



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 3:45 P.M.
2. **Registration times – morning of 0500-0600. Registration opens 1 January 2023!** Boat numbers assigned upon receipt of payment and registration. All teams are required to meet at launch site for registration and Tournament briefing.
3. **Entry Fee:** \$125 per boat, check or money order, (\$135 thru PayPal until 1 September 2022, \$150 after 2 September 2022 \$160 thru PayPal) \$25 of each registration and all late fees will go to JMB Fishing.
4. **Participation/Eligibility:** Anyone under 18 years of age must have the signature of their parent or legal guardian.
5. **Pre-Tournament Practice:** Belton Lake will NOT be off limits the week preceding the tournament date.
6. **Trailer:** Will NOT be allowed but only for safety reasons, Tournament Directors discretion. Everyone must meet at Cedar Ridge Park site before the start of the tournament.
7. **Weigh In:** This is a 5 fish limit per team. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted 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 1 pound penalty and any team bringing in a dead fish will be charged ½ pound penalty. No under size fish will be weighed.
8. **Payout:** 1st place team will be awarded \$3,000.00, 2nd place will be awarded \$2,000.00 all other places will be based on fees collected based on every 10 boats; \$1,000.00 will be awarded for Big Bass, there will be a Big Bass paid for every 25 boats entered. ***MUST BE PRESENT TO COLLECT PRIZES!***
\$125 entry fee, \$25 goes to JMB Fishing, \$10 will go to Big Bass, \$90 will be divided amongst the remaining teams (based on 10 boat places).
10. **Late penalty:** Any team not at the official weigh-in site by the appointed time (3:30) will be assessed a .5 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 Controlled Start will begin at 6:30 a.m. (safe light) and end fishing times will be at 3:00 p.m., (You must be in the weigh-in line by 3:30 p.m.) Scales will close 15 minutes after last flight. 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 running. 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.
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 6:00 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 flip of a coin unless the teams agree 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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