

Rules for Florida Fire/Rescue Bass Tour

The **FLORIDA FIRE/RESCUE BASS TOUR** Tournament rules are included here in with special notations. It is each participant's responsibility to read all items before entering. **FLORIDA FIRE/RESCUE BASS TOUR TOURNAMENT** rules will apply in all events unless superseded by federal, state or local laws. **FLORIDA FIRE/RESCUE BASS TOUR TOURNAMENT** reserves the right to refuse any membership or tournament entry fees or entry forms for any reason.

The events are Unisex Open. (2)-TWO ANGLERS per boat. You may fish the tournament by yourself; however, you must pay the **TEAMS FULL ENTRY FEES**. At least one contestant must be one of the following; State Certified Firefighter, EMT, Paramedic, and Division of Forestry. You may be Fulltime, Retired and be a Volunteer as long as you are State Certified.

AWARDS for the FLORIDA FIRE/RESCUE BASS TOUR

Tournament Director will have the pay sheet.

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- **SEASON HEAVIEST BASS POT:** This cash pot is for the heaviest bass weighed in during the **FLORIDA FIRE/RESCUE BASS TOUR** events (excluding the Classic Tournament). The side pot is \$5.00 per event per boat, which is deducted from the entry fee. To be eligible must fish at less 5 Tournaments. **"HEAVIEST FISH MUST BE A LIVE!"**
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- **SEASON HEAVIEST SINGLE BAG LIMIT POT:** This cash pot is for the heaviest single five fish limit weighed-in during the **FLORIDA FIRE/RESCUE BASS TOUR** events (excluding the Classic Tournament). The side pot is \$5.00 per event per boat, which is deducted from the entry fee. To be eligible must fish at less 5 Tournaments.
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- **OVERALL SEASON CHAMPION (ANGLERS OF THE YEAR)** the Tour will consist of Eight One Day Tournaments and One Two Day Classic Tournament at the end of the year. If a Team fishes all eight Tournaments, ONE Tournament will be dropped. **ANGLER OF THE YEAR** will be decided by a points system with 100 points being awarded to the highest placing team and incrementally reducing the points by one for each place; 100 points for first place, 99 for 2nd place, 98 for 3rd place etc etc. You fish the Tournament and have no fish you will received five points less than the last Angler with fish. A team gets DQ they will get 15 points less than the last Angler and these points won't be dropped.
- **NOTE: This note is when you fish with another Angler, that both of you are CAPTAINS of different teams; each**

Angler in that boat will fish for his/her own limit of 5 fish. Each Angler's catch will go toward his/her respective team.

THE CLASSIC:

To Qualify for the Classic must fish at least (3) Tournament Stops. The Classic Tournament will not count toward the above POTS listed above or the Anglers of the Year point's race. In order to have as many ANGLERS to fish the Classic the Tournament Director will have the Authority to allow Anglers to fish with less than (3) Tournament Stops.

OFFICIAL

Tournament Director

Weight-in Master: The Tournament Director will appoint an Angler from that particular Tournament to do the weigh-in. The Tournament Director may also choose an angler to assist in the weigh-in.

All weigh-ins will be done in the presence of all the anglers.

A Protest Committee consisting of the following Tournament Director, Weigh Master, and Two Members picked by the Tournament Director. This committee will assemble, hear the case, and discuss the matters regarding the protest. Recommendations will be made to the Tournament Director. **THE DECISION MADE BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL BE FINAL.**

SCHEDULING

There will be Eight Tournaments Schedule between the months of February till September. These Tournaments will be a One Day Tournaments. At the end of the Tournament Year there will be a Classic for Two Days.

There will be a club officer collecting entry fees, handing out boat numbers, checking live wells, and Permits will be issued at the boat ramps the morning of the tournament. There will be a brief meeting prior to launching of boats.

Scoring:

Each team weight will be measured in pounds and hundredths of ounces. The highest weight will be 1st place and the remaining weights in order will be 2nd, 3rd etc...

- **If a team is disqualified for any reason they will receive (15) points less than the last Angler and these points won't be dropped for that tournament.**

BUT WILL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR FISHING THE TOURNAMENT.

In the event of a tie, multiple winners will be declared.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES:

\$100.00 will be the Tournament fee for each event. From every ANGLER of each event there will be a fee of \$5.00 fee that will go to the Angler Team of the Year. \$5.00 for Season Heaviest Bass Pot. \$5.00 for Season Heaviest Bag Pot. And a \$5.00 fee will be paid to Tournament Director. The payout sheets will be posted at the time of registration for each event. All events will payback a minimum of 3 (three) places.

STARTING in 2012 the CLASSIC ENTRY FEE will \$200.00 per TEAM.

REGISTRATION & SIGN UP:

Registration will be at the boat ramp the morning of the Tournament. Teams will be given boat numbers in the order in which entry fees were received. Permits will be issued at this time.

FISH LIMITS & PENALTY:

All contestants must use care in handling and keeping fish alive for release after weigh-in. All fish will be brought to the weigh master in plastic bags with enough water to keep the fish covered until weigh-in. No culling of dead fish. No culling at ramp or in host marina. No retaining bass in live well and not weighing those fish, this is the same as culling at the ramp. Dead fish penalty will be .50 pounds per dead fish. There is a **FIVE FISH LIMIT**, unless state and local laws supersede. If too many fish are brought to weigh-in, the **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** or his **DESIGNEE** will remove fish until the limit is brought into compliance, starting with **HEAVIEST FISH AN WORKING DOWN**. Teams must not have more than **(5)** fish in the live well at any time. **ALL TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THEIR OWN WEIGH BAGS FOR TRANSPORTING FISH TO WEIGH-IN.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

No live bait to be used.

All boats must have working Live Wells, and may be checked by the host or his designee prior to departure.

No airboats allowed.

State laws require all participants to have a valid fresh water fishing license in the state of the event.

No trolling permitted.

Fish must be caught live and in a conventional method, using a rod and reel. Only one rod and reel may be used at any given time by each angler. No rod may be left unattended with line or lure in water. **NO DRAGGING**

Only Largemouth Bass can be weighed in.

It is **MANDATORY** to use a **LIFE VEST AND HAVE THE KILL SWITCH ACTIVATED** while the boat's main engine is running. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

No boat may begin fishing prior to being instructed to do so by the check-out boat.

You must fish water that is available to all competitors. No fishing within 50 yards of any boat anchored, with trolling motor up. No fishing in areas designated off limits by governmental agencies. No fishing within 50 yards of Launch Site. No fishing within 50 yards of a marina gas pump.

EMERGENCY OR BREAKDOWN: One or both anglers must identify their fish with some sort of marker or separation system before entering the rescue boat with fish, to return to launch site. **(No fishing from rescue boat). It is your responsibility to have a way to separate or mark fish in the event you have to combine fish in the same live wells.**