

## **R&R Outdoor Promotions**

### **RULES, REGULATIONS AND CONTRACT**

This tournament trail is open to all persons, both male and female, to participate as a team and are subject to these rules and regulations. Each person operating the combustion engine must be 18 years of age or older. Any adult choosing a minor as a partner assumes full responsibility for the minor. All state and local laws will apply.

**SAFETY AND BOAT EQUIPMENT:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Carelessness or unsafe operation of any boat will be grounds for disqualification. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved life vest securely fastened when combustion engine is running. Safety equipment adequate to pass Coast Guard regulations must be in the boat at all times. All boats are required to have **FUNCTIONAL** emergency cut-off devices (kill switches). All kill switches must be attached to the driver at all times when the combustion engine is in operation or running. Failure to abide by this rule will cause the team to be disqualified. All boats must meet BIA Horsepower rating and/or Coast Guard rating accepting full responsibility and liability for any and all personal injury or property damage (both personal and private), which may occur. Both the driver and passenger who participate accept full responsibility and liability for any and all injury or property damage (both personal and private), which may occur. Each boat must be equipped with an aerated live well with space adequate to maintain a tournament limit of bass. For your own protection, participants should have liability insurance coverage on their boat.

**REGISTRATION:** Boat numbers will be determined by when entries are received (first in, first out). There will be **NO FRIDAY NIGHT** registrations! Competitors may register by mail, telephone with credit card, or in person at the tournament site. **REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT**

**COMPLETELY AND SIGNED BY BOTH TEAM MEMBERS! NO EXCEPTIONS!** Each team must have a boat check and rules briefing to insure a timely launch. Failure to do this will result in disqualification. Tournament fees are payable by cash, check or money order and must be paid at time of registration. **NO REFUNDS** will be given after registration form and fee is received. Returned checks will constitute grounds for disqualification from future events and a \$30.00 service charge will be incurred. Registration at tournament site, on tournament day will be accepted on a cash only basis.

**SPORTSMANSHIP:** All competitors must show courtesy and good sportsmanship to other competitors **and** non-competitors alike. This includes crowding another competitor. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol during tournament hours **will be** disqualified.

**TACKLE AND FISHING METHODS:** Only artificial lures may be used. All bass must be caught in a legal, live, conventional manner using a rod and reel. Each competitor may have only one rod in use at a time. Trolling as a method of fishing is not allowed.

**TOURNAMENT HOURS:** The hours of competition will be safe light, as determined by the tournament director, with weigh-in at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Fishing is permitted anywhere on tournament waters except within 50 yards of any marina (business) gasoline pump, spillway locks or other competitor, if he/she is anchored, with their trolling motor up or tied to a stationary object, but not in the case where a boats position prohibits navigation of the water way and/or blocks ingress or egress in a creek or any other type waters. Other no-fishing areas will be announced at the morning rules briefing. Tournament competitors may drop markers 50 yards apart (approximately 8 boat lengths) in order to designate their protected waters, provided the competitor placing the markers remains between the two markers. Markers cannot be used or placed so as to block the entrance to creek, canals, etc.

**EMERGENCIES:** Competitors shall remain with their partners and in their boats at all times during the tournament hours, except in the event of sickness, severe weather or other such hazards. Exception: One team member may temporarily exit the boat to, refuel boat, retrieve personal items etc., **not** to land a fish or make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. If, for any reason, a team or team member leaves the tournament waters early, that team member or members bears the full responsibility for notifying a tournament official.

**WEIGH-IN:** All boats must return to the tournament launch site to bring their catch to the scales to be weighed. Any team removing their boat from the water prior to weighing their catch will be disqualified, unless the tournament director has approved such actions, based on weather, hazardous conditions, etc. In the event of equipment failure or other emergency, there will be only two permitted methods of returning to

the official check-in: (1) by both partners remaining in their boat and being towed by water, or (2) by one partner w/the team's catch entering another R&R competitor's (or other pre-checked) boat. Please use R&R weigh-in bags, only!!

**LATE PENALTY:** Competitors who are not in the official check point area at the appointed time will be penalized at the rate of (1) pound per minute late, to be deducted from the total weight to be counted for that day, including any weight to be counted toward Big Bass award. Any team/competitor more than **10** minutes late will be disqualified.

**SCORING:** Largemouth, Smallmouth, Shoal and Spotted Bass will be weighed. The limit will be five (5) fish per boat. Culling will begin as soon as the sixth fish is caught. Any team found to have more than the five- (5) fish limit will be disqualified. All bass will be measured on a Gator Grip Golden Rule Tournament Board. A penalty of three (3) pounds will be assessed per short fish brought to the scales. In addition, that fish will not be weighed. A .25 (1/4) pound penalty will be assessed for each dead fish brought to the scales. **R&R Outdoor Promotions recommends the use of BassMedics' Rejuvenade livewell treatment.** All live fish will be released. There will be no courtesy length checks at the weigh-in site. Culling will not be allowed at weigh-in site. Dead fish may not be culled. Any culling at weigh-in site will result in disqualification.

(The "longest" length limit will be used on lakes with different length limits on different species of bass, i.e., all species of bass at Eufaula events must measure 14 inches).

**STANDINGS:** The yearly standings will be measured by the total weight for all tournaments fished.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** The tournament director's decision will be final in all matters.

**QUESTIONABLE FISH:** The tournament committee reserves the right to disqualify questionable fish.

**ALTERNATES:** If a team member is unable to participate, for safety reasons an alternate **can** be used. Alternates can be used as often as necessary, although, we encourage that original team members try to attend all events possible. (The systematic use of different local pros or guides, as alternates by any team will not be allowed).

**PROTEST AND POLYGRAPH SCREENINGS:** Protest may be registered at two (2) times during tournament: 1.) After the early morning briefing and before the actual beginning of the tournament and 2.) Immediately following the weigh-in of the last boat's catch from that day's fishing and before awards presentation. All protests must be registered in person with the **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** during the times specified above and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 cash protest fee. If the protest is valid, the fee will be refunded. After awards presentations have taken place, the results of the tournament will be considered final. All contestants agree that in the event of a dispute or protest of any kind, or if requested to do so by the **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**, both team members will submit to a polygraph screening. Contestants further agree that the results of the polygraph screening will be accepted without further appeal and will be the final decision in said tournament. All contestants agree and understand that all prizes and awards will not be presented until after successfully passing a polygraph screening. The polygraph must be passed at the tournament site on the day of the tournament. Both team members hereby waive and release any and all claims and causes of action of every kind whatsoever against R & R Outdoor Promotions, its officers, agents, employees, sponsors, and their agents and employees, in connection with taking such polygraph screenings. In the event of no polygraph screening, the **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S** decision will be accepted.

**QUALIFICATION OF COMPETITORS:** The tournament will **not** be open to any competitor who has been barred from a tournament trail or disqualified from a tournament for cheating; consuming alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs during tournament hours; fighting or other acts of disorderly or prohibited conduct.

**OFF LIMITS:** There will be **NO** "OFF LIMITS" for these tournaments.

**TOP 5:** The top 5 teams, (based on total weight for all tournaments) that compete in or pay for a minimum of four (4) tournaments, will fish the R&R championship with NO entry fee.

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