

2009 Honeycomb Open Bass Tournament - Rules

1. Safety

- a. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited during tournament hours. Failure to comply will result in disqualification for the tournament as well as the Classic Tournament at the end of the season.
- b. USCG approved life jackets must be worn anytime the combustion engine is running above idle speed.
- c. Actions deemed un-safe by the tournament directors will result in immediate disqualification.

2. General

- a. Entry fee for each tournament is \$30/boat (this includes the big fish pot).
- b. \$5/boat will be held out during each regular tournament and included in the Classic payout at the end of the season. The remaining \$25/boat will be 100% payback each week.
- c. The payback schedule will be announced by the tournament director prior to blast-off each week.
- d. Late return at the end of the tournament will result in the loss of your entire creel.
- e. Only artificial bait may be used (except for pork rinds).
- f. No trolling.
- g. Only one line per angler can be in the water at a time.

3. Creel

- a. Limit is 5 fish per boat.
- b. 15" minimum size limit on Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass.
- c. Short fish penalty is as follows - one short fish will result in the loss of your heaviest fish. Two short fish will result in the loss of the entire creel.
- d. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass will be weighed.
- e. All culling of fish must be done before loading or docking of boat.
- f. No dead fish will be weighed.

4. Schedule

- a. Tournament hours are from "Safe Light" until 2:00pm.
- b. Tournaments will be held each Saturday, beginning on February 28, 2009 and concluding with the Classic Tournament to held on October 3, 2009.
- c. Order of sign in will determine your boat number.
- d. Please sign in 15 minutes prior to the anticipated blast off time.
- e. No registrations will be accepted after the blast off begins.

- f. No Shot Gun blast offs will be permitted.
- g. Tournament cancellation will occur only in the event of severe weather conditions as deemed by the tournament director.

5. Classic Tournament

- a. The date for the Classic Tournament will be October 3, 2009.
- b. Qualification into this tournament will be based upon total team weight for the year. The top 20% (by weight) of the participating teams will qualify for the classic.
- c. Any team(s) who fish 24 of the 31 scheduled tournaments will automatically advance to the Classic, regardless of their total weight standing.
- d. Pay-out for this tournament will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Other prizes and gifts from local sponsors will be distributed based upon the discretion of the tournament director.

6. The decision(s) of the tournament director will be final.

Safety and Sportsmanship is the key to another great year on the water.