

WBO 2021 RULES

- 1. Qualifications:** Tournaments are open to anyone over 18 years of age. If under 18 years of age you must be accompanied by someone over 18 years old.
- 2. To qualify for classic:** You must fish 4 of the 8 qualifying tournaments.
- 3. Substitutes:** To fish in the classic a substitute must have fished 4 qualifying tournaments in order to fish the classic.
- 4. Classic tournament entry fee:** There will be a mandatory \$200 per boat classic entry fee.
- 5. 5 Bass Limit:** All tournaments will be a five (5) fish limit (unless stated otherwise) per team or when fishing alone. All culling must be done before coming to weigh-in site prior to trailering. Largemouth/Spotted Bass must be 15" Smallmouth/Meamouth Bass must be 18"
- 6. Sportmanship:** All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportmanship, courtesy and conservation.
- 7. No Live Bait:** Only artificial lures can be used in all tournaments. The use of pork rind is permitted.
- 8. No Trolling:** Anyone found to be trolling will be disqualified. Long lining is permitted with use of trolling motor only.
- 9. Dead Fish:** 1 dead fish may be weighed. Penalty loss of 1 lb and that fish can't be weighed as big fish.
- 10. Late Weigh-In:** Must be in sight of no wake zone at end of fishing time or be disqualified. Don't be late! If boat breaks down, you may get in another contestants boat to return to weigh-in but must keep fish separate.
- 11. Locking Through:** No locking. **This is a Watts Bar only tournament.**
- 12. Alcoholic beverages or drug use:** The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs before, during or after tournament hours will be immediate disqualification.
- 13. Registration:** Sign up anytime at Jerry's Bait Shop in Rockwood, Tn up until 6 pm on the Friday before each tournament.
You can also call me to arrange meeting somewhere to register as well (865-399-1749).
Boat numbers will be drawn by computer and posted on the facebook "Watts Bar Opens" page the Friday night before each tournament or available at the ramp Sat. morning.
- LATE REGISTRATION:** Saturday registrations will be added to the end of the list and we will not add an additional flight regardless of boats in last flight. A **\$30** late fee per boat will apply and be added to the classic fund as if it were an additional membership fee.
- 14. Boat Inspection:** All live wells will be checked by directors either prior to the start of tournament or during blast-off from the mouth of the cove.
- 15. Safety:** During all tournaments, contestants will wear their life jackets, zipped and kill switch cord connected when boat is in motion with big motor.
- 16. Protest:** All protest must be submitted in writing to tournament directors within 15 minutes after close of weigh-in. Verbal protests will not be accepted.
- 17. Polygraph:** Any angler at any time must submit to and pass a polygraph test at director's discretion.
- 18. All Members must read and sign a membership form before fishing.**