

2012 RULES

Rules Interpretation: Any interpretation of these rules shall be by the tournament directors, and their interpretation shall be final. Violation of these rules or Ark Game and Fish Regulations or of Corps lake usage rules shall be grounds for disqualification.

Eligibility: Amateur anglers, (no professional anglers) 18 years old or older, with a paid entry fee are eligible to fish tournament. Under-age individuals may fish when accompanied by parent or legal guardian.

Entry Fee: Entry Fee is \$125.00 per 2-man team. Launch number will be determined by date and time of entry. No refunds of entry fees!

Prize Schedule: Guaranteed 1st place of \$2,500 (Based on 70+ boats), 65% of entry fees will be paid back to contestants beginning with 2nd Place, one place per 10 boats entered. Big Bass, \$10 per boat pay back to largest legal bass caught by an entrant and brought to the weigh station in accordance with these rules.

Check-in and Pre-meeting: Each Team must check in at :Designated location, Friday 4 May, 2012 between 4 pm and 8 pm or Saturday 5 May between 4:30 am and 6:00 am. Each team will receive a physical token (paddle or card) reflecting take off number. This token must be shown to the Launch controller at the launch site. Pre-meeting on the water approx. 10 minutes prior to take-off, take off will be safe light as determined by tournament directors. Take off will be in order in which entries were received by the tournament directors.

Off Limits Period: Greers Ferry Lake will be off limits to Tournament Competitors from 6:00 P.M. April 29, 2012 until 6:00 A.M. May 3, 2012.

Legal Fish for Weigh-in: A five fish limit per team consisting of Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted bass is permitted. Lake and or State size limits apply. Short fish penalty, 1 pound plus loss of short fish, presentation of a dead fish at the scales will result in a 1 pound penalty. If a contestant brings more than the five fish limit to the weigh-in that team will be disqualified. Following weigh-in all tournament fish become the property of the Tournament Directors, who shall return live fish to the lake, or present them to a representative of the Arkansas Fish and Wildlife services for disposal. In the case of a tie, the tie shall be broken first by the weight of the largest bass weighed in, secondly by the number of fish weighed in, and finally by earliest time/date of entry

Polygraph: All contestants, by signing the official entry form and paying the official entry fee, consent to receive a voice-stress, or polygraph test. Tests will be given at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Failure to successfully pass the test will be grounds for disqualification.

Sportsmanship and Safety: Safe boating practice shall be required of all contestants. USCG approved life vests and operational kill-switch shall be utilized at any time that the boats big motor is running at above idle. Alcoholic beverages and controlled drugs or narcotics are prohibited during tournament hours. Tournament hours shall be from the time of the boat launch in the morning until completion of the weigh-in in the afternoon. Hole sitting or holding a site for a competitor is prohibited.

Late Penalty: Teams must check in at the assigned place and time to avoid a late penalty. The late penalty shall be 1 pound per minute up to ten (10) minutes and if a team is more than 10 minutes late, that team will be disqualified. All teams must check in with the tournament directors regardless of whether they have fish to weigh or not. This will preclude the necessity of Tournament Officials having to initiate a search for unaccounted for contestants.

Boats, Motors, Tackle, and Equipment: Only artificial lures and pork style baits are allowed. Only one rod and reel in use by an individual at a time. Contestants may not leave the boat to

land a fish or to make access to adjacent waters (no portage). Seaworthy boats at least 14 feet in length powered by a gasoline engine of at least 10 horsepower equipped with a remote kill switch, operational live well that meet or exceed B.I.A. or Coast Guard requirements. Engine may not exceed B.I.A. or Coast Guard permits.

Legal Fishing Waters: The waters of Greer's Ferry Lake and streams feeding into the lake are considered the tournament waters. The following areas are declared to be off limits: within 50 yards of a fellow contestant's anchored boat, within 50 yards of a public dock with a commercial gas pump, inside the no-wake zone of the official launch ramp.

Breakdown: In the event of a mechanical breakdown, the team may transfer their catch to another contestant's boat or to a boat provided by the Tournament Committee if available. At least one member of the team must remain in custody of the team's catch at all times. No fishing allowed following a break down that requires the team to move to another boat. If possible the team so disabled should contact the Tournament Committee by cell-phone to report the problem. Cell phone numbers: 501-258-0753; 479-699-5315.