



OPEN DIVISION TOURNAMENT RULES

ALL DECISION OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR ARE FINAL AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.

ANGLER CARDS

- **All Anglers must pick up their Angler Card in the Registration Tent on Friday, October 16th from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Umphrey Pavilion.**
- **All Anglers must present their Angler Card upon arriving to weigh in line.** If Angler does not have their Angler Card, Angler will not be allowed to weigh in for that hour.

FORWARD FACING SONAR IS NOT ALLOWED

- No form of Forward Facing Sonar is allowed during the tournament.
- Side Scan, Humminbird 360, Garmin GT360UHD, etc is allowed.

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

- All Anglers must have a valid Texas fishing license.
- All State, Coast Guard, Federal Parks & Wildlife regulations apply at all times. A violation of any of these regulations could result in Angler being disqualified.
- Only registered Anglers may be in the boat during official tournament hours. There are no limits to the number of Anglers per boat. Any exceptions must be approved by Tournament Director prior to day of tournament.
- **Anyone that meets the following criteria is NOT eligible to enter this tournament:**
 - **Anyone who has entered any tournament in the 12 months preceding this tournament with an entry fee equal to or greater than \$1000**
 - **Anyone who has provided guided services for largemouth bass for payment within the past 90 days on any Body of Water.**
- Tournament Director has the right to refuse any entry into the tournament.

OFF LIMITS PERIOD

- There is no off limits period for this tournament.

REGISTRATION TIMES

- Anglers can register online at www.OutlawOutdoors.com until Thursday, October 15th at 5:00 PM.
- Onsite Registration will be Friday, October 16th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
- **There will be NO Saturday morning registration.**

REFUNDS

- No refunds of entry fees will be allowed.

LAUNCHING

- Trailering is allowed.
- Anglers may launch at any public boat ramp on Sam Rayburn.
- Anglers may launch at any time on Tournament Day.

WEIGH IN PROCEDURE

- **Any Angler wanting to weigh in MUST have their Angler Card in their possession.** If Angler does not have their Angler Card, Angler will be issued their Angler Card in the first 15 minutes of the next hour.

TOURNAMENT DAY

- Tournament day may be shortened, lengthened or canceled due to unsafe weather or any conditions that would endanger the safety of the Anglers at the Tournament Director's sole and absolute discretion.

PERMITTED FISHING METHODS

- Only artificial lures may be used.
- Only one fishing rod per Angler may be used at any one time. Additional rods may be in the boat and ready for use.
- Trolling with the combustion engine as a method of fishing is prohibited.
- Switching or sharing fish with others, whether an Angler or not, is not allowed.
- When sight fishing, Bass must be hooked inside the mouth.
- Anglers can fish from any location within the navigable waters of Sam Rayburn Reservoir.
- Anglers may fish from a boat, bank, public pier, canoe or kayak.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

- All Anglers are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any misconduct could result in loss of weight for tournament and/or banning from future events. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Actions or words which reflect unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, and fair competition
 - Substance abuse
 - Harassment of any kind

ASSISTANCE

- During hours of competition, Anglers may not receive fishing information from non-competitors.
- Anglers may not participate in the practice of "hole sitting."
- The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, etc. are not allowed to be used to communicate fishing information during tournament hours.
- In the event of an emergency situation, competitors should call 911 and then notify the Tournament Director.

BOAT REQUIREMENTS

- Angler's boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.
- Angler's boat must be equipped with a kill switch and be used while combustible engine is in use.

- One USCG approved life jacket for each person must be in the Angler's boat. Life jackets must be worn while combustible engine is in use.
- Boats must contain an aerated live well space adequate enough to maintain Angler's catch.
- Participants must follow all boating regulations.

HORSEPOWER REGULATION

- Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition should not exceed the horsepower limitations as set by the U. S. Coast Guard for such vessel.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS

- Anglers may fish anywhere within the navigable waters of Sam Rayburn Reservoir except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by State or Federal Officials.

TOURNAMENT HOURS

- First Cast: 7:00 AM
- Prize money will be paid out based on the following hours:
 - 8:15 – 9:00 AM
 - 9:15 – 10:00 AM
 - 10:15 – 11:00 AM (BONUS CAP HOUR – Double your 1st place winnings!)
 - 11:15 – 12:00 PM
 - 12:15 – 1:00 PM (BONUS CAP HOUR – Double your 1st place winnings!)
 - 1:15 – 2:00 PM
 - 2:15 – 3:00 PM

SCORING

- Tournament is a Big Bass format with payouts for the **Top 5 Bass in each hour.**
- Anglers can only weigh one (1) Bass per hour.
- **Bass must be alive to be weighed in.**
- Only Largemouth and Spotted Bass are accepted species
- All Bass must be a minimum length of 14". Official measuring device is Check-It-Stik
- The Bass will be measured with mouth closed, tail compressed and swiped to achieve overall greatest length.
- Any artificially weighted, preserved or altered bass will be disqualified and that Angler will be subject to prosecution under federal and state laws.
- Each Angler's Bass must be brought to the weigh in line in a bag with enough water in bag to totally submerge the Bass.
- **Anglers must have their Angler Card in hand while in weigh in line.**
- Each weigh hour will start and stop with the official clock present at the tournament weigh station.
- Metal detectors and other devices will be available and utilized on a case by case basis under the direction of the Tournament Director.

BONUS CAPS

- Bonus Caps can be purchased at registration.
- During each Bonus Cap Hour, if the 1st Place Angler purchased the Bonus Cap, that Angler's **WINNINGS** will be **DOUBLED** for that hour!

TIES

- A tie will be resolved by combining the Payouts from tied places and splitting it evenly between tied Anglers.

POLYGRAPH EXAM

- Each Angler is subject to be required to take a polygraph exam.
- By entering the tournament, each Angler agrees to accept the results of said polygraph exam.

HOLD HARMLESS

- Each Angler understands and agrees to hold harmless The Newtron Group, Outlaw Outdoors, any sponsors associated with the tournament, any spectators, any Anglers and any others associated with the tournament. Each Angler releases The Newtron Group, Outlaw Outdoors, any sponsors associated with the tournament, any spectators, any Anglers and any others associated with the tournament from any and all claims of personal injuries and accidents as well as any damaged, lost or stolen property incurred in connection with the tournament.