



B1 OPENS

***2020 Angler Package
Ver. 12.0.0 - 01/23/2020***

The Purse

B1 TOUR Payout Structure

POSITION	50 BOATS	75 BOATS
1st Place	\$4,275.00	\$5,000.00
2nd	\$3,500.00	\$3,900.00
3rd	\$3,000.00	\$3,300.00
4th	\$2,500.00	\$2,800.00
5th	\$2,000.00	\$2,650.00
6th	\$1,800.00	\$2,400.00
7th	\$1,500.00	\$2,150.00
8th	\$1,300.00	\$1,900.00
9th	\$1,150.00	\$1,700.00
10th	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
11th		\$1,400.00
12th		\$1,300.00
13th		\$1,200.00
14th		\$1,100.00
15th		\$1,000.00
16th		
17th		
18th		
19th		
20th		

LUNKER PRIZING

Day 1	\$250.00
Day 2	\$250.00



Mandatory Angler Meeting

Friday Prior to Event @ 6pm

There will be a mandatory angler meeting held the day before the event. At the meeting, the tournament director will be addressing the competitors. The following items will be executed at this meeting:

- *Review of rules & regulations*
- *Discussion of blast-off procedures*
- *Weigh-in procedures*
- *Emergency contact numbers distributed*

What you need to bring?

- *A copy of your boat insurance*
- *Valid Canadian pleasure craft operator card*



Rules & Regulations

1. Eligibility

Participation in B1 OPENS events are limited to individuals that are 14 years of age and older. (Participants under the age of 18 must have written parental/guardian consent). Participants may be under 14 years of age providing they fish with an angler over the age of 21 and provide their parent or legal guardian's verbal and written consent to the tournament organizer. Walk-on entries will be accepted for the B1 TOUR, but a \$100.00 late payment administration charge will be applied to the registration fee. Anglers who have competed at either the BASSMASTER ELITE SERIES, FLW PRO TOUR or MLF BASS PRO TOUR in the last 3 years will not be eligible to participate.

2. The Format

The B1 OPENS is a two(2) day, cumulative weight, two(2) angler team competition format. Each partner will fish together as a team for the entire duration of the competition. **No substitutes during the competition will be permitted.** The field will be limited to a maximum of **100x** registered teams. Full field on Day 1. Blast-off based on standings full field on Day 2.

3. Fishing Licenses

All anglers competing in the B1 OPENS event must possess a current fishing license that must be presented at the mandatory angler meeting.

4. Proof of Boat Insurance

Anglers must provide all boat information including horsepower, size, make, insurance policy number and expiry date when entry forms are sent in to the office. All boats must be covered with minimum liability coverage of \$1,000,000.00. (For U.S. anglers the standard amount of insurance for the U.S. will apply). THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE. Please have available proof of insurance at the scheduled mandatory angler meeting.

5. Pre-Tournament Practice

Pre-tournament fishing is permitted. The official practice period will be from 6am on the Monday, the week of the event through Friday, the week of the event at 4pm. **Tournament waters will be off-limits as of 4:01pm Friday, the week of the event.** All bass caught during the official practice period must be released. It is not permitted to hire and fish with professional guides, barter or purchase information during the official pre-tournament practice period. All federal and provincial fishery and boating regulations must be obeyed during practice and competition.

6. Tournament Hours

Day 1 - Blast Off

Trickle start @ 7:00 am or as determined by Tournament Director.

Day 2 - Blast Off

Trickle start @ 7:00 am in order based on standings or as determined by Tournament Director.

Return Check-In

All competitors must return to launch area for check-in starting @ 4:00pm and then in 10 minute intervals per 25x boats.

All tournament rules are in effect until after your fish are weighed in on the final day of competition.

Fishing outside of the competition hours on the days of competition is strictly prohibited. All boats must launch from official site.



7. Boat Identification

Boats must have at all times their provided number card obtained at check-in. This rule will be strictly enforced and anglers will not be permitted to blast off until fully compliant. Teams not compliant with this rule when their number is called at blast off will be held until the rest of the field has blasted off. It is each boater's responsibility to ensure they are checked in and fully compliant prior to blast off.

