



TEAM BASS TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

A properly completed and signed Official Application Form & the \$150.00 Entry Fee (plus 5% for credit cards) MUST be received by Tournament Officials by March 28, 2020.

Rule Changes: The rules of this tournament will remain unchanged. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively with the Rules Committee. The decision of the Tournament Officials shall be final in all matters.

Participants and Eligibility: Participation in this tournament is open to all persons who are sixteen (16) years of age or older. Children under the age of sixteen (16) may participate with an authorized adult (18 years or older) with a completed and signed waiver. **A properly completed and signed Official Application Form and the \$150 Entry Fee must be received by Tournament Officials by March 28, 2020.** This is a Team Tournament. The team must consist of two (2) anglers. Both male and female anglers are encouraged to participate. Contestants will be permitted to enter Tournament at any time on Tournament Day with proper qualifying fees and other rules applying.

Polygraph Examination: Any contestant in the Team Bass Tournament, if requested by the Tournament Officials, must agree to a contractual agreement for a polygraph examination by a polygraph operator selected solely by the Tournament Officials. The result of said polygraph examination will be the final determination as to whether the contestant will be eliminated as a recipient of any prize or award as a result of their participation in said tournament. The operator's decision must be accepted by all contestants without further appeal. In the event of no polygraph examination, Tournament Officials will make the final decision as to a contestant's eligibility. Failure to comply with this rule, if asked and so determined by polygraph examiner and/or Tournament Officials after a thorough investigation, will result in disqualification.

Safety and Boat Equipment: Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Carelessness or unsafe operation of any boat will be grounds for disqualification. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved life vest, securely fastened at all times when the combustion engine is in operation. Safety equipment adequate to pass Coast Guard regulations must be in the boat at all times. All boats are required to have a functional emergency cut-off device (kill switch). All kill-switches must be attached to the driver at all times when the combustion engine is in operation. Failure to abide by this rule will cause the team to be disqualified. All boats must meet BIA Horsepower rating and/or Coast Guard ratings and accept full responsibility and liability for any and all personal injury or property damage (both personal and private) which may occur. Each boat must be equipped with an aerated live well with space adequate to maintain a tournament limit of bass. A homemade device may be used, provided it meets the above standard. It is suggested that each boat have a functional bilge pump. For their own protection, participants must have liability insurance coverage on their boat.

Sportsmanship: All participants are expected to show courtesy and good sportsmanship to other participants and nonparticipants, alike. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed in any boats at any time during tournament hours. Anyone under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol during tournament hours will be disqualified. No loitering. Competitors may not remove any fish from any known fish holding container, baskets, barrels, etc., nor may they weigh in any fish taken from known baited areas. Competitors may not accept any fish from another person or persons in or outside this event. Questions pertaining to these violations will be included in the polygraph test. Violations of any of these are grounds for disqualification from the tournament and names of violators will be shared with other tournament directors.

Boat and Motor: Fishing boats may be used that are fifteen (15) or more feet in length, with a minimum of a twenty five (25) horsepower engine. No barges or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted.

Weather: In the event of inclement weather, the tournament will be rescheduled for the following day. Further decisions will be made by the Tournament Committee.

Tackle and Fishing Methods: Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or cut bait. Illegal bait will include crawfish, dry feed or any product unnatural to these waters. All bass must be caught in a legal, live, conventional manner, using a rod and reel. Each competitor may have only one rod in use at a time. Only the following methods of catching bass are recognized: casting and retrieving a lure in any form of flipping, such as "Dipping", "Doodle-Socking", and/or "Pitching".

Pork-type trailers may be used. Length of rods will be limited to eight (8) feet. Fly rods are not permitted. All bedding bass must be caught in the mouth. Drifting is allowed only when it is "wind-aided" or "current-aided." Trolling motors may only be used to adjust a wind-aided or current-aided drift pattern. Trolling is not allowed.

Permitted Fishing Locations: Fishing on Tournament waters is permitted anywhere except where "No Fishing" is posted, or within fifty (50) yards of another competitors boat which was first anchored with the trolling motor up. No person(s) shall hold or reserve a fishing spot for contestants. Tournament waters are defined on Lake Eufaula as: any water that can be reached by boat from the Tournament takeoff site. **No fishing will be permitted beyond the locks on Lake Eufaula.** Contestants must not depart boat to land fish. Boats must remain in Tournament waters at all times during the Tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to Official Checkpoint by boat. Trailing of boats during Tournament hours is prohibited. **Any team removing their boat from the water prior to weighing their catch will be disqualified, unless the tournament director has approved such action, based on weather, hazardous conditions, etc.** Both competitors must remain in boat at all times except in case of dire emergencies. If a competitor violates any of the above conditions his catch shall not be counted in the Tournament.

