

BWS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM AND MEMBERSHIP FORM

\$30.00 Yearly membership per person to fish tournaments. To join, fill out entry form and write NEW or RENEWAL. We have read and understand the rules and enclose the completed application and our entry fee (see rule #3) payable to: BASS WORLD SPORTS. In signing this application, you hereby waive your legal venue, we hereby waive and release all other contestants, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims for injury and/or damages incurred in connection with this tournament and agree to all their rules and decisions. Receipt date of entry determines starting position. Cash, check or money order must accompany this entry form to qualify for tournament entry. I further state I am a current member of BWSTA and that I maintain liability insurance and have verification of liability insurance on the boat I will use in this tournament, if requested by BWSTA. NO POST DATED CHECKS. NO CREDIT CARDS.

A Boaters Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ + _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ SS# _____

Sponsors _____ Email _____

B Partner's Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ + _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ SS# _____

Sponsors _____ Email _____

Tournament Lake _____ Div# _____ Date of Tournament _____

Boat _____ Model _____ Motor _____ Year _____ HP _____ Locator _____ Trolling Motor _____

Boat Dealer _____ Towing Vehicle _____

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BASS WORLD SPORTS TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **RULES:** The following rules for the tournament will be used. These rules will be interpreted by the Tournament Officials and all decisions are final. Any violation of these rules, Dept. of Conservation or State Water Patrol regulations shall be reason for disqualification and possibly from all future events. Failure to read these rules is no excuse. Knowledge of all BWSTA rules is your responsibility, and by signing this entry form we hereby waive our legal venue any degree with all BWSTA decisions.

2. **ELIGIBILITY:** All individuals, 18 years of age or older unless participation with a parent or guardian, and who have paid the proper entry fees. Entry form must be completely filled out and signed by both contestants. Membership is required to fish BWSTA Team Tournament and each contestant must be a member in good standing. Anyone fishing with an expired membership or no membership will be reason for both partners to be disqualified. We reserve the right not to accept any entries, we feel that are not in best interest of BWSTA. BWSTA membership is \$30.00 per year (12 months) and good for all BWSTA tournaments.

3. **ENTRY FEES:** Team **\$160.00** per boat. Bonus Side Pot (100% payback) \$20.00 per boat and \$20 Big Bass Side Pot option.

4. **TOURNAMENT HOURS:** You must check in by 6:00 a.m. for all day tournament, hours will be announced in the morning. Night tournaments 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. We reserve the right to assign flights, change hours and tournament dates if necessary. No off limits time before any BWSTA tournaments. Tournament hours will be re-announced before take-off.

5. **TAKE-OFF:** Will be in order in which entries are received. The take-off site area will be the official check-out and check-in area. Live wells and kill switch will be inspected during take-off.

6. **TEAM:** Teams consist of 2 members who fish together. If 1 member cannot fish, other team member may use an alternate or fish by themselves, points will be awarded to the original team. Team Classic, the top 40% of teams from each divisions yearly total average boats, plus wild cards teams from each division. You must fish 6 BWSTA. No exceptions.

7. **TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures or baits may be used. All bass must be caught alive on a rod and reel during the tournament hours from a boat in a sporting manner. NO A-RIGS AND NO TROLLING.

8. **BOATS & MOTORS:** Boats 15 feet or longer, with properly working aerated live wells and kill switch. NO AIR or DUCK BOATS ALLOWED. NO OVERPOWERED BOATS ALLOWED. All boats must meet B.I.A., U.S. Coast Guard and State Water Patrol regulations.

9. **SAFETY & SPORTSMANSHIP:** Safe boating and fishing practices, must be observed at all time. Life jackets **MUST BE WORN WITH KILL SWITCH ATTACHED** anytime the combustion motor is running above idle speed. Each contestant is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. No alcoholic beverages, stimulants or depressants allowed in boats. No hole sitting or holding a fishing sport for another fisherman or contestants.

10. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Anywhere on the tournament water except within 50 yards of another contestant's boat, or the take-off area inside the marker buoys.

All fishing must be done from the boat. Contestants can lock into other pool's by boat. No contestant may leave the boat to land a fish and no trailering. Any rule changes at tournament site will over ride any written rule.

11. **SCORING:** Largemouth, Kentucky and Smallmouth Bass will be weighed. Only 5 fish per boat may be weighed-in. All fish will be measured on a flat metal keeper board. All fish will be measured with mouth closed and with pinched or fanned tail. Any short fish presented for weigh-in will cause 2 lbs. to be deducted from total weight and loss of short fish. Dead fish will receive a 1 lb. deduction per fish and only 2 dead fish per boat. No culling inside the marker buoys or the take-off cove or weigh-in area. We reserve the right to change the number of fish per boat if necessary.

12. **WEIGH-IN:** Will begin at end of the tournament hours. No fish will be weighed until then. You must be a st scales with fish, 1/2 hour after check-in. One team member must be present with weigh-in slip to verify weight during weigh-in. Weighing in more than 5 fish or over 2 dead fish disqualification.

13. **PROTESTS:** Must be filed in writing within 10 minutes after weigh-in and signed. Random testing will be given at anytime by tournament officials to any contestant, with or without a protest being filed.

14. **TIES:** Ties, will be broken by earliest entry received.

15. **CHECK-IN & LATE PENALTY:** All boats must check-in, any boat weighing in fish and did not check-in will be disqualified. Late penalty is 1 lb. per minute up to 10 minutes. The check-in area will be the same area as the take-off area. NO EXCEPTIONS.

16. **PAYBACK:** 80% payback, cash payback will be 1 payback for every 5 boats up to 20 places total and \$10.00 of every team entry goes toward team classic prize fund. Bonus Side Pot 100% payback.

18. **POINTS:** Points will be issued as followed, 1st 100, 2nd 99, 3rd 98 4th 97 down to 60th place. Every team after 61st place weighing in fish will receive 40 points. Any team not weighing in a fish will receive BWSTA Team tournament points used towards qualifying for Team Classics and Top Point Team awards. All Teams must have fished at least 4 Team tournaments, plus have enough points to qualify for Team Classic or fish 6 BWSTA team tournaments for a wild card spot. You must fish 6 tournament to be eligible to win the attendance prize at the BWSTA Team Classic, in a drawing after the tournament.

19. **POLYGRAPH TEST:** Each contestant agrees by their signature on the application, to submit to a polygraph test. Director will determine who will take the tests. Anyone refusing the take a test will be disqualified. To pay for test in the team tournaments, 2 entries will be held out of all team paybacks to pay for test. Money not used for test will be used for free entries, plaques, prizes and additional tournament expenses at team classic.

20. **CHALLENGE RULE:** Short or dead fish may be challenged. We will stop wight-in and make every effort tot determine if fish is short or dead.

21. **TOURNAMENT MEETING:** 10 minutes before take-off. We will go over the basic rules and tournament hours before take-off.

22. **TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION:** If cancelled due to reasons for safety, high water, etc., Entry fees will be transferred. NO REFUNDS.

By signing, you are good for 1 year. _____