8. Boat Inspection & Tech-In

All competitors' boats must tech-in on water with tournament officials no later than 6:30am at the start of each tournament day. If you do not tech-in by then, you will be teched-in and sent out after all the other teched-in participants are blasted off. The tech-in staff will immediately note violations of tournament rules and the Tournament Director will be notified. Any violation of tournament rules result in the appropriate penalty being enforced. Anglers must prepare their boats prior to "Tech-in". Tournament officials may inspect boats, and all its contents, at any time during the day. Any fish found in the live well during the morning boat check will be immediately released and will result in immediate disqualification. You must approach the check-in point at the end of the day to confirm your arrival by holding your number card in the air. In the case of mechanical failure only one member of the team needs to be present providing they are brought to the check-in in another competitor's boat. Boats with mechanical failure are not required to be present in order for the team to be checked-in on time.

9. Adequate & Safe Seating for Marshals/Cameramen

The top teams participating in Day 2 of the event may be required to have a marshal or cameraman placed on their boat for the duration of the competition. It is the responsibility of all teams to ensure that adequate and safe seating for a third person is available on their boat without exception. The Technical Inspector shall be verifying the boats for proper seating the morning of put-in at which point a marshal or cameraman will be placed on the boat. Adequate and safe seating refers to a dedicated seat or minimum of 6-8 inches of seat cushioning with a security handle or rope within arms reach. Should the proposed seating provided not be approved at time of inspection, the marshal or cameraman will be seated in the co-angler's seat for the duration of the competition, and the co-angler will occupy an alternative location on the boat. All decisions by the Technical Inspector are final and not subject to appeal. Failure to provide adequate seating for a marshal or cameraman at anytime during the competition will result in immediate disqualification from the competition. The Tournament Director may add/remove or exchange any marshal or cameraman at any time on any competitors' boat during the course of the competition.

10. Trickle Start Blast-Off Procedure

Audio cues will be used to identify the boat number being released for blast off. You can only leave once your number is called. If you leave before your number is called, you will be assessed at least a .50 pound penalty. If your early departure is more than two boat numbers from your position, you will be disqualified from the tournament. It is not permitted to have a line in the water at any time prior to your team's official departure. Failure to comply will result in an immediate disqualification.

11. Check-In & Weigh-In Procedures

Significant efforts have been made to ensure the highest survival rate for fish caught during the B1. To maximize survival rates the weigh-in procedure must be followed.

Day 1 & 2: Only One(1) angler will be responsible for weighing in the fish. Only approach the dock if your boat number is called. Make sure your Lunker is tagged with a non-piercing cull-tag.



12. Tournament Waters

Bay of Quinte - Fishing is permitted within the Bay of Quinte only. From the tip of Cressy Point in the East to the mouth of Presqu'île Bay in the West via access through the Murray Canal.

Lake St-Clair - Only the Lakeview Park Marina in Windsor is off-limits.

Lake St-Francis - No locking is permitted. All water after the buoy in front of the Valleyfield Marina towards the fountain is off limits.

No hole sitting by a non-competitor to aid a tournament participant will be allowed. During fishing hours, boats must remain apart at all times except in the case of an emergency. All angling must be done from the boat. Boats may not be trailered during the tournament. An official map of fishable waters will be made available prior to the tournament.

13. Only Artificial Lures Permitted

No "live bait" or "prepared bait" is permitted, with the exception of pork strips and rind. Liquid fish attractants may be used. Trolling or fishing with the aid of the combustion engine is prohibited.

14. Competition Rules & Regulations

(a) Testing of engines after the weigh-in is only allowed on a supervised basis with permission from the Tournament Director. NO EXCEPTIONS. During the tournament, a competitor may not swim, skin dive, scuba dive or participate in any recreational event on tournament waters.

(b) No competitor may buy or barter a fishing location from any other competitor for use during any competition day.

(c) A designated tournament official must be granted access to the competitor's boat at any time during the competition days. Failure to grant such access may result in immediate disqualification.

(d) Each competitor agrees to report to the Tournament Director any violation or infraction of any Tournament Rules. Failure to report violations will be cause for disqualification.

15. Competitors Must Remain in Boats

In the case of an emergency it is permissible for competitors and their fish, to be removed from their boat to the boat of another competitor or official rescue boat for the sole purpose of transporting the other competitor and their fish back to the weigh-in. No angling is permitted to a team once a competitor has been allowed on board. Both teams must immediately stop fishing. No competitors may step on shore without approval by a tournament official except to take shelter in the case of hazardous weather and/or lake conditions endangering the lives of the competitors. Washrooms and/or Facilities may be used at marinas, but one competitor must remain on the boat and may not fish in the absence of their partner. Special exception for fueling at marinas if it is required that anglers must disembark from the boat during the fueling process. At least one of the anglers must remain within close and visible proximity to the boat in such cases. The Tournament Director reserves the right to randomly board or place a Marshal in any competitor's boat for observation at any given time during the course of the competition.

