

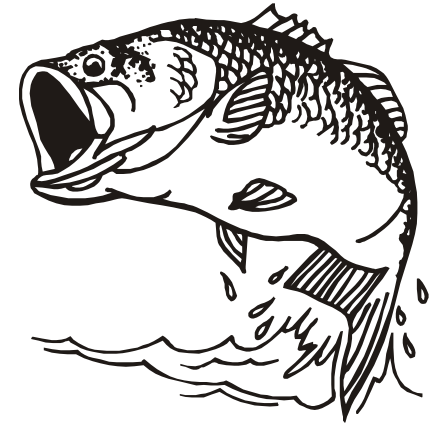
Official Tournament Rules

1. Rule Changes: The following rules shall remain unchanged throughout the events, but the tournament director's have the right to make changes for safety considerations. All decisions of tournament director are final in all matters.
2. Alcoholic Beverages & Drugs: No alcoholic beverages or drugs (unless prescribed) are allowed in the boat or to be consumed during tournament hours.
3. Sportsmanship: Any contestants who display poor sportsmanship or violates the rules or any federal, state or local laws or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will be disqualified and shall forfeit all entry fees and/or prize money. The use of communication devices for the purpose of locating fish is prohibited. Contestants must remain 50ft from another contestant with the trolling motor down and 100ft from contestants that are anchored with the trolling motor up.
4. Boats & Motors: All boats and motors must meet U.S. Coast Guard and State Regulations. No motor shall exceed the BIA rating for that boat. The maximum horsepower allowed for any contestants boat will be 300HP. All boats must have a working kill switch and adequate aerate livewell. All boats will be inspected by a tournament official prior to the start of the tournament.
5. Safety: U.S. Coast Guard approved life preservers must be worn and fully fastened by all boat members at all times that the combustion engine is in operation and the kill switch must be attached to the operator.
6. Tackle & Equipment: All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner on artificial lures. Trolling with the combustion engine or snagging fish is Not Permitted. No live or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rind. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one rod may be used at any one time. A cast must be fully retrieved before another rod is picked up. The use of electronic tracking equipment is not allowed at any time. Nets will be allowed.
7. Protests: All protests must be submitted in writing, to the tournament director, within 15 minutes of the final weigh-in.
8. Polygraph: All contestants are subject to a polygraph exam at the request of the tournament director. Failure to submit to or pass a polygraph exam will result in disqualification and forfeiture of fees and claims to any prizes.
9. Officials: All contestants are required to cooperate with all requests from all tournament officials, on and off the water.
10. Scoring: Each team may weigh in a 5 fish limit with a minimum length of 14 inches (using official tournament measuring board). A dead fish penalty of .25 lbs per fish will be deducted from the total weight of that contestant. Any contestant bringing a fish to weigh in that is short of the legal length will be assessed a 1 lb. penalty per short fish and lose that fish's weight. Each contestant is required to leave from and return to the designated checkpoint. Any contestant returning to the checkpoint late will be penalized at the rate of 1lb. per minute up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, no weight will be allowed. Culling of fish is each team's responsibility and no more than 5 fish may be kept in the livewell. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth and Kentucky spotted bass will be weighed in.
11. Ties: In case of a tie, the following tiebreakers will be used: 1) The Individual with the most fish weighed in. 2) The individual with the largest single fish. 3) If a tie still remains, a flip of the coin will determine the winner. Big bass will be penalized .25 lbs. if weighed in dead due to this being a separate prize.
12. Registrations: Contestants may register by mail addressed to WCBC 71 Hickory Bend Rd. Brenham, TX 77833, if postmarked no later than 4-30-2010. Early entries will be drawn at check-in.
13. Conservation: Contestants will need to furnish their own weigh-in bags. FISH MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SCALES IN A WEIGH-IN BAG.
14. Starting Position: Boat #'s will be drawn on Friday night before the tournament. Thereafter, boat #'s will be assigned in a sequential order as registrations are received. Any contestant who starts prior to his number being called by the starter will be disqualified.
15. Off Limits: Lake is off limits starting 5-3-2010.

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