

The following rules for the tournament will be used. The rules will be interpreted solely by the Tournament Officials and all decisions are FINAL.

RULES

1. **REGISTRATION:** Mail in entry fee or pay at ramp the morning of the tournament. Entry form must be included with entry fee.
2. **DATE AND TIME:** Saturday, April 14, 2012, Foss Lake, safe light to 3:00 PM.
3. **BOAT INSPECTION:** Boat inspection will begin at 5:00 AM. All boats must be checked prior to launching. Any boat not checked will be disqualified. **It is the contestant's responsibility to have their boats checked.**
4. **BOATS AND MOTORS: ALL BOATS MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE ADEQUATE AERATED LIVE-WELL.**
5. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial bait or lures may be used. Pork-style baits are allowed. All bass must be caught on rod and reel in a conventional manner. Only one rod per contestant may be in use at any one time. No trolling will be permitted.
6. **SAFETY:** Safe boating and fishing practices must be observed. All local, state, and federal laws must be obeyed.
7. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Contestants may fish any place on the lake except within 50 feet of another contestant's boat. **FISHING AROUND GAS DOCK IS OFF LIMITS.**
8. **SCORING:** Only Largemouth, Small Mouth or Spotted Bass can be weighed, 14-inch minimum, measured on a Golden Rule flat board, mouth closed, tail pinched. Total fish weight per team will determine place. No more than Five (5) fish are allowed in the live well at any time. If a team brings more than five fish to weigh-in, they will be disqualified. An 8 ounce or ½ pound penalty per dead fish will be assessed. No fish shall be brought to weigh-in on a stringer. NO stringers or baskets are to be used during tournament. All live fish will be returned to the lake. All fish weighed become the property of the tournament, with the exception of a trophy bass which may be kept. You will be penalized 1 pound per minute up to 5 pounds if you are late for weigh-in or continue to fish after official stop time. **AFTER 5 MINUTES LATE FOR WEIGH-IN, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. Weigh-in bags will be furnished. Please use our bags only.**
9. **TIES:** In case of tie on weight, Big Bass will determine; if still tied, a coin toss will determine.
10. **PROTEST:** Any protest must be made in writing to Tournament Officials within 15 minutes after weigh-in has finished.
11. **GENERAL RULES;** Partners must stay together at all times with one exception, and that being reason of safety or accident. All contestants must stay in their boat during tournament fishing hours. At least one team member must sign weigh-in record in order to be counted. **NO ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES (INCLUDING BEER) WILL BE ALLOWED IN BOATS DURING TOURNAMENT FISHING HOURS. VIOLATION WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.**
12. **Contestants may be required to submit to polygraph prior to claiming winnings.**

All checks should be made out to Hobart Anglers

MAIL ENTRY FORM AND FEES TO:

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Team Bass Tournament
C/O Henry Lankford
PO Box 428
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Tournament Officials

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