

## **Sabine River Bass Shootout Tournament Rules 2026**

1. ALL STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL LAWS SHALL APPLY AT ALL TIMES. FIVE (5) FISH LIMIT PER TEAM IN ALL TOURNAMENTS ALL FISH MUST BE 14 INCHES IN LENGTH WITH MOUTH CLOSED AND TAIL PINCHED.
2. ONLY LARGEMOUTH AND KENTUCKY BASS ARE ALLOWED BY CASTING ARTIFICIAL LURES (NO LIVE BAIT) IN BOAT DURING TOURNAMENTS. FISHING IS ONLY ALLOWED INSIDE THE BOAT.
3. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS OR A DIRECTOR MUST BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING WITHIN 15 MINUTES AFTER WEIGH-IN OF ANY INFRACTIONS NOTED BY ANY TEAM MEMBER DURING THE TOURNAMENT. THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE TOURNAMENTS.
4. ANY LATE TEAMS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. A ONE (1) POUND PENALTY WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR EACH DEAD FISH FROM YOUR TOTAL WEIGHT. DEAD FISH ARE INELIGIBLE FOR BIG BASS POT. NO WHITE GILL FISH WILL BE WEIGHED. ANY SHORT FISH WILL DISQUALIFY YOUR TEAM FROM THE EVENT.
5. EACH PERSON IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKET AT ALL TIMES WHEN THE VESSEL IS IN GEAR.
6. MUST FISH NORTH OF CIRCLE DRIVE LANDING IF YOU ARE ON THE MAIN RIVER CHANNEL. THE AREAS KNOWN AS PINE ISLAND AND THE DEEP HOLE ARE INSIDE THE BOUNDARIES. ACCESS TO THESE AREAS MUST BE THROUGH FLOAT ROAD PASS (THE GOVERNMENT DITCH). MAPS WILL BE PROVIDED AT CHECK-IN EACH EVENT OF THE BOUNDARIES. ANY TEAMS CAUGHT OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
7. TWO MAN TEAM PARTNERS ARE CHOSEN FOR THE YEAR, ANY CHANGES IN PARTNERS WILL NEED TO BE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTORS. PARENTS FISHING WITH A CHILD 17 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER AS THEIR PARTNER AND HAVING MORE THAN ONE CHILD 17 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER MAY ROTATE BETWEEN THEM AS PARTNERS BUT CANNOT HAVE MORE THAN ONE PARTNER PER TOURNAMENT. ANGLERS 17 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER MAY FISH AS A TEAM WITH A BOAT CAPTAIN. THE BOAT CAPTAIN IS NOT ALLOWED TO FISH.
8. ANYONE WHO HAS GUIDED ON THE TOURNAMENT WATERS WITHIN 90 DAYS CANNOT FISH.
9. IF YOU ARE ON THE WAY TO WEIGH-IN AND HIT SOMETHING OR HAVE MECHANICAL PROBLEMS ETC. YOU MAY GET IN ANOTHER BOAT OF A CONTESTANT IN THE TOURNAMENT AND TAKE FISH TO WEIGH-IN BY THE DESIGNATED WEIGH-IN TIME. PLEASE NOTIFY DIRECTORS IF THIS OCCURS.
10. THERE WILL BE SEVEN (7) REGULAR TOURNAMENTS FOR THE YEAR . IF YOU FISH FIVE (5) OF SEVEN (7) TOURNAMENTS OR WIN A TOURNAMENT YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP. OF THE FIVE (5) EVENTS FISHED THEY MUST BE WITH THE SAME PARTNER.
11. THESE ARE ONE DAY TOURNAMENTS AND A TWO DAY CHAMPIONSHIP. TRAILERING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

12. THE ENTRY FEE FOR EACH EVENT IS \$100 PER TEAM AND IS A 80% PAYBACK. THE OTHER 20% OF THE PARTICIPANTS ENTRY FEES WILL BE HELD OUT FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT. THERE WILL BE A \$20 BIG BASS SIDE POT FOR EACH EVENT. FOR EVERY 8 ENTRIES A PLACE WILL BE ADDED. ( FOR EXAMPLE IF 8 TEAMS ENTER THERE WILL BE A 1ST PLACE PAYOUT OR IF 16 TEAMS ENTER THERE WILL BE 1ST & 2ND PLACE PAYOUT)

13. ALL TOURNAMENT ANGLERS ARE SUBJECT TO A POLYGRAPH.

14. NORTH TOLEDO BEND WMA (OVER THE ROLLERS) ARE OFF LIMITS

15. BOAT NUMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED IN THE ORDER OF ENTRY.

16. TEAM OF THE YEAR POINT SYSTEM. THE WINNING TEAM WILL RECEIVE 100 POINTS. EACH PLACE AFTER WILL DECREASE BY ONE POINT. IF YOU DO NOT WEIGH IN YOU WILL RECEIVE 25 POINTS FOR PARTICIPATING. TEAM OF THE YEAR WINNER WILL FISH THE NEXT SEASON AT NO CHARGE EXCULDING BIG BASS AND CHAMPIONSHIP. MUST BE THE SAME PARTNER.

17. FISH AT YOUR OWN RISK. SABINE RIVER BASS SHOOTOUT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES OR INJURIES.

THIS IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION!!!

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO

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