

WBO 2023 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 (substitutes allowed with paid membership) or fish 3 and buy into 1. (buy in cost is \$110 - added to tournament pay out)
- 3. Classic tournament entry fee:** There will be a mandatory \$200 per boat classic entry fee.
- 4. 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"
- 5. Sportsmanship:** All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation.
- 6. No Live Bait:** Only artificial lures can be used in all tournaments. The use of pork rind is permitted.
- 7. Trolling/A-Rigs:** Anyone found to be trolling will be disqualified. Long lining is permitted with use of trolling motor only. A-Rigs allowed with maximum 3 hooks.
- 8. Dead Fish:** 1 dead fish may be weighed. Penalty loss of 1 lb and that fish can't be weighed as big fish.
- 9. 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.
- 10. Locking Through:** No locking. **This is a Watts Bar only tournament.**
- 11. Alcoholic beverages or drug use:** The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs before, during or after tournament hours will be immediate disqualification.
- 12. Registration:** Anytime at A1 Tactical Outdoors 1225 South Roane Street Harriman, TN 865-285-9078 or online by credit card at **a1tact.com**. Registration will end at **6:00 pm in person with cash** at A1 Tactical or at **3:00 pm online** on Friday, the day before the tournament.
There will be no morning of Tournament sign ups due to checks being prewritten and cash already deposited (no exceptions).
- 13. 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.
- 14. Safety:** During all tournaments, contestants will wear their life jackets, zipped and kill switch cord connected when boat is in motion with big motor.
- 15. 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.
- 16. Polygraph:** Any angler at any time must submit to and pass a polygraph test at director's discretion.
- 17. All Members must pay a \$30 membership fee (goes towards classic) and read/sign a membership form before fishing.**
- 18. Points:** All 1 day qualifying tournaments will count towards the 2023 Points Champions.
- 19. Income Tax:** Contestants will receive a 1099 form and will be responsible for the income tax on any prize money over \$600 (\$1200 per team). If anglers are going to claim all of the team's winnings for an event, then the tournament staff must be notified prior to the event. In this event, the check will be written to this angler.
- 20. Registration paperwork:** All contestants must fill out all paperwork before being able to register for any WBO events. This includes rules, entry form/liability waiver, boat information.