

1.) RULES: These rules shall remain unchanged throughout the tournament. Interpretation and enforcement rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director. Tournament director may impose sanctions as deemed appropriate for rule infractions without limitation e.g., disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. Federal, state, local and lake laws and rules must be obeyed at all times and shall supersede any rule when in conflict. 2.) PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY: Tournament eligibility and entry is open to all with at least one team member 21 years of age or older. 3.) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS: During tournament hours no alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs may be consumed or allowed in the boat while on the water, except prescription medications. 4.) SPORTSMANSHIP: All entrants must follow standards of sportsmanship, safety and conservation at all times. Displaying of poor sportsmanship and bringing unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing shall be grounds for disqualification. If one team member is disqualified, the team shall be disqualified. 5.) BOATS & MOTORS: There is no horsepower limit, however, no engine may exceed the BIA horsepower rating for the boat in use. All boats must meet US Coast Guard and state regulations. All boats must have an emergency kill switch. All boats must have a functioning aerated live well suitable to sustain a tournament limit in reasonable condition. 6.) SAFETY: Boating safety must be observed at all times during practice and competition. A US Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver (PFD) Type III or higher, must be worn and properly fastened any time the combustible engine is operative and the kill switch must be attached to the driver with a lanyard no longer than forty-eight-(48) inches. 7.) TACKLE & EQUIPMENT: Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. Trolling with the aid of combustion or electric motors is not permitted. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared bait permitted with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one 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. Rods may not exceed eight feet in length. The use of underwater cameras are not allowed during competition. Cell phones may not be used to locate fish or gain fishing information during tournament hours. 8.) PROTESTS: All protests must be submitted in writing prior to the official closing of the scales. 9.) POLYGRAPH: All contestants are subject to a polygraph testing. Failure to submit is grounds for disqualification. Any contestant who has failed a polygraph test for cheating in a bass tournament is not eligible to compete in Cleburne County 4-H Foundation tournaments. Polygraph testing is performed at the discretion of the tournament director. 10.) OFFICIAL BOATS: Official's boat(s) may be on the water for boat inspection, observation and filming during tournament hours. Entrants shall cooperate with all reasonable requests from official boats. 11.) SCORING FISH: Each team may weigh in five (5) fish per day with a minimum of 12 inches in length on large mouth, on spotted, small-mouth bass measured on a flat board with mouth closed and tail compressed. Any team weighing-in a fish shorter than the legal tournament length will be assessed a one (1) lb. penalty plus the loss of the short fish. Any team bringing more than five (5) fish to the scales will be disqualified. A penalty of .50 lbs. per dead fish will be deducted from the total weight. Only largemouth, spotted, small-mouth bass will be scored. Any team returning to the checkpoint late no weight will be allowed. 12.) BREAKDOWNS: Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat. In the event of equipment failure, there shall be two permitted methods of returning to the check-in and weighing fish. (1) By both partners remaining in their boat and being towed by water, or (2) By one partner entering the boat of another Tournament contestant or staff member along with the day's catch. Teams fish must be kept separate. 13.) CULLING FISH: It is the responsibility of each team to keep no more than a maximum of five (5) fish in a live well. If more than five fish are present in the live well during the event you will be subject to disqualification. No culling is allowed in the Devil's Fork launch area. 14.) PERMITTED FISHING WATERS: No fishing is allowed inside the host marina area. All fishing must be done from a previously inspected boat. No tube or wade fishing allowed. No fishing is allowed within 50 yards of a gas dock. No fishing is allowed within 25 yards of another anchored or tied tournament boat with trolling motor out of the water, without the anchored boat's permission. Both team partners must fish from the same boat. Only contestants may be in the boat during the tournament hours. Having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you shall not be tolerated. Hole sitting will not be tolerated. Boats may not be tailored to weigh in during the tournament hours unless under the direction of the tournament director. Contestants must be able to get the boat into the fishing area without getting out of the boat. Navigable waters are the only waters to be fished during the tournament. Contestants cannot leave the boat to land a fish. The practice of restricting the natural movement of fish by any means such as, but not limited to the use of nets, tanks, or dams shall not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification. Restricting the access to waters normally accessible to anglers by any means such as felling of trees or placement of obstructions will result in disqualification. Cell Phones may not be used to gain any fishing information during tournament. 15.) REGISTRATION: By mail or in person at 2319 Hwy 110 W Suite D, Heber Springs, AR 72543. Late registration will be taken at 6 am at the tournament launch site the morning of the tournament. 16.) OFF LIMITS PERIOD: No off-limits period 17.) CONSERVATION: Adequate live wells are mandatory on each boat. They must provide aeration to sustain a limit of fish in a good and releasable condition as possible. 18.) TOURNAMENT HOURS: 7:00 AM-3:00 PM 19.) TAKE OFF NUMBERS: Will be given in order of registration.

CLEBURNE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT 2026 ENTRY FORM

\$125 entry fee per 2 person boat team (paid by 4/17/26) - \$150 entry fee paid day of (cash only)

Boater	Partner	Youth: Yes	No
Address	Address		
City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip		
Phone	Phone		

I have completed my application and have submitted the entry fee for the tournament. I hereby waive and release the tournament officials, sponsoring organizations, and members of the Cleburne County 4-H Foundation from all claims for injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this event and I enter at my own risk. I understand that entry fees are nonrefundable.

Signature: _____

Please make checks payable to: Cleburne County 4-H Foundation
2319 HWY 110, West, Suite D, Heber Springs, AR 72543
501-362-2524