



LAKE ATHENS 2026 SUMMER SIZZLE SERIES 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 12:45 PM.
2. **Event Series Dates:** Each Saturday beginning 06/06/2026 through 08/29/2026. Some dates may be excluded due to the director's availability. See Pink Fishing Summer Sizzle Series Facebook page for weekly details.
3. **Registration times** – 5:30 AM to safe light as determined by the tournament director.
4. **Entry Fee:** \$50 Team or Individual.
Optional : \$5 PER PERSON Big Bass Pot.
\$5 PER PERSON Big Under Pot.
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:** \$10 of each entry will go directly to Pink Fishing, the remaining \$40 per boat will pay out 1 in 5 places. An Optional \$5 per person Big Bass Pot/Big Under Pot will pay out 100% to 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 lake conditions or weather.

- 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. Your team may weigh in only fish caught by your team.
- 13. Sportsmanship/Conduct:** All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, conservation, and all Lake and state of Texas Regulations.
- 14. 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 5:30 AM to 12:00 PM.
- 15. 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 anglers.
- 16. 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 teams agree to split the pot.
- 17. 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.
- 18. Forward Facing Sonar(FFS):** Usage Is permitted on alternate weeks only. Usage Week 1 will be determined by a coin flip at registration.
- 19. Championship Qualification:** Teams/Individuals must Fish 4 events.