



# Tournament Rules

- Open to all individuals, male or female, 18 years or older. Under 18 may participate with a parent or guardian.
- Driver of boat must be 18 years of age or older.
- Tournament hours will be safe light until 3:00pm.
- Starting positions will be determined by order entries are received. No entries will be accepted by mail postmarked after Feb 08, 2025. Entries will be accepted at the ramp - CASH ONLY.
- Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved life vest, securely fastened at all times, while boat is being propelled by combustion engine.
- Each contestant is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conversation. No boat may fish within 50 yards of another competitor, provided he is anchored with his trolling motor up.
- Only artificial baits may be used. No live or cut bait is permitted. All bass must be caught alive in a legal and sporting manner.
- Only one fishing line allowed in water per angler at any given time.
- All participants are required to abide by all State laws and game regulations.
- A limit of 5 bass, largemouth or Suwannee Bass, may be weighed in. Scoring will be determined by pounds and ounces.
- All bass may be weighted, Largemouth Bass or Suwannee Bass (no size restriction). A 4oz. penalty will be assessed for each dead fish brought back to the scale. CULLING OF DEAD FISH IS PROHIBITED - NO CULLING AT THE RAMP.
- Weigh-in will be on first come, first serve basis and fish will be released after they are weighted.
- Competitors must check-in prior to weighting in fish.
- Competitors who are not at the check-in area at weigh-in will be penalized at a rate of one pound per minute up to 10 minutes, at which time they will be disqualified. Weigh in time will be 3:00pm.
- One Big Bass Pot will be paid.
- Competitors shall remain with their partners in the boat at all time during the tournament. In case of breakdown, one partner may return with fish by another tournament boat, while the partner is permitted to stay with the disabled boat.
- Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to tournament director.
- Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted during tournament hours, weigh-in and award ceremony.
- Off Limits Waccasassa and Steinhatchee Rivers
- All decisions by Tournament Director are final.

## PROTEST AND POLYGRAPH

Any protest must be submitted in writing to the tournament director within 15 minutes of the close of the weigh-in. By signing below, you understand and agree the tournament director reserves the right to give a polygraph or other truth verification test to any participant, at any time. This does not have to be administered on site and may be set up by the tournament director at his discretion; not to exceed 72 hours from the completion of weigh-in. All participants agree to abide by the results of the polygraph or other truth verification test administered. In the event of a protest, the tournament director may choose to hold any and all winnings pending the outcome of the polygraph or truth test. Refusal to submit to the polygraph or truth verification test may result in disqualification, at the tournament director's sole discretion.

We have read and understand the rules, and upon signing this entry form, or signing the digital registration form, we hereby waive and release all other contestants, sponsors, tournament officials and their agents from all claims from injury and/or damages incurred in connection with this tournament.

Boaters Name \_\_\_\_\_

Boaters Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Partners Name \_\_\_\_\_

Partners Signature \_\_\_\_\_