

Rules and Information

- Teams consist of two anglers.
- There will be an \$80 entry fee per team which includes big bass payout (Only one big bass payout). 45% Payback to top three places with 15% payback on Big Bass.
- All participants must wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD). The flotation device must be zipped and/or snapped, secured at all times when the combustion engine is running. All participants should be seated in the boat while the boat is in combustion operation.
- A participant must check in the morning of the tournament.
- Teams will be given numbers for takeoff the morning of the tournament.
- 3 spots guaranteed payout.
- Only artificial lures and pork style baits are allowed. Alabama Rigs are allowed. All bass must be caught on a rod and reel. Only one rod and reel in use at any time by any one angler.
- No boats over 25 feet can be used. Any boat, 14 feet or longer, meeting B.I.A. and Coast Guard requirements with a functional kill switch, functional bilge pump, and a properly aerated live well will be accepted. No over-powered boats. The boat must be operated in accordance with all posted speed limit restrictions
- **Breakdown:** In the event of a boat breakdown, participants may transfer their fish to another contestant's boat for transport to the weigh-in site, meeting the following conditions; The fish must be placed in a segregated live well with culling balls attached to the fish and one of the participating team anglers must accompany those fish at all times to the weigh-in site.
- **Early Departure:** Any team departing prior to the weigh-in from the tournament lake must contact the tournament director or appointed staff member.
- **Cell Phones:** We encourage all contestants to have cell phones in their boats for emergency use only. **No communication is allowed for fishing tips or fishing locations during tournament hours**
- Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted Bass will be scored, five (5) fish limit. **A SHORT FISH will result in a 1 pound penalty per short fish. A DEAD FISH will result in a one-half (.5) pound penalty per fish.** If dead fish is big bass, a one-half (.5) pound will be deducted from the big bass. No more than five (5) fish are allowed in the live well (in possession) at any time. Anyone bringing more than five (5) fish to the weigh-in scales will not be allowed to weigh-in **ANY** Fish. All fish **MUST** be brought to the scales **in an official weigh-in bag**. Culling of dead fish is prohibited.
- A team's weight will be deducted by one (1) pound per minute late. Ties will be broken by 1) most fish weighted 2) big bass 3) by earliest entry for the tournament.
- Protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director within fifteen (15) minutes of the weigh-in completion. The appointed Tournament Advisory Committee will handle all protest. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final in all matters.
- Safe boating must be observed at all times. Contestants may not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat. No tournament boat may be loaded on the trailer before weigh-in except with the permission of the Tournament Director or announced as a trailered weigh-in. All contestants are required to follow the highest degree of Sportsmanship, Courtesy, and Conservation. The Tournament Director has the discretion to shorten or cancel tournament days due to unsafe weather or water conditions. No alcohol or controlled substances can be used or allowed in the boat during tournament hours. No hole sitting is allowed.
- Each team must check in between 5:30-6:30am to receive take off number and hand in registration forms.
- Check in at the courtesy dock. Everyone must check in.
- Largemouth, Smallmouth, and Spotted/Kentucky Bass must be 15 inches.