

Inland water speed limit 55 mph. Failure to follow may result in disqualification

Tournament Rules

Interpretation of these rules shall be left to the Tournament Committee. The decisions of the judges and tournament officials shall be final. Competitors in Team Bass tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation.

1. **PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:** Participation in this tournament is open to anglers who are 16 years of age or older. Anglers 12 years old may participate if accompanied by an adult. A properly completed and signed official application form and the entrance fee must be received by Team Bass, postmarked no later than midnight of the deadline. The tournament committee reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of applications prior to the deadline and also the right to extend the acceptance date.
2. **LEGAL FISH:** Largemouth Bass, and Smallmouth Bass, minimum length 14 inches, in a straight line with mouth closed.
3. **SCORING:** Tournament standings, awards, and final winners shall be determined by the weight of each team's catch during the tournament. The limit shall be 5 of the above species per TEAM. Tournament officials will conduct checks for violations, and in the event that a competitor has more than the above described limits in possession, the team in violation will be disqualified. In the event a bass presented for weigh-in is less than 14 inches, the team will be disqualified. There will be no courtesy bumps allowed.
4. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** Artificial lures will only be used. No trolling allowed. Only one casting, spin-casting, or spinning rod and reel shall be used at any one time. All other types prohibited. No rods over 8 feet in length.
5. **OFFICIAL CHECK-IN AND FISHING LOCATION:** Official check-in will be stated on front of official application. Contestants must leave and return to official check point by boat. Both competitors must remain in boat at all times except in case of dire emergency. Partners must remain together at all times, in sight of each other and each other's catch, in order for their catch to be scored. Fishing during the tournament is permitted anywhere except within 50 yards of another competitor's boat which was first anchored with trolling motor up. But a competitor may not block a canal or thoroughfare.
6. **SAFETY:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. Each contestant is required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest type personal flotation device (PFD). This PFD must be worn any time the combustion engine is operating. This PFD must be strapped, snapped, or zipped securely and maintained in this condition until the competitor reaches his/her fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. Violations of this rule shall be reason for immediate disqualification.
7. **BOAT AND MOTOR:** Fishing boats may be used that are 14 feet or more in length. A small motor, gas or electric, may be used for slow maneuvering. No "barges" or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted. Every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment. In addition, it must have a live-well space to adequately maintain a live limit catch of bass by both fisherman using the boat. No canoes will be allowed. All boats must have an operable kill switch.
8. **HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS:** Maximum horsepower for all outboard motors used in tournament competition are not to exceed the horsepower rating shown by the US Coast Guard rating plate attached to the boat. Any boat manufactured before Nov. 1, 1972 must adhere to the ratings set by the US Coast Guard for similar boats. Each competitor agrees to submit, by his signature on this document, the boat and outboard motor used in this tournament to an inspection by factory trained personal, if there is any reason to suspect the horsepower is in excess of the rating. Normal maintenance to increase the performance of the engine is allowed. Changing or altering standard factory parts of the motor to increase horsepower over the factory horsepower rating is forbidden, and will result in disqualification. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower rating number on the motor, would also be cause for disqualification.
9. **BOAT IDENTIFICATION:** Each boat must be given prior to start, an inspection check by a tournament official, and a numbered flag which must remain with the boat until turned in at weigh-in. This flag must be displayed upon request of tournament officials, and turned in to the officials at weigh-in.
10. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** will be allowed in the boats. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification.
11. **OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT:** There will be only one official checkpoint for check-out in the morning, and check-in in the afternoon.
12. **PAIRING OF CONTESTANTS:** Two contestants per team. It shall be the responsibility of each partner to appear at a mutually agreed-upon location. Tournament officials have no responsibility for missing teams.
13. **DON'T KILL YOUR CATCH:** Each competitor is expected to keep his bass alive by use of a proper live-well. No stringers. There will be a 0.5 pound (8 ounce) penalty for every dead fish weighed in. A dead fish CANNOT be weighed in for Big Bass consideration.
14. Any ties will be broken by the weight of the largest fish.
15. **NOTE:** None of the above rules shall prohibit a properly designated tournament official from approaching or boarding any competitor's boat any time during the tournament. Entries will be accepted until such time as the tournament director shall decide that the tournament entries have reached a manageable number for the tournament personnel and the tournament committee to properly administer.

A portion of the money earned from this tournament will be donated to the Hurley Foundation in conjunction with The Children's Miracle Network.

Mail completed application to: Team Bass C/O Ron Schabel - 125 Bevic Dr. Lapeer, MI 48446

Name: _____	Partner's name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City: _____	City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: () _____	Phone: () _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Horsepower of boat motor: _____	
Make & model of boat: _____	

In signing this application, I hereby waive and release all other contestants, the host, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims of injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. I further understand and agree that the tournament committee reserves the right to refund this entrance fee if it shall choose at any time or for any reason not to accept my application. I swear that the above facts are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____