

Agenda:

Friday, September 16, 2022

5:00 pm - Arrival of Anglers

7:00 pm - Registrations



Saturday, September 17, 2022

5:00 am - Boat Inspection

6:00 am - Tournament Begin

3:00 pm - Weigh-In (Rayburn Park
Public Boat Ramp)

8:00 pm - Awards



Tournament Rules/Regulations

1. Every boat in the tournament will require the following items during inspections: kill switch, safety cushions, life jackets, fire extinguisher (to date), first aid kit, whistle, horn, State required fishing license tag to date, boat insurance to date and tournament paid receipt.
2. This tournament shall be an invitational tournament, a **minimum of one** bass angler on a boat shall be allowed and if necessary, a **maximum of three bass anglers** shall also be allowed upon the decision of the Tournament Director/Chairperson.
3. All bass anglers participating shall be **17 years** of age or older with a fishing license. **16 years of age** are allowed and exempt from fishing license.
4. All bass anglers participating in the tournament are required to wear Coast Guard approved life jacket and **MUST** be zipped, buckled, and always clasped when the outboard is running for safety reasons. Kill switch **MUST** be utilized and clasped unto your life jacket when the engine is operating. **(NO EXCEPTION! – PER STATE LAW!)** (Refer to Rule 19) Anglers with "blow-up" life vest shall be keep on at all times per Texas Park and Wildlife Department Game Warden.
5. Texas Deaf Bass Anglers Official will decide the time and launch of the boat take off.
6. During the tournament, Black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, Kentucky, and spotted bass) be count at the weigh-in. This will be a CATCH and RELEASE tournament. TDBA Officers will decide what to do with dead bass afterward of the weigh-in.
7. During the weigh-in, scoring will base on lbs. A minimum length shall be 14" as according to the **2022-2023** Texas Park and Wildlife Department regulations. The maximum number of bass shall be Five (**5**) bass per Angler.
8. "Long Lining" or "Strolling" technique are **NOT** allowed in tournament and defined as intentionally using a trolling motor or outboard to mechanically extend a cast.
9. The Tournament will permit up to 2 anglers on each boat. (Three anglers will be permitted based on approval by the Tournament Director for insubordinate reasons.)
10. All Federal, State and Local laws must abide & be strictly followed per their regulations. Anglers participating in the tournament and not following regulations shall be disqualified. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
11. Any anglers participating in the tournament displaying poor sportsmanship, violation of tournament rules, Texas regulations, intoxication or drugs shall be disqualified. **NO EXCEPTION!**
12. No fishing permitted within 50 yards of the tournament boat launch headquarter.
13. Artificial lures to use during the tournament. Only casting, spin casting, spinning rods and reels is allowed. Only one line may be in the water at any time. Additional rigged rods permit in the boat as substitutes. Use of 8 foot flipping rod permit to use. Use of depth finder, thermometers, etc. which are not in violation of State/Local laws may be used.
14. Umbrella Rigs per State regulations shall be allowed.
15. All boaters must show **proof of insurance** to tournament officials.
16. Bass Anglers can launch at any boat ramp locations throughout Sam Rayburn Lake but need to be at weigh in by 3:00pm Tournament Director can change location of weigh in at any time if a crisis rises.
17. All boaters can leave the hotel after 5:30 am to arrive at the boat launch of his or her preference locations. Tournaments begin exactly at 6:00 am shot gun! If weather conflicts, Tournament Director will make the time adjustment (if necessary).
18. Wading or banking (**See Rule 19** for clarification on catching bass) to be allowed with the understanding that will require all bass caught be followed per Rule 19) . Any dead bass to be deducted 1/2 lbs (.50lbs). **NO EXCEPTION!**

19. Per Texas new law and Texas Park and Wildlife Department rules, **kill switch** must be workable and always operated while outboard is in operation! **NO EXCEPTION!**
20. Anyone banking shall measure the bass on a measurement rule and a scale weight. Both have to take pictures with a date and time as well showing number with your hand by random order of bass caught and show it to the Chairperson of the Tournament at the weigh in to be qualified in the competition. **Only** Lunker Bass must bring to weigh in for prize give away. Pictures must be clear and precise to read. **NO EXCEPTION!!**
21. Texas Deaf Bass Anglers want you all to have a safe and enjoyable Tournament.
22. CODA shall be allowed to participate in the tournament
23. TDBA Tournament shall held annually in the month of September. Date shall be determined by the bass anglers.
24. If no winner (no bass) in both the Champion and Lunker part, prizes will be roll over for next year
25. Texas Deaf Bass Anglers will **not be liable** for any accidents, damaged to hotels, et. It is the responsibility of all Bass Anglers to handle everything within their own judgments.

End of Tournament Rules