year eligibility requirements.

Take-Off

- Opossum Creek Boat Ramp at 6:30
- Boat order will be determined by random draw at 6:15 immediately following pre-tournament meeting
- Official time will be given, and will serve as standard for rest of the tournament hours
- Take-off will take place at the end of the main dock at Opossum Creek
- Live-wells, kill switch, and life jackets will be checked as competitors idle by the dock
- No passing in the no wake area

Weigh In

- Weigh in will be held at Opossum Creek Boat Ramp
- Weigh in will begin at 3:00, no sooner
- Competitors are allowed to trailer their boats before weigh in, or weigh before trailering.
- All fish must be brought immediately to the scales, no later than 3:30.
- **BUMPING FISH** – fish will be measured with their mouth closed, held firmly against the front of the board. The tail will be laid flat on the board, it will not be fanned or pinched. A legal fish must at least touch the line.
- **SHORT FISH** – will result in the loss of the short fish and an additional 1.00 pound deduction.
- **COURTSEY BUMP** – teams have the option to courtesy bump fish. They must bump their own fish and then decide whether to weigh the fish or not. At that time if the team decides to weigh the fish, and is measured short, they will incur a penalty.
- **DEAD FISH** – each dead fish will result in a 1.00 pound deduction. No more than three dead fish may be weighed in.
- **LATE CHECK-IN** – the team's total will be reduced by 1.00 pound per minute, up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, the team is disqualified.

Permitted Fishing Methods

- Only artificial baits are permitted.
- No trolling. Trolling is defined as running the outboard motor in gear while fishing.
- All fish must be caught on a rod and reel set up.
- If sight fishing, the fish must be hooked in the mouth.
- Only one rod can be used at a time.

Boating

- All competitors must wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device ANY time the outboard motor is running.
- All competitors must be seated any time the outboard motor is in gear.
- A working kill switch must be attached to the driver any time the outboard motor is in gear.
- All boats must meet coast guard regulations.
- Boats must exceed 15 ft. in length and have built in livewells. A cooler as a livewell will not be permitted.
- Boaters must carry the state minimum liability insurance coverage.
- **Severe Weather:** All competitors will be notified by text or call to stop fishing and seek shelter. When conditions are deemed safe by the tournament director, a resume fishing text/call will be sent.

- Only competitor boats are allowed on the water. No coaches, friends, family, or other related individuals may be on the water during tournament hours.
- If a team decides to leave early, they must notify the tournament director.

Sportsmanship

- Teams are only allowed to fish with their fishing partner on tournament waters, beginning one week (7 days) before the event.
- No team may receive any outside information about locating or catching fish during tournament hours.
- **Cell phones should only to be used to contact tournament director or 911 in the event of an emergency. This means that competitors will not contact their other team members during the event.**
- The highest level of sportsmanship should be practiced during the event. This includes cutting off another team or arguing on the water.
- The use of drugs or consumption of alcohol is not permitted during the entirety of the event, beginning at registration and concluding with weigh in.

Ties

- In the event of a tie, the following tiebreakers will be followed in order:
 - Weight of big bass
 - Number of fish weighed
 - Boat number