

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

The tournament rules committee shall have the complete and sole discretion to make all decisions concerning this tournament.

All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. Snatching fish is strictly forbidden and only artificial lures may be used with exception of pork trailers. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except within 50 yards of a refueling dock of a marina or within 50 yards of another competitors boat. No fishing is allowed in areas that are designated as off limits.

Competitors must return to the official checkpoint by boat and must remain in boat at all times except in a case of an emergency or act of nature. All persons must wear a coast guard approved life vest anytime the combustion engine is running. All boats are required to have an emergency kill switch and must be attached to the driver anytime the gas engine is running. Running lights must be turned on at time of checkout or during time required by state regulations. At the discretion of the tournament directors, tournament days may be shortened or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. If tournament is cancelled the entry fee will be refunded or applied to the next tournament at the tournament officials discretion. Competitors are expected to follow a high standard of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infractions of these fundamentals may be deemed for reason for disqualification. **No alcohol or drugs permitted!**

Tournament officials reserve the right to require a polygraph test to be taken before any prizes are rewarded. Competitors who have failed a polygraph screening in a following tournament or been disqualified or barred from any fishing tournament may not compete.

The winner will be determined by the teams total weight. The limit shall be 5 fish per team. If more than 5 fish are brought to the scales the largest fish will be culled. The fish will be measured on a flat rule measuring device with the mouth closed and the tail moved side to side.

Largemouth bass must measure 15" long

Kentucky bass must measure 12" long

Smallmouth bass has a slot limit of one fish under 16" long and one fish over 21" long with the possibility of a team being able to weigh a total of 4 small mouth bass in their 5 fish limit.

No short fish will be weighed and will be removed from the creel. There will be an 8 ounce penalty for each dead fish weighed in. The 8 ounce dead fish penalty will also apply to the big fish competition. Only one big bass prize awarded per team.

All fish must be caught between the announced start and finish time in the permitted fishing locations by the partners of each boat. Individual boat totals will determine the order of finish with a maximum limit of two people per each boat. No individual who is not an official entry may be in the boat.

Livewell checks prior to the tournament is required with each team receiving their numbered chip from the tournament official inspecting the live well. This chip must be returned to the tournament official by 3pm at the same location of live well inspection as team returns for weigh in. For each minute a competitor is late for checking in, a one pound penalty will be deducted from the catch of that boat. Any boat more than 15 minutes late will be disqualified, no excuses!! The tournament rules committee will keep official time.

If you have fish to weigh, do not load boat until fish are weighed.

Ties will be resolved by combining the awards and dividing them equally.

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