

1. These Rules apply to all entrants of this tournament. Violation of any of these rules will warrant appropriate disciplinary action by Tournament Director. Any protest must be received in writing and signed within fifteen minutes of final check-in deadline to be taken literally. Tournament Director Decision will be final in all matters. Acts of Nature can affect these rules.

2. State, Federal, and Local Laws must be obeyed.

3. ***N/A State Tournament*** -Open Tournaments- Entry Fee is \$30.00 per team/Adult and child /\$50.00 per team /Two Adults. Individual - Big Bass Option is included in the Entry Fee.

4. All Entrants are subject to take a Polygraph Test. Failure to take and/or pass such a test will result in disqualification. Any person who has failed a polygraph test in connection with any bass tournament for cheating will not be eligible.

5. Alcohol and Narcotics will not be allowed in the possession of contestants/Parents or Guardians during tournament hours, unless prescription medicine. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on tournament grounds and at anytime during tournament hours of operation.

6. Courtesy, Safe Boating, Sportsmanship and Conservation must be displayed at all times by contestants. A U.S. Coast Guard approved chest type PFD must be on all persons in the boat and fastened anytime the combustion engine is in gear. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard standards. Jet-drive, air-cooled engines, or air-boats are not allowed. Outboard motors may not exceed boat manufacturers rating or 250 hp. All boats

must have an emergency kill-switch and must be attached to the driver anytime the combustion engine is in gear.

7. All fishing must be done with artificial lures only. Pork is permitted. Only one rod and reel may be used at a time by contestants. No trolling with the combustion engine is allowed. All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner during tournament hours from tournament waters. Contestants may not use any communication or video device for the sole purpose of locating or catching bass during tournament hours. Tracking devices inserted in bass may not be used by any contestant during or before the tournament. Hole-Sitting by or for entrants is not allowed.

8. Off limits Period of the lake for fishing, scouting, locating any bass, including shoreline spotting will begin at sundown before a open tournament and as follows:
****Week of Sate tournament - Monday through Wednesday is off limits. Practice Thursday & Friday allowed with a Register Entry.**

9. Boats must have a factory installed live well and an operating aeration system. Teams or Individuals may keep no more than 5 bass per entrants in the live well.

10. Scoring will be determined by the total weight of not more than 5 bass per Team/(State Tournament and open per entrants) meeting designated size requirements. Minimum length of fish is 11 inches. Fish will be measured on a Pro-Rule measuring board with the tail closed. Ties will be settled by Largest fish caught/or Coin Toss.

11. No fishing is allowed within 25 yards of another tournament boat without mutual consent. No fishing is allowed

within 25 yards of any manmade structure of the host marina. No tube, bank, or wade fishing is allowed.

12. Trailering to and from the weigh-in during tournament hours is NOT allowed, unless permitted by the Tournament Director for safety, emergency or number of entry reasons. All fishing must be from a previously inspected boat.

13. **No more than two contestant per boat allowed during tournament and practice days.** **All persons in a boat must be a registered contestant / registered Adult Boat Captain during tournament and wear an approved safety vest when large motor running. One adult is required in boat with contestants on practice days and tournament unless a prenatal consent for 16 years of age or older presented to operate the boat without an adult. Contestant without prenatal consent Can not operate the large motor at any time during tournament hours. Adult must operate the large motor only - no other type of assistance to contestants on tournament day.**

14. **Registration will begin at 5:00 am day of tournament** or (State Tournament may be made online or by mail (if postmarked on or before April 30, 2010. Contact Tournament Director for additional times and locations or consideration for special circumstances.

Entrants will receive boat I.D. numbers according to order received.

15. Tournament Hours and Check Points will be given at registration and are the responsibility of each entrant. No Other boat ramp may not be used. All boats will take-off in a numbered order at first safe-light from host marina (unless otherwise instructed by Director). Weigh-In will be staggered in flight intervals.

16. Contestants must be between the ages 11- 17 **proof of age required.

17. Upon entering this fishing tournament, contestants release B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION, Southwest Bassmasters / Jr. Southwest Bassmasters officials and sponsors from liability of accidents, losses or thefts. Contestants/Parents or Guardians are responsible for knowing and understanding these rules.

18. Penalties: There will be a 1/2 (.5) pound penalty deducted for each dead fish weighed-in. There will be a TWO (2) pound penalty deducted for any fish not meeting the predetermined size requirement brought to the scales, plus, a loss of same fish. Contestants catch will not be counted, if not checked-in by the designated check-in time.

19. **This is a B.A.S.S. FEDERATION NATION State Championship Tournament** BFN OR B.A.S.S. Membership required for this tournament all contestants

must be in the boat at all times. ID required. You can register as a member of Jr. Southwest Bassmaster Club for a fee of \$25.00 / up and till 1Hr. before State tournament.

20. OPEN TOURNAMENTS: Cash, prizes, and prizes will be awarded at tournament. Contestants will be fishing for:

1 st Place entry/boat	\$10.00 per
2 nd Place entry/boat	\$ 7.50 per
3 rd Place entry/boat	\$ 2.50 per
Big Bass entry/boat	\$ 5.00 per

Other places prizes awarded if available

21. Communication by cell phone or radio between contestants and parent/guardian or tournament officials is allowed for safety purposes. *STATE - No coaching on fishing locations or lure selections allowed.

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