Official Checkpoint: There shall be only one official point of check-out in the morning and check-in in the afternoon. At the check-out, all competitors and their boats shall be in full compliance with all rules set forth by Tournament Officials. At the check-in, all boats must be identified by numbered cards and proceed to designated weigh-in. All live wells must be examined by Tournament Officials at check-out before beginning of Tournament participation. All protests shall be made to Tournament Officials before weigh-in scales are officially closed.

Scoring: Large mouth, small mouth, red-eye and spotted bass will be weighed in. The limit will be five (5) fish per boat. Culling will begin as soon as the sixth fish is caught, before making another cast. No culling baskets or drag lines (lines hanging over the side of the boat) will be allowed. Any team found to have more than the five (5) fish limit will be disqualified. All bass will be measured on a gator-grip golden Tournament board (flat) with the mouth closed and by moving the tail side-to-side. A penalty of three (3) pounds will be assessed per short fish brought to the scales. A .25 (1/4) pound penalty will be assessed for each dead fish brought to the scales. All live fish will be released. There will be no courtesy length checks at weigh-in site. In accordance with Georgia law, dead fish may not be culled. Any culling at weigh-in site will result in disqualification. **On Lake Eufaula, the Tournament length of all species of fish will be fourteen (14) inches.**

Late Penalty: At conclusion of Tournament, competitors who are not at the Official Check-In Point at the appointed time shall be penalized at a rate of sixteen (16) ounces per minute. Any competitor more than fifteen (15) minutes late shall be disqualified. There will be no excuses accepted. After proper check-in, competitors will be allowed ample time to proceed to the weigh-in site.

"New for 2020" - BIG FISH POT: Big Fish is no longer included in the Tournament entry fee but now voluntary at \$20 per boat and the pot being split 70/30 for 1st and 2nd Big Fish, with a total pay out of 100%. If an entry boat pays into the Big Fish Pot prior to take-off, that boat may weigh TWO bass which will allow them to compete for both of the Big Fish Awards.

NOTE: Official Tournament time on Lake Eufaula is Eastern Standard Time, even though Alabama is on Central Standard Time.



TEAM BASS TOURNAMENT APPLICATION

THERE IS NO OFF-LIMITS.

Angler #1: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

I would like to receive future tournament news & updates by: EMAIL MAIL

Angler #2: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

I would like to receive future tournament news & updates by: EMAIL MAIL

PRIZES WILL BE BASED ON 150 BOATS OR MORE.
RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT:

In consideration of my registration as a participant in the above-entitled event, and with the condition that I enter into this agreement for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, I hereby assume the inherent and extraordinary risk involved in the Albany Bass Club Team Bass Tournament, and any risk inherent in any other activity in any way connected or associated with this event in which I may occur as a result of my participation in this event and release and forever discharge the Albany Bass Club, Alabama Children's Classic and their associates, successors, agents, affiliate companies, employees and assigns, and all other persons, firms and corporations of and from any and every claim, demand, right or cause of action, of whatever kind or nature, which I have, may have or may later have by reason of personal injuries, illness, disease, damage to property, or otherwise, sustained by me as a result of my participation in this event. I hereby waive any claim that I may hereinafter have as a result of any and all injury to any person, including myself, or to any property as a result of my participation. I hereby agree to indemnify the Albany Bass Club, Alabama Children's Classic and their associates, successors, agents, affiliate companies, employees and assigns, and all other persons, firms and corporations of and from any and every claim, including attorney's fees and costs, which may be brought against any of them by anyone claiming injuries to themselves or on behalf of others or to their property or the property of others which may occur as a result of or in connection with participation in the Albany Bass Club Team Bass Tournament.

I certify that I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions of this release and that I voluntarily assume the inherent and extraordinary risk involved and that I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the parties hereby. I am lawful age and legally competent to make this agreement. I agree to comply with each and every provision of the Rules and Regulations of this tournament which are incorporated and made a part thereof by reference. I agree that my failure to furnish correct and true information on this form, or my failure to abide by the Rules and Regulations of this tournament, will result in my not being able to collect any prize money, but may also result in my being criminally prosecuted. I have read this document and the Rules and Regulations of the tournament and I fully understand them. I also agree to have my image used in any publication for Albany Bass Club, Alabama Children's Classic or as the committee deems appropriate.

I further understand and agree that the Tournament Committee reserves the right to refund this entrance fee, if it should for any reason choose not to accept my application.

I HAVE READ THE TEAM BASS TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Angler #1 Signature: _____

Date: _____

Angler #2 Signature: _____

Date: _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: \$150 TEAM BASS TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE \$20 BIG FISH ENTRY FEE

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ACC/Scott Woodruff Transplant
MAIL THIS APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO: 1844 N. EUFAULA AVENUE
EUFAULA, AL 36027