

Devon Wooten Memorial Bass Tournament

Rules and Regulations

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 \$200 per boat (limit 2 persons) for one tournament fee. THIS WILL BE A TWO DAY TOURNAMENT.
3. **Tournament Hours** - Tournament hours are 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM each day. We will have a structured take=off. We reserve the right to assign flights and change hours if necessary.
4. **Launch Sequence** - Boat number will be determined by paid entry for day 1. Boat number determined by finish from Day 1 for Day 2.
5. **Safety** - Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Each competitor is required to wear a life jacket/kill switch lanyard any time the outboard is running.
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, small mouth and Kentuckies 12") may be weighed in. Lengths will be measured with the mouth closed on a "Golden Rule." DEAD FISH WILL BE PENALIZED ½ POUND. **OFFICIAL RULE CHANGE: DEAD FISH WILL NOT BE WEIGHED FOR BIG BASS.** 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. No dead fish can be culled.
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 the 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. ADDITIONAL WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES - BRACELETS WILL BE ISSUED AT CHECK-IN WITH BOAT NUMBERS ON THEM AND MUST BE RETURNED AT WEIGH-IN TO WEIGH FISH BOTH DAYS, EVEN IF YOU ZERO OUT, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!! FAILURE TO TURN IN BRACELET WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION!! WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!!**
- 13. WEIGHT RULE FOR 2 DAYS - TOTAL CUMULATIVE WEIGHT FOR BOTH DAYS DETERMINES WINNERS PLACEMENTS.**
- 14. 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.
- 15. 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 BRACELET WITH BOAT NUMBER FOR ADMISSION BOTH DAYS.
- The tournament will be held rain or shine. Severe weather delays will be determined the morning of the tournament by the director, if needed. 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.

Keep these rules to reference before and during the tournament.