16. Transporting of Fish

During competition hours, the number of BASS allowed in your boat live well is 5(five). If you are caught with more than the allowable limit, your fish will be culled down to 5 starting with your biggest bass. Damaged fish should be reported to tournament officials as soon as possible. In the event of a valid protest for having more than the allowable limit of 5 fish while under power of your main engine, teams will have their largest fish culled and an additional 1 lbs penalty applied. Anglers presenting more than the allowable limit of 5 fish to a Tournament Official for inspection will have their largest fish culled and an additional 1 lbs penalty applied. Once fish have been presented to a Tournament Official to be weighed-in, no additional fish may be brought to the scales.



17. Communication

Competitors may use cellular phones to take pictures during competition. However, competitors may not use cellular phones, radios or any other devices to communicate, research or receive any fishing related information during the tournament. Cellular phones or radio communication devices are to be used for emergency purposes only. Official contact numbers to tournament officials will be provided to all competitors. Top 10 boats may be provided a GPS tracking device such that officials can monitor their locations for filming purposes. All data gathered by B1 officials shall remain strictly confidential and deleted immediately after the event.

18. Equipment

All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner on a rod and reel. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one time, per person. Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use, however, every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made. Rods may not exceed ten(10) feet in length. The use of electronic tagged fish tracking equipment is not allowed during the competition. Underwater viewing systems will be allowed during all practice periods. They will NOT be allowed in the boats for usage during tournament hours. A landing net may be used.

19. Late Penalty

Minus .50 lb per minute (or any portion thereof) late, up to a maximum of 15 minutes at which time the entire days catch will be ZERO. For example, 15 seconds late = 1 minute penalty (.50 lb) - 1 minute 5 seconds late = 2 minute penalty (1.00 lb.)

20. Aerated Livewells & Fish Care

All boats must be equipped with a fully operational livewell large enough to sustain a tournament limit of fish in releasable condition. It is recommended that live wells be maintained at full level with aerators on manual. Tournament officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is proper and adequate. Bass that are weighed in, that demonstrate symptoms that would suggest survival is unlikely, will result in a penalty of .50 lbs (8 ounces). The Tournament Director or his designate shall have sole authority in assessing status of bass and applying penalties. The B1 highly recommends the use of G-Juice solution in your live wells. Only the use of puncture-free culling tags are permitted during the competition. Dead fish cannot be culled and released back into the water. All anglers are required to return fish to the water immediately after weigh-in. Fish must be released in front of a B1 official. Detailed instructions for fish release will be provided at the Mandatory Angler Meeting.

21. Bass Limits & Weighing

A maximum of five BASS per day, per team may be presented for official weighing. Only LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS will be weighed with the exception of the Lower Saint John River event where only SMALLMOUTH BASS will be weighed in. Minimum size is 12 inches measured with the fish's mouth closed, from the tip of the lower jaw to the longest point on the tail with the tail closed. Bass measuring less than the minimum allowable length are ineligible and a one(1) pound penalty shall be applied. A courtesy measurement may be approved by the Tournament Director or his designate prior to presentation for weighing without penalty. Livewell contents other than LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS are not allowed to be presented for weigh-in (i.e. No item(s) regurgitated by the angler's fish during the day). Each team is allowed 1 request to re-weigh their total catch and/or big fish. The weight recorded on the re-weigh will be the final weight registered for that team. Another team cannot request a re-weigh of a competitors catch. Only tournament officials may manipulate and place fish into the in-water scale system for weighing. All bass to be weighed for Lunger Pool must be tagged with a non-piercing cull tag for identification.

22. Angler Code of Conduct

Anglers participating in the B1 event shall observe this code of conduct and the applicable rules. Anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner becoming professional anglers that will not reflect unfavourably on the B1, its staff, officers or representatives, volunteers or sponsors. Anglers are expected to treat members of the public and Marshals with respect and will be held accountable for negative remarks made. To this end, anglers shall use their best efforts to demonstrate professionalism, sportsmanlike conduct, and integrity in support of the sport of professional fishing. Any angler who violates any of the provisions of the Angler Code of Conduct may be subject to fines, forfeiture of tournament winnings, suspension from competing in future B1 events, permanent ban from competition, or any combination thereof deemed appropriate by the B1, Woodoo Marketing Inc. or the P.S.F.O.



