

OFFICIAL RULES - WBO 2024

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 7 qualifying tournaments (substitutes allowed with paid membership) or buy in to make 4 total entry fees. (buy in cost is \$150 - 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. Largemouth/Spotted Bass must be 15" Smallmouth/Meandmouth Bass must be 18"

Please weigh fish before trailering your boat unless you are fishing solo.

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 is allowed.

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 : 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 while at the tournament site 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 a1tacticaloutdoors .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 anytime 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 2024 Points Championships.

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. W-9 Forms: All contestants winning money in a tournament must fill out a W-9 Form and have on file before receiving any winnings.



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TOM FULLER PARK - ROCKWOOD, TN

2024 SCHEDULE

March 23 July 20 (3 fish)

April 13 Aug 24 (3 fish)

May 18 September 21

June 15 (3 Fish)

2 Day Classic Oct 12-13

Tournament Director

Mike Edwards 865-399-1749





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**100% PAYBACK of entry
fees minus polygraph**

\$150 entry fee per boat

\$30 membership per person

**goes towards classic
\$10 of each entry fee goes to big fish**

1 Big Fish payed

1 Place paid per 5 boats to 50 boats and then

1 place added per 10 boats

(100 Boats pays 15 places)

Entry fee for 2 day classic: \$200

(Includes big fish)



ENTRY FORM (Please print)

Date: _____

Boater's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Boat Brand: _____

Partner's Name: _____

Alternate's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: - _____

Phone Number: _____

Read Before Signing

In consideration of being allowed to participate in this tournament and all future WBO tournaments,

I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. I understand the risk of injury, disability, loss or damage to person or property from the activities involved in Tournament(s) fishing is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis, illness, injury and death to a person and destruction of equipment. I also understand while complying with particular tournament rules, correct use of equipment and personal discipline may reduce this risk.

2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS REFERRED TO ABOVE AND ALL OTHER RISKS OF TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, EVEN WITHOUT LIMITATION IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERS AND ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RISKS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENTS.

By signing below, I confirm our agreement to the rules and waiver of liability set out above for this and future tournaments.

Date: _____

Boater's
Signature: _____

Partner's
Signature: _____