

Participation and Eligibility- There will be no age limit-however an adult must accompany persons under the age of 18. Only two persons will be allowed per boat. The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse an entrant.

Entries- Entry fee will be \$200 per boat. A 7-day notice must be given to drop out of a tournament, at this time 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. Bob's Bait and Tackle tournament committee reserves the right to refund or deny any entry fee.

Boat Position- All boats entered before priority deadline will get into draw, all others will go in order received.

Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs- No alcoholic beverages or other stimulants or depressants shall be allowed in the tournament boats or in the possession of contestants prior to check in or during the tournament hours. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Tackle and Equipment- All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner by casting, flipping, or pitching. Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. No trolling is permitted with gas motors. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared baits permitted, with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one (1) rod may be used at a time. Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use, however every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made. The use of electronic tracking equipment cannot be used during competition.

Boats and Motors- There is no horsepower limit. No engine may exceed the BIA Horsepower rating for the boat that is used. All boats must meet US Coast Guard State regulations. All boats must have an emergency kill switch in working order and an aerated live well large enough to sustain a tournament limit in reasonable condition. Extra gas tanks must be secured and must be US Coast Guard approved.

Life Jackets- Life jackets must be zipped or buckled. Kill switch must be attached to the life jacket of the boat operator while the combustible engine is in operation. All life jackets must be Coast Guard approved.

Rules- The following rules will remain unchanged throughout the event unless State or Local Laws are in conflict. Interpretation and enhancement of the rules will be left to the tournament committee. In the event of a rule violation, the committee may impose such sanctions, as they deem appropriate, including without limitation to, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final in all matters. It is the committee's discretion to make changes where safety is concerned. All participants must comply with all Coast Guard, State and Local Regulations. Any competitor receiving a citation for violations of any Coast Guard, State, or Local regulations will be disqualified immediately. It is the contestant's responsibility to know these regulations.

Permitted Fishing Locations- Fishing on the tournament waters- Pools 7,8,9- is permitted anywhere except within 50 yards of any marina gas pump or within 50 yards of another competitors boat which was first anchored. No such anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within the 50 yard circle claimed by him to the exclusion of any other competitor. All angling must be done from the boat. Contestants must not depart boat to land fish. Both must remain in the tournament waters during the tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in the boat at all times except in case of emergency. Trailering of boats during tournament hours is prohibited.

Scoring- Each team may weigh in six (6) fish with the minimum of 14 inches in length, measured on a flat board with mouth closed and tail compressed or fanned. A COURTESY BUMP BOARD WILL NOT BE PROVIDED. Please check your bump board prior to the start of the tournament. Tournament standings will be determined by total weight caught during the competition. Only Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass will be scored. Any team weighing in a fish shorter than legal tournament length will be disqualified. Any team returning to the checkpoint late will lose one (1) pound per minute up to five (5) minutes. After five (5) minutes disqualification is immediate. Dead Fish Penalty (1) pound per bass, no more than 2 per team.

Pre-Tournament Check In- All teams must check in at the official check-in location, Clinton Street West Boat Landing, for live well and kill switch inspection. Check-in will begin at 5:00 am.

Fishing Hours- 7 am-3pm

Weigh In- Early weigh-in begins at 1:00pm at Clinton Street Boat Landing. Weigh-in bags will be furnished and must be used by all contestants. Contestants will be responsible for their own catch from the boat to the check-in tub. We recommend using your net to support the weight in the bag for you catch (Better safe than sorry!). All fish weighed in will be returned to the fished waters.

Ties- Ties between places will be determined by the team's largest bass recorded at the time of weigh in, then by a flip of a coin.

Insurance- Liability insurance is required on all contestants utilizing their boats in this tournament. Contestants are required to have proof of insurance.

Protests- Final objections must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee in writing not more than 30 minutes after the end of the tournament.

Big Bass Prize- There will be a 1st and 2nd place Big Bass pot for the tournament. The cost is \$25 and is optional. A single team cannot win both.

Late Fee- \$25 if priority deadline is not met. The priority deadline is one week, seven (7) days prior to the event.