

Outlaw Outdoors Tournament Rules

1. All State, Coast Guard, Federal Parks & Wildlife regulations shall apply at all times.
2. ONLY paid team members or tournament officials are permitted in a team's boat during tournament hours.
3. Any person who has been disqualified or banned from any prior tournament may be subject to being refused entry into tournament.
4. Tournament director may refuse any entry.
5. Entry form (online or handwritten) with complete entry fee must be received before tournament hours begin.
6. All bass weighed in will become the property of the tournament director and will be released back into the tournament waters.
7. **Minor's Under the Age of 18:** Team Members under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or adult and a signed minor's release is required. (See Form Section on Outlaw Outdoors' website for Minor's Release). If a team consists of two minors (no captain permitted in boat), both minors **MUST** have completed the Texas Boaters Safety Course and submitted a Minor's Release for both minors.
8. **Refunds:** No refund of entry fees will be allowed, nor will entry fees be transferred to a future tournament.
9. **Alcoholic Beverages:** No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed by any team member during tournament hours or until team required to polygraph has been selected; nor are alcoholic beverages allowed in a team's boat during official tournament hours. Violation of any of the above will result in disqualification of said team.
10. **Boat Requirements:** All boats must be equipped with emergency kill switch. Kill switch must be attached to boat operator at all times while boat is on plane. Kill switch must operate properly. US Coast Guard approved life jackets are required for each person in boat. Life jackets must be worn and fastened while boat is on plane. All boats must have a functioning live well that is adequate to keep the tournament limit of fish alive.
11. **Trailing:** Trailing is allowed. Contestants may leave from any launch site. No fishing until Official Start Time. Official Start & Official Stop times will be determined based on AT&T cell phone service.
12. **Method of Fishing:** All bass must be caught on artificial bait by casting. No trolling with main outboard motor. Contestant may use only one rod at any one time. Umbrella Rigs/Alabama Rigs are allowed with a maximum of five (5) hooks.
13. **Dead Fish Penalty:** Any dead bass weighed in will result in a deduction of **one (1) pound per dead fish** applied to their daily weight. Any fish that has been on ice will not be allowed to be weighed in.
14. **Big Bass must be alive to be eligible for Big Bass Award.**
15. **Minimum Length:** Minimum length of bass to be weighed in is fourteen (14) inches. Official measuring board is the CHECK-IT-STIK. Only Largemouth and Kentucky Spotted Bass will be weighed in. Bass presented for weigh-in, which fail to measure the prescribed length limit, will result in loss of that particular fish and a one pound penalty to the weight of the remaining fish, including any weight to be counted towards Big Bass Award.
16. **Culling:**
 - o **5 Fish Tournament** - No team may have more than five (5) fish in their possession at any time during official tournament hours, except during the culling process whereas six (6) fish are allowed. While one team member is culling the other team member may fish, however, both anglers cannot resume fishing until culling has been completed and team possesses only five (5) fish.
 - o **3 Fish Tournament** - No team may have more than three (3) fish in their possession at any time during official tournament hours, except during the culling process whereas four (4) fish are allowed. While one team member is culling the other team member may fish, however, both

anglers cannot resume fishing until culling has been completed and team possesses only three (3) fish.

17. **Polygraph Exam:** Each team member, by signing the entry form, agrees to submit to a polygraph test and accept the result of said polygraph exam. Should a team member fail to pass a polygraph exam, team will be disqualified. **If alcohol or mind altering drugs are consumed prior to a team's polygraph exam, said team will forfeit all winnings for the tournament.**
18. **Protests:** Any protest must be submitted to the tournament director in writing within fifteen (15) minutes of the closing of the scales.
19. **Weigh In Time:** Any team wishing to weigh fish must be in the weigh in line prior to stated weigh in time based on boat number. Any team not in weigh-in line by their designated weigh-in time will be assessed a one (1) pound penalty per minute from their total weight including any weight towards Big Bass Award. Any contestant more than fifteen (15) minutes late will forfeit that day's stringer. In the event of a mechanical breakdown a team may return to the weigh-in location with their stringer by receiving a ride from another registered competing team or tournament official ONLY.
20. **Culling Of Dead Fish:** Culling of dead fish is NOT PERMITTED.
21. Outlaw Outdoors reserves the right to place an official observer in a team's boat at any time during competition hours, place a video/audio recording device in a team's boat and/or have an observation boat follow a team any time during competition hours.
22. **Off Limits:** - There is no off-limits period.
23. All decisions of the tournament director are final.
24. Violation of any of the aforementioned rules (with exception to rule #13, #15 and #19) will result in an automatic surrender of a team's catch for the day and may result in disqualification from the tournament.

***The following rules ONLY apply to the Sweet Sixteen Series Tournaments:

1. To be eligible to fish the Sweet Sixteen Championship, a team must enter THREE (2) OF THE THREE(3) SERIES TOURNAMENTS.
2. Entry Fee for the Championship is \$195 plus \$5 admin fee.