

RULES AND REGULATIONS

AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM EACH TEAM IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING.

The following rules of this tournament will remain unchanged. The decision of the Tournament Director and/or Tournament Committee shall be final in all matters.

1. **ANYONE WHO HAS FAILED A POLYGRAPH TEST IN THE PAST CANNOT ENTER THESE EVENTS.**
2. **PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY:** Participation is open to anyone sixteen years or over (must have proper identification). Any person entering tournament under 16 years of age must have signature of parent or legal guardian in space provided on entry form, and also, must have someone 16 years of age or older as his or her partner. No more than two persons in boat. There is an entry fee of \$100.00 per boat, which includes Big Fish and Launch.
3. **TOURNAMENT HOURS:** The tournament will start at safe daylight for first flight. Official check-in for first flight will be 3:00 p.m. Check-ins for all other flights will be determined and released at the pre-tournament meeting.
4. **SAFETY:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. Each competitor is required to have a Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver, and boat must have required safety equipment. Life jackets must be worn any time gas engine is running. All required state(s) regulations must be followed. Any state regulation violation during tournament hours will result in disqualification.
5. **BOAT CHECK:** All boats must go through boat check prior to start.
6. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** Competitors in the tournament are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conversation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. All state and tournament fishing regulations must be obeyed.
7. **TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared bait will be permitted, with the exception of pork rinds, strips, etc. Only one casting, spincasting, or spinning rod and reel may be used at any time. No trolling or jigger pole fishing is permitted.
8. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATION:** Fishing in tournament waters is permitted anywhere except within 50 yards of another competitor's boat, which was first anchored. No such anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within a 50-yard circle claimed by him or her, to the exclusion of any other competitor. (All competitor boats will be marked). All private lakes are off limits. Fishing must be done in public waters. No angler may leave the boat to gain access to a fishing location. All angling must be done from the boat. Anglers may not leave the boat to retrieve a bass. Trailering of boats during tournament hours is prohibited.

9. **OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT:** There shall be only one official checkpoint for check-out in the morning and check-in in the afternoon, and this point shall be designated by Tournament Director. No boat will leave the official checkpoint before designated time of departure, and all boats must check in at the official checkpoint by their designated times.
 10. **LATE PENALTY:** Competitors who are not at the official check-in area at their appointed time will be disqualified.
 11. **SCORING:** Scoring will be determined by the pounds and ounces of the competitor's catch during the tournament. In the event of a tie for any place, positions will be resolved by combining the awards and dividing them equally.
 12. **WEIGHMASTER REQUIREMENTS:** Only Large Mouth, Redeye, Shoal, and Spotted Bass will be accepted, with a LIMIT OF FIVE FISH PER BOAT. Any competitors presenting over the five fish limit to the weighmaster will be disqualified. Length is based on state regulation Large Mouth, measured on a standard flat golden rule. For each fish shorter than state regulation for Bass presented to the weighmaster, the short fish and the largest fish will be culled. For each DEAD FISH presented to the weighmaster, there will be a 4-ounce or .25-pound penalty taken from the total weight. All fish become property of this tournament. All boats must be equipped with FUNCTIONAL AERATED LIVE WELLS. No over-the-side live baskets or stringers may be used for keeping fish alive.
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & ILLEGAL DRUGS:**
13. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs can be consumed or taken during the tournament hours, including the weigh-in. Violators will be disqualified.
 14. **PROTEST:** Any protest must be registered in writing and signed by the competitor protesting. Also required is a \$50 deposit. This must be done within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the weigh-in (\$50 deposit will be refunded if protest is upheld).
 15. **POLYGRAPH:** Failure to submit or pass polygraph test will result in immediate disqualification.
 16. **DISQUALIFICATION:** If at any time a competitor is caught violating any rule of the tournament, the competitor and his/her partner will be disqualified. Any participant who provides false information will be disqualified. Any participant disqualified forfeits entry fee, monetary awards.
 17. **REGISTRATION AND POSITION:** No one entered may sell or swap their registration or position. Official registration ends September 21st at 6:30pm. Final place to sign up your entry will be available at the Pre-Fish Meeting/Dinner, located at Olive Baptist Church, beginning at 4:30pm through 6:30pm.
 18. **WIRELESS COMMUNICATION:** Communication to participants, persons, and for emergencies will be allowed during the tournament.

ENTRY FORM

Baptist Children's Home Benefit Bass Tournament II
 Online registration & payment available at www.olivebaptist.org
September 15th is the cut off for online payment option

BOATER

Spouse/Guest will attend

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

E-mail _____

Bass Club _____

PARTNER

Spouse/Guest will attend

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

E-mail _____

Bass Club _____

I/We, the undersigned, expressly assume all risks associated with the tournament and release Olive Baptist Church the sponsors and tournament officials from all claims of injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. I/We also understand that the tournament committee reserves the right to reject my/our entry for any reason, and upon such rejections, refund my/our entry fee. We further agree to submit to and/or abide by the results of a polygraph test should I/We be asked. I/We have read, understand, and will comply with the RULES of this tournament. I/We acknowledge that violation of any tournament rule of failure of polygraph test will result in my immediate disqualification. I/We, if applicable of name entered, agree to the above disclosure for under-age participation.

Boater Signature/Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____

Partner Signature/Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____

Deadline September 21st, 6:30pm

Entry Fee: \$100 (Includes Launch and Big Fish Fee's)

Total Payment: \$ _____ . _____

Make check payable to: Olive Baptist Church

Mail Checks and this form to: Olive Baptist Church-ROC
 1836 Olive Road
 Pensacola, FL 32514



