

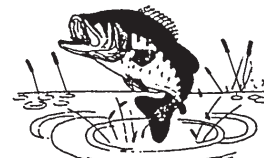
2015 RULES

For The West Tennessee Industrial & Commercial Invitational Bass Tournament

a HEAVYWEIGHT Promotion

September 20 2015

Birdsong Resort, Marina & Campground



1.) **RULE DECISIONS:**

The interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director. The decision of the director shall be final.

2.) **ELIGIBILITY FOR TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION:**

A company I.D. or identification on company letterhead and signed by their personnel director must be presented by that person upon registration. One person bringing another person's I.D. will not be accepted. Must be a laid off, retired, or a permanent employee of a participating company in the West Tennessee area, including the counties of: Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Stewart, Montgomery, Perry, Hickman, and Wayne, or a member of the employee's immediate family fishing with that employee. (Immediate family shall consist of spouse, children, parents, and grandparents) Companies must have over 10 employees to be eligible to enter.

3.) **TOURNAMENT FISHING HOURS AND LOCATION:**

Tournament will be held from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. out of Birdsong Resort, Marina & Lakeside RV Campground, Camden, Tennessee with takeoff occurring in the river at the mouth of the creek.

*Registration on September 19 around 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the marina & ship's store

*Registration on September 20 starting at 4:30 a.m.

*Blast off numbers will be on first come, first serve basis.

*Registration will end promptly at 5:30 a.m. on Sept 20.

Two persons from each company will be required to help at 4:30 a.m. and again at 3:00 p.m. on the day of the tournament.

4.) **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all participants. Safety vest must be used at blast-off and should be worn anytime the combustible engine is running. Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation is expected from each participant. Any infraction of these basic sporting principals may be deemed cause for disqualification.

5.) **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:**

Only artificial lures may be used. No "live" or "prepared" bait will be permitted, with the exception of pork or pork-type strips, rinds, etc. All bass must be taken by conventional legal methods. Only casting, spinning, or

spin-casting reels and rods may be used. Maximum rod length is 8 feet.

6.) **SCORING:**

A.) Only 2 contestants per boat will be allowed.

One person fishing by themselves will not be permitted... for safety's sake. Any company not turning their money in on time can not fish! The total weight of the top three boats representing each company will be considered for the rotating trophy. The winning company will be responsible for the trophy during "their" year and will release it before the tournament in the following year to be fished for again.

B.) All participating contestants, both contestants entered in the contest for the trophy and those who are not shall be eligible for money awards based on how many companies are involved at \$300.00 per company. There is no limit as to how many boats a company can have fish. The money will be awarded from 1st thru 3rd place and possible 10th place, if enough companies are involved.

C.) A big bass pool will be \$20.00 per person (optional), and payable at the registration site.

D.) There will be a livewell check made on the morning of the tournament. The participant must have a checker's signature on their scores. Checkers will be stationed at the marina store and at the main ramp. Any person failing to turn in their signed score sheet with their catch will be disqualified.

Scoring will be determined by total weight. The tournament winners will be determined by the total weight accumulated during the tournament fishing hours.

Legal tournament fish include:

- 1.) Large mouth black bass
- 2.) Kentucky-spotted bass
- 3.) Red-eye river bass
- 4.) Small mouth bass

E.) A total of Five fish may be weighed in by each team. At no time shall any contestant have more the state limit. Periodic checks by the officials both state and tournament, will be made, and any contestant having more than the limit in his possession shall have his fish culled to the limit by the official, starting with the largest fish first.

F.) Contestants must present their own catch to weigh-in station. After fish have been handed to weigh-in officials, no person

except officials shall touch said fish.

G.) A bass will not be weighed or counted that is less than fifteen inches in length.

H.) There will be a 4-ounce penalty assessed per dead fish weighed in. Any fish that appears to be mangled in any way will be credited only at the discretion of the tournament director.

I.) *LIVE FISH WILL BE RETURNED TO THE WATER

J.) Boats will be sent out in flights of eighteen and returned at staggered times.

K.) Colored ribbon will be used for every boat according to their flight. Leaders in each flight will be located at different positions in Birdsong Creek. Flight leaders will be checking to see if all of their eighteen boats are there before 5:50 am.

L.) IF ANY BOATS ARE REPORTED MISSING BEFORE "TAKE OFF" that S A M E B O A T W I L L B E D I S Q U A L I F I E D.

M.) A "check boat" will be positioned at the entrance of the "no wake zone" in front of the marina before weigh-in to check in participants. Any boat quitting out early should leave their boat number at the marina store.

7.) **LATE PENALTY:**

Contestants signing in at the dock more than five (5) minutes late will be automatically disqualified.

8.) **ILLEGALITIES:**

Staking out fish, lead loading, or otherwise unsportsmanlike procurement is prohibited. In such cases, both contestants will be disqualified from this and future tournaments.

9.) **PROTEST:**

Any disputes must be brought before the tournament director in writing before he deems that weigh-in closed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT:

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Between 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday