

## BRANDON CARD COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL BASS OPEN OFFICIAL RULES

**TOURNAMENT LAUNCH:** Safelight (7:00) at Lonas Young Park (aka White Bridge)  
**5 FISH LIMIT:** Largemouth Bass - 14" min. Smallmouth Bass - 18" min. Spotted Bass - 12" min.

### HIGH SCHOOL CHECK-IN:

<b>Flight 1</b> (boats 1-25) = 2:30	<b>Flight 2</b> (boats 26-50) = 2:40	<b>Flight 3</b> (boats 51-75) = 2:50
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### COLLEGE CHECK-IN:

<b>Flight 1</b> (boats 1-25) = 3:00	<b>Flight 2</b> (boats 26-50) = 3:10	<b>Flight 3</b> (boats 51-75) = 3:20
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**1. SAFETY:** Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by competitors. NO boats shall pass another boat in NO PASS ZONE as depicted in the attached map. In this ZONE, boat must only have a top speed of 35 mph. Each competitor must wear a Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver anytime the combustion engine is in gear. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely. When boating in low visibility situations, anglers must operate their boats at a safe speed and in a safe manner as determined by tournament officials AND running lights on and visible to others. EVERY boat must have boat insurance.

**2. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINTS:** Check-in in the afternoon will be with tournament official with American flag in boat parked at the specified location on attached map.

**3. LATE PENALTY:** Competitors who are not at the official check-in point at the appointed time, shall be penalized at the rate of ONE POUND PER MINUTE LATE; to be deducted from the total weight and big bass weight.

**4. CATCH AND RELEASE: CULLING OF DEAD BASS IS PROHIBITED.** For each legal dead bass presented to weigh-in officials, the competitor shall be penalized four (4) ounces to be deducted from their total weight.

**5. SHORT FISH:** Bringing in short fish to the measuring station will result in that fish being culled plus a one (1) pound penalty per short fish. Measuring station official will close fish's mouth and try every way possible to get the fish to measure. There will be a courtesy measure board on table by dock for you to check any fish before weighing.

**6. SPORTSMANSHIP:** Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Anglers are prohibited to use alcohol and tobacco while fishing and at the weigh-in site. ARGUING with any tournament official will result in disqualification.

**7. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** Landing nets may be used, and umbrella rigs with only THREE hooks may be used. Only ONE casting, spin casting or spinning rod may be used at any one time by an angler.

**8. BOAT AND MOTOR:** For the safety of all competitors, during both official practice and competition, all boats must be equipped with an ignition kill switch and lanyard. Lanyard must be used when motor is in gear.

**9. BASIC BOAT EQUIPMENT:** During practice and competition, every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment and a functional bilge pump. During official competition, every boat must have live-well space, properly aerated, to adequately maintain alive, a limit of bass.

**10. BOAT IDENTIFICATION:** Each boat will be given a number, which remains with the boat until check-in.

**11. COMPETITORS MUST REMAIN IN BOAT:** Competitors are only allowed to leave the boat to seek safe shelter in bad weather and for bathroom breaks.

**12. BOAT CAPTAINS CANNOT FISH:** Boat captains are not permitted to fish or to aid the anglers in fishing other than driving the boat.

**14. WAIVER AND RELEASE:** As a condition of participation in each tournament, each competitor must execute a waiver and release of liability, and a name and likeness release.

**15. RULES ENFORCEMENT:** All applicants must agree to a polygraph if requested by tournament director. Refusal to submit or failure of the polygraph test will result in disqualification of that team from the tournament.

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## No Pass Zone

