

2020 ACA Online Tournament

Official Rules

Participation in the 2020 ACA Online Tournament constitutes each contestant's understanding of and full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these Official Rules. Contestants must obey all State, Federal and local fishing and safety laws. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify any contestant that is determined to be in violation of any term contained in these Official Rules. The Tournament Director's decision not to enforce a specific provision of the Official Rules does not constitute a waiver of that provision or of the Official Rules generally. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. Decisions of the Tournament Director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal. At the sole discretion of the Tournament Director, entry may be refused to any individual or university fishing club/team.

Tournament Duration

The 2020 ACA Online Tournament will begin Thursday, April 2, 2020 at sunrise and run through sunset on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, all local times.

Tournament Format

On Wednesday at 5:00 PM CST, ACA staff will provide a keyword that all anglers will be required to print or write on a piece of paper to show in each fish picture they submit.

Anglers can fish any form of water, including public lakes, creeks, private ponds, and anywhere bass can be caught.

Anglers do not have to fish out of a boat to qualify.

All fish must be measured with mouth closed and nose pressed against a measuring board (a measuring tape cannot be used) with the tail flat on the board (not pinched). Photos that do not show that will be deemed ineligible.

If an angler submits multiple fish, their longest fish will be the one that counts.

All fish catch pictures must be submitted via the ACA website using the [ACA Online Submission Form](#) by Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 6:00pm CST.

Results

The ACA will post leaderboard with results throughout the week.

Final results will be announced on Thursday, April 9, 2020 by 1:00pm CST.

Social Media

Competitors are also encouraged to share traditional grab & grin pictures of themselves holding the fish as well! Feel free to post those pictures to social media using #WeAreCollegiateBass.

Anglers posting their catch to personal and/or bass fishing club social media accounts and tagging #WeAreCollegiateBass will be eligible for drawings for bonus prizes.

Safety

Safe boating must be observed at all times. Contestants must observe any and all rules and laws established in the area where they are fishing.

If fishing from a boat, each contestant is required to wear a fastened, U.S. Coast Guard approved, personal flotation device at all times when the combustion engine is in operation. All boats must be equipped with an emergency

ignition shut off device that must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation.

Contestants are responsible for being aware of unsafe weather or water conditions and taking the necessary precautions to ensure their own safety.

Participation / Eligibility

Participation is open to college students who are enrolled full-time based on their school's definition of a full-time student for their degree program. They also must be a full-time student in an accredited college or university as recognized by the ACA as well as being members in good standing of that college or university's institutionally recognized fishing club. Participants must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Each team must provide its own equipment including, without limitation, fishing equipment and a boat, all subject to the restrictions contained in these Official Rules.

All contestants must have in their possession a valid fishing license for the specified tournament waters being fished. Licenses must be purchased prior to official practice days.

Release of Liability

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