



Bass Tournament RULES

1. **Participants & Eligibility** – Open to all individuals, male or female, 16 years or older. Under 16 may participate with a parent or guardian. Tournament officials reserve the right to reject any entries we feel are not in the best interest of the tournament.
2. **Entry Fees** – Entry fee is \$100 per boat (limit 2 persons) for one tournament fee. There is a \$35 service charge on all returned checks. There is a \$35 late fee on entries received / postmarked after April 6, 2018.
3. **Tournament Hours** – Tournament hours are 6:30 AM – 3 PM. We reserve the right to assign flights and change hours if necessary.
4. **Launch Sequence** – Blast off will be determined by drawing the morning of the tournament. Position in line to draw is determined by completed registration & paid entry fee.
5. **Safety** – Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Each competitor is required to wear a life jacket (of approved type) at blast off. THE GREER CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB, CPW, AND SCDNR ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS!
6. **Sportsmanship** – Respect other anglers. DO NOT ENCROACH WITHIN 100 FEET OF WHERE OTHERS ARE FISHING. ANY DISAGREEING PARTIES WILL BE REMOVED FROM COMPETITION. NO EXCEPTIONS!
7. **Tackle & Fishing Methods** – Only artificial bait may be used. No live or cut bait is permitted. All Bass must be caught alive in a legal and sporting manner. No snagging. Each competitor may only use one rod at a time. No more than one bait in the water at a time per fisherman. No trolling. No competitor may leave the boat to land or catch a fish.
8. **SCDNR & CPW Regulations** – All participants are required to abide by all state, CPW, and game regulations. NO alcoholic beverages, stimulants, or depressants may be consumed by any participant during any tournament function.
9. **Scoring** – A limit of 5 Bass (large mouth only) may be weighed in. Must be no less than 12 inches long. Lengths will be measured with mouth closed on a "Golden Rule." A SHORT FISH BROUGHT TO THE SCALES WILL RESULT IN A 1 POUND PENALTY. DEAD FISH WILL BE PENALIZED ¼ POUND. The dead fish penalty will also apply to any fish weighed as a Big Fish if that fish is dead. ALL CULLING MUST BE DONE ON LAKE. No team may have more than the tournament limit in the live well at any time during the tournament with the exception of dead fish.
10. **Emergencies** – Competitors shall remain with their partners in the boat at all times during the competition, except in the event of sickness or brief excursion for "nature calling." For this reason, you must come back to the landing ramp for restroom use only.

11. **Weigh-In Procedures** – Weigh in will be on a first come-first served basis. Participants MUST be back at ramp at appointed time. IF YOU ARE LATE, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED WITHOUT EXCEPTION. *Allow time for travel or breakdown. All fish will be released with the exception of trophy bass (remains in holding tank until after weigh-in is completed). We strongly encourage anglers to use nets to support these bags. The Tournament officials are not responsible for any bag failure.
12. **Protest AND Polygraph Test** – Any protest must be submitted IN WRITING to the Tournament Director within 15 minutes of the close of weigh-in. The Tournament officials reserve the right to give a polygraph test to any participant. The test does not have to be administered on site and may be set up by the Tournament Director at their discretion. All participants agree to abide by the results of any polygraph test administered. If you wish to protest, you must post \$150 for the test.
13. **Rules Interpretation** – Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final in all matters. Infractions of any rules result in disqualification.

****The Tournament Director will have a protest committee.****

NOTES:

- Must have Blast-Off Tag for Admission
- Tournament will be held rain or shine. In the event of severe weather (determined by the Tournament Director), the tournament will be rescheduled for the following Saturday. No Refunds. All registrations FINAL.
- Partners please come in one vehicle to reduce congestion.
- All coolers, etc. must be in the boat at the time of inspection.
- **Lake is off limits to participants for five (5) days prior to each tournament (Monday until Saturday)**
- T-shirts must be worn on outside at all times during the tournaments.
- Entry MUST be received / postmarked by 4/6/2018. Late entries are not guaranteed t-shirt size and will owe a \$35 late fee.

Keep these rules to reference before and during the tournament.