23. Media Dealings

The favourable public reputation of the B1 as a premiere competitive event in the sport of fishing, the integrity of its officials, and the reputation of its media properties are valuable assets and tangible benefits for the B1. Accordingly, it is an obligation of competitors to refrain from comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage the integrity of the event, tournament officials, sponsors, fellow members, fellow anglers, Woodoo Marketing Inc. or the P.S.F.O. Competitors are encouraged to express themselves and have the right to question the rules and officials. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with B1 policies are encouraged as opposed to attacks upon the integrity of the rules or officials. However, public comments that an angler knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation of the B1, B1 officials or sponsors shall be considered conduct unbecoming a professional and will result in disciplinary action. All anglers who elect to participate in the B1 tournament will be required to execute a Participation Agreement containing the rules and regulations, code of conduct and tournament series specific content such as uniform guidelines.

24. Sportsmanship

Competitors in the B1 are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.

(i) Use of alcohol or drugs (other than those purchased over-the-counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) by any competitor during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification from this and all future B1 events. No alcoholic beverages or other stimulants or depressants, prescription, cannabis or otherwise, shall be allowed in the boats during competition days, or when in the weigh-in area.

(ii) Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor which reflects unfavourably upon efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters and courtesy, shall be reason for disqualification.

(iii) All competitors are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various jurisdictions within which they fish.

(iv) Chemical substance addiction or abuse, conviction of crimes involving moral turpitude, or other conduct reflecting unfavourably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation and/or for disqualification after circumstances are reviewed by the Tournament Director. Any disqualification suspension from, or other disciplinary action regarding any tournament or fishing organization shall be grounds for rejecting any application for participation in the B1 tournament after circumstances are reviewed by the Tournament Director.

25. Safety

(i) Safe boat conduct must be observed at all times by competitors. During the competition, each competitor must wear a Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver or inflatable PFD (this device must meet safety compliance with all Federal and Provincial laws). This preserver must be worn at all times the combustion engine is operating. This preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the combustion engine is shut off. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification.

(ii) Tournament officials have the right to delay, shorten or cancel the start of an official tournament day because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors. Tournament waters may also be restricted at any time because of bad weather. Full fields may be carried over to cut days or to Monday.

26. Boat Equipment

Boats must be equipped with an operational ignition kill switch and be attached to the drivers' body when the combustion engine is operating. Boats must be 14 feet or more in length. Canoes or kayaks are not permitted. All Federal and Provincial fisheries and boating regulations are in effect.



27. Official Protest

Protests must pertain to specific rules violations. Competitors wishing to make an official protest must do so in writing on a form provided by the B1, and presented to the Tournament Director immediately before weighing their fish at the weigh-in area. If the protest is not filed before the protestor weighs their fish, the protest WILL NOT BE VALID. A cash deposit of \$100.00 CAD must accompany all protests. The deposit will only be refunded if the protest proves valid. Protests will be heard by the Tournament Director ONLY, at such time and in such manner as the Tournament Director determines. All decisions of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding. Failure to abide by the official protest procedures will forever bar the angler from making the protest.

28. Big Fish “Lunker” Prize

A Big Fish prize will be awarded on each day of competition. Within reason more than one LIVE fish per day may be weighed to qualify for big fish – the tournament Weigh Master has sole discretion in determining whether or not weighing more than one fish has merit. Lunker Prize is calculated at \$250.00 CAD per day and is included in the registration cost of the event.

29. Cooperation w/ Media & Promotions

Within the framework of reasonable requests, all contestants in the B1 event will cooperate with media representatives covering said event. Likewise, participation in the tournament grants the B1 the use of any pictures of contestants, accounts, or interviews with contestants it gathers for the lawful promotion of the B1 and its tournament operations.

30. Appearance

It is the responsibility of each angler to dress and conduct themselves in a presentable and professional manner at weigh-in ceremonies and in the presence of the camera boat. Contestants approaching the stage in inappropriate attire will be returned to their boat for proper dress. The official B1 dress code is “dress to impress”. As the B1 will be a livestreamed event as well as attract numerous media and industry professionals, it is in the team’s best interest to dress professionally, appropriately and represent the sport of competitive bass fishing and your sponsors to the fullest potential.

31. The Tournament Director

Has the discretion to

- 1: Disqualify competitors for any violation of the tournament rules without a refund.
- 2: Cancel or postpone the tournament in the case of bad weather.
- 3: Amend the rules and regulations as they see fit without notice
- 4: Modify, adjust or change final standings upon review of results at anytime after the event has ended.

All decisions are final and binding. The B1 and its directors reserve the right to have the final decision on any issue pertaining to the rules, regulations and any tournament issues without protest from participants or without any notice.



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