

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES

RULES: The following rules of this tournament will remain unchanged. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Quad Tournament Director. In the event of a rule violation the tournament director may impose such sanctions, as they deem appropriate including without limitation disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the tournament director and tournament committee shall be final in all matters. It is at the directors' discretion to make a change where safety of the contestants is a concern.

TOURNAMENT: THIS WILL BE A TEAM TOURNAMENT!

Participation & Eligibility: Participation in this tournament is open to members in good standing of Quad State. Any chapter wishing to participate is at the discretion of the Quad-State tournament officials.

Entry Fees: Entry fees shall be \$200.00 per team (Big Bass fee included). Quad State must receive entry fee and application no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the tournament. All application and entry fees received or postmarked after October 3, 2009 will be considered late. A \$20.00 per team late fee will be imposed. **CASHIER CHECK or MONEY ORDER ONLY** will be accepted after October 3, 2009. No application or fees will be accepted after 6:00 p.m. Friday, October 16, 2009. There will be **NO** refund of entry fees for any reason.

Registration: Teams must register or check-in during registration hours of 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. at location prescribed on the front of application.

Safety: Boating safety must be obeyed at all times during competition. Each competitor is required to wear an U.S. Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver. PFD **MUST** be worn and fastened anytime the combustion engine is running. The kill switch must be attached to the driver while the combustion engine is running. All safety equipment must be on board and in operative condition. If there is serious trouble with any boat or motor, high winds or any type of condition that is a threat to the safety of the contestants and prevents the return by boat, you may return by whatever means are available as long as you stay in constant sight of your partner. The tournament director will rule on validity of any such transfer and the ruling on such matters will be final!

Breakdowns: Should a tournament boat become inoperable, one member of the boat's team may bring both party's fish to the weigh-in as long as he/she is picked up by another tournament boat. Both members of the second boat must verify the catch of the disabled boat's contestants and sign their weigh-in slips. Each boat's fish must remain separate while in the second boat.

Sportsmanship/Conversation: All tournament boats must remain in tournament water during tournament hours. All tournament boats must have properly adequate live well space to maintain a live limit of fish. All water patrol laws apply. Fishing is allowed anywhere on the tournament lake except in areas posted (i.e. restricted or private) or in areas considered **Off Limits** by the tournament director or within 50 yards of another contestants boat that is anchored without his/her expressed permission. All angling must be done from the boat!

Federal, State and Local Laws: All federal, state and local laws are in effect at all times and must be obeyed! It is the contestants' responsibility to know these laws.

Alcohol Beverages: No alcohol or narcotics are allowed in boats or may be consumed during tournament hours.

Tackle & Equipment: NO LIVE BAITS! Only artificial lures and baits are allowed. Contestants may use pork strips, rinds and artificial trailers. Contestants may not use more than one (1) rod and reel combination at any time. **NO TROLLING ALLOWED.**

Pre-fish Rule: You may pre-fish up to 3 p.m. Friday, October 16, 2009. NO GUIDE FISHING AFTER Saturday October 3, 2009

Off Limits: Fishing waters within 100 yards radius of launch site is off limits.

Start Time: Starting time shall be determined by the tournament director. All boats will leave and return by water from designated ramp. No trailering allowed with the exception of bad weather or high winds to be determined by tournament director before start of the tournament.

Blastoff and Boat Check: Contestants will proceed to designated area for boat check and blastoff as boat number is called. Contestants not in line when boat number is called will proceed to end of line. Order will be reversed on day two. **Weigh-In: YOU MUST BE CHECKED IN BY 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17 and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18.** Contestants, who are not in the official check-in area **ON TIME, will receive no weight for that day!**

Scoring: Only Largemouth, Kentucky and Smallmouth bass will be counted. Total stringer weight by pounds and ounces or 1/100 lbs. Tournament winners will be determined by the total pounds and ounces accumulated during the two days of competition. **ONLY FIVE (5) FISH PER DAY, PER BOAT WILL BE WEIGHED. Minimum Length 15 inches. All teams must cull immediately after catching five (5) legal fish.** No more than five (5) fished are allowed in the live well per boat at any time! Bass that appear to be mangled, frozen, mashed or mauled **WILL NOT** be measured or weighed. The official bump board is the "Official Golden Grip Rule" on a flat surface. There will be three (3) Big Bass winners per day. Big Bass winners will be determined by the boats with the one (1) heaviest bass per boat.

Penalty: There will be a penalty of ½ lb. per dead fish weighed in and a 1 lb. penalty per fish that is **NOT** of legal length. Contestant not in line after final blastoff will receive no weight for the day.

Protest: All protest must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes after the official weigh-in time to the tournament director. All decisions by the tournament director are final!

Breaking Ties: The tournament director in order of precedence shall use big bass, number of live bass and flip of a coin in determining tie breakers.

Lie Detector: Proper ID (Social Security & Driver's Lic.) must be presented to receive any winnings or prizes. **ALL MONEY WINNERS ARE SUBJECT TO A LIE DETECTOR TEST & WILL RECEIVE A FEDERAL FORM 1099!**

Payouts & Awards: Tournament winnings will result from eighty percent (80%) of the total entry fees. Winnings will be paid on four (4) places. After 40 boats, one place for every ten boats will be paid. Big Bass winnings will pay three (3) places each day, 1st = 50%, 2nd – 30%, 3rd = 20%. In the event only one fish is weighed in, winner will receive big fish for that day and first place honors. Remaining places and awards will go to Quad State. Championship plaque will be awarded to the Quad State Club's sponsoring team with the most total weight accumulated during the two days of competition. **License Fee:** Missouri Non Resident-\$35.00 –