



## LAKE ATHENS 2025 SUMMER SIZZLE SERIES TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. Rules:** The Tournament Director's decision is final in all matters. Any protests must be submitted within 15 minutes of scales closing. Scales close at 12:45 PM.
- 2. Event Series Dates:** Each Saturday beginning 06/07/2025 through 09/20/2025. Some dates may be excluded due to the director's availability. Visit the 6th Annual Reeling in the Cure at Cedar Creek Lake Facebook page for weekly details.
- 3. Registration times** – 5:30 AM to safe light as determined by the tournament director.
- 4. Entry Fee:** \$50 per team or individual. Optional Big Bass Pot: \$5 per person.
- 5. Participation/Eligibility:** Anyone under 18 years of age must have the signature of their parent or legal guardian. A team may include no more than two participants.
- 6. Pre-Tournament Practice:** Lake Athens will NOT be off limits at any time.
- 7. Weigh In:** This is a 5 fish limit per team or individual. **LAKE ATHENS SLOT LIMIT APPLIES:** only Largemouth bass measuring less than 14 inches or 21 inches or greater may be weighed in. Fish may not touch the 14 inch mark and must touch the 21 inch mark. A maximum of **ONE FISH OVER THE 21 INCH MARK PER BOAT**. Culling of dead fish is prohibited in accordance with state law. The CHECK-IT-STIK will serve as the official measuring board for all fish.
- 8. Payout:** Of each \$50 entry, \$10 will be donated directly to Pink Fishing, Inc. The remaining \$40 per paid entry (team or individual) will pay out 1 in 5 places. The optional \$5 Big Bass Pot (per person) will pay out 100% to the angler weighing the heaviest bass.
- 9. Late penalty:** Any team not at the official weigh-in site by the appointed time of 12:30 PM will be assessed a 1/2 -pound penalty per minute late.
- 10. Start/Stop Times:** During the "Reeling in the Cure Summer Sizzle Series" Tournament, first cast at safe light as determined by the tournament director, and last cast at 12:00 PM. Participants must be in the weigh-in line by 12:30 PM. Scales will close at 12:45 PM. Tournament times are subject to change due to weather or lake conditions.

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- 11. 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.
- 12. 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. Only fish caught by your team may be weighed in.
- 13. Sportsmanship/Conduct:** All anglers must adhere to high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation, and comply with all lake and Texas state fishing regulations.
- 14. Alcohol/Non-Prescription Drugs:** The use of alcohol or any non-prescription drugs during the tournament hours of 5:30 AM to 12:45 PM will result in total team disqualification and no fish will be weighed for that team on that day.
- 15. Permitted fishing location:** Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters, except areas designed "NO FISHING" or "NO BOATS", or within 50 yards of another boat that is anchored with trolling motor out of water. Additionally, participants must maintain a minimum distance of 25 yards from another competitor's boat unless both parties mutually agree to fish closer.
- 16. Ties:** All ties will be broken by the team's largest fish weight. If still tied, the pot will be split unless teams agree to determine the outcome by coin flip.
- 17. Leaving the Lake early:** Any team leaving the lake before tournament end must notify the Tournament Director or a tournament official to avoid unnecessary search efforts.

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