



CEDAR CREEK LAKE 2025 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **Rules:** The decision of the Tournament Director is final in all matters. All protests must be received within 15 minutes of the scales closing. Scales close at 4:00 PM.
2. **Registration times:** Friday, 10/17/2025 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM and Saturday, 10/18/2025 from 5:00 AM - 6:30 AM. Registration opens January 1, 2025!
3. **Entry Fee: \$225 (PayPal \$235)** Entry fees paid via PayPal/Venmo, or check/money order MUST BE received by 10/01/2025. All entry fees paid after 10/01/2025, **MUST BE** paid in cash on Friday or Saturday morning registration – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
4. **Participation/Eligibility:** Anyone under 18 years of age must have the signature of their parent or legal guardian.
5. **BOAT CAPTAINS:** All youth/teen boat captains must comply with these rules.
 - a. Boat captains must be in the boat with the youth/teens at all times. If a boat captain needs to use the bathroom, take a break for health reasons, or needs to be absent from the boat for any reason whatsoever, all fishing by the youth/teen anglers must cease. Youth/teen anglers are prohibited from fishing and/or running the trolling motor while the boat captain is not in the boat.
 - b. Boat captains must be 21 years of age.
 - c. Boat captains CANNOT contribute to the team's creel. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the team.
6. **Pre-Tournament Practice:** Cedar Creek Lake will NOT be off limits the week preceding the tournament date.
7. **Trailer:** Will be allowed. Participants can launch at any ramp of their choice. Do not leave the ramp area until 6:30 AM. First cast at 7:00 AM.
8. **Weigh In:** This is a 5 fish limit per team. Only largemouth bass 14 inches or greater will be weighed in. Any team bringing to the scales a bass under the 14-inch limit will be charged a 2-pound penalty and loss of fish and any team bringing in a dead fish will be charged a ¼ pound penalty. NO CULLING OF DEAD FISH PER STATE LAW.
9. **Payout:** 1st place payout will be awarded \$3,000.00. 2nd place will be awarded \$2,000.00. 3rd place will be awarded \$1,000.00. Big Bass will be awarded \$1,000.00. Additional places paid based on number of entries (pays 1 place for every 5 entries) Additional cash prizes TBD. **MUST BE PRESENT TO COLLECT CASH PRIZES!**

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10. **Late penalty:** Any team not at the official weigh-in site by the appointed time (3:45 PM) will be assessed a 1/2 -pound penalty per minute late. Exceptions will have to be cleared through the Tournament Director.

11. **Start/Stop Times:** During the "Reeling in the Cure" Tournament first cast at 7:00 AM and last cast at 3:00 PM, (You must be in the weigh-in line by 3:45 PM) Scales will close at 4:00 PM. Tournament times are subject to change due to lake conditions or the weather.

12. **Safe Boating:** Safe boating will be observed at all times. Each team member must wear a fastened, U.S. Coast Guard approved, personal flotation device when the gas motor is in gear. All boats must be equipped with some type of emergency ignition cut-off device (kill switch) on any remote steered outboard while main engine is in use. Ignition cut-off device (kill switch) must be attached to boat operator at all times while main engine is in use. Kill switch must operate properly. When the kill switch is activated, the outboard main engine must stop running immediately. However, kill switches are not required with hand operated engines unless equipped with one when manufactured.

a. **Bridges:** All bridges on Cedar Creek Lake will be considered a NO WAKE ZONE! IDLE ALL BRIDGES!

13. **Permitted Fishing Methods:** All Bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner from a boat. Only artificial lures may be used with the exception of pork trailers. Only one fishing rod at a time may be used. Trolling with the combustion engine as a method of fishing is prohibited. Your team may weigh in only fish caught by your team.

14. **Sportsmanship/Conduct:** All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, conservation, and all Lake and state of Texas Regulations.

15. **Alcohol/Non-Prescription Drugs:** The use of alcohol and/or any non-prescription drugs during any of the tournament hours or at the weigh-in site will result in total team disqualification and no fish will be weighed for that team on that day. From 5:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

16. **Permitted fishing location:** Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters, except areas designed "NO FISHING", "NO BOATS", or within 50 yards of another boat that is anchored with trolling motor out of water, or within 25 yards of another competitor's boat unless otherwise agreed upon by other tournament angler.

17. **Polygraph:** All prize winners are subject to a polygraph test. Polygraph testing will be performed at the discretion of the Tournament Director at any time. Anyone who is required to take a polygraph must pass the test before receiving any prizes. If a winner refuses to take a polygraph, he or she will be disqualified. Polygraph tests will be administered the day of the tournament.

18. **Ties:** All ties will be broken by the weight of the largest fish for the team, if still tied we will flip a coin unless the team agrees to split the pot.

19. **Leaving the Lake early:** Anyone leaving the lake early before the end of the tournament must contact the Tournament Director or any other member to let someone know that you are leaving early. This keeps us from searching in case of trouble while on the water.

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