

Weekend Warrior Bass Club Rules For 2023

- 1.** These Rules apply to all entrants of this tournament. Violation of any of these rules will warrant appropriate disciplinary action by Tournament Director. Any protest must be received in writing and signed within fifteen minutes of final check-in deadline to be taken literally. Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse entry of any person. Weekend Warrior decisions will be final in all matters. State, Federal, and Local Laws must be obeyed.
- 2.** Entry Fee is \$112 per boat (includes \$10 Big Bass and \$2 Pearl River Valley Ramp Fee).
- 3.** Firearms are not allowed in tournament boats during tournament hours or carried during registration or weigh-in. Law Enforcement Officers are the only exception to this rule.
- 4.** Courtesy, Safe Boating, Sportsmanship and Conservation must be displayed at all times by contestants. A U.S. Coast Guard approved chest type PFD must be on and fastened anytime the combustion engine is in gear. All boats must have an emergency kill-switch and must be **attached to the driver anytime the combustion engine is in gear**. Boats must have a permanently installed live well and an operating aeration system. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard standards. Jet-drive, air-cooled engines, or air-boats are not allowed. Outboard motors may not exceed boat rating, **250 HP** maximum.
- 5.** All fishing must be done with artificial lures only. Pork is permitted. Only one rod and reel may be used at a time by contestants. No trolling. All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner from tournament waters. Contestants may not use any communication device for the purpose of locating or catching bass during tournament hours. Tracking devices inserted in bass may not be used by any contestant during or before the tournament. Hole-Sitting by or for entrants is not allowed.
- 6.** Off-Limits Period of tournament waters for fishing, scouting, locating any bass, including shoreline spotting will begin at sundown on the night before a tournament. **No more than 5 bass** in the live well **total**. No culling at ramp. **NO CULLING DEAD FISH!**
- 7.** Scoring will be determined by the total weight of not more than 5 bass per boat meeting designated size requirements (currently 14"). Fish will be measured on a Pro- Rule measuring board with the tail closed. Ties for cash prizes will be settled by combining two cash awards and splitting the total between tied.
- 8.** No fishing is allowed within **50 yards** of another tournament boat without mutual consent. If the anchor is deployed **and trolling motor up**, then a **75-yard** rule will be in effect. **No fishing is allowed within 25 yards of the host marina.**
- 9.** Trailering to and from the weigh-in during tournament hours is not allowed, unless permitted by the Tournament Director for safety or emergency reasons. All fishing must be from an inspected boat.
- 10.** No more than two persons per boat. All persons in a boat must be a registered contestant. Registration will be at take-off site on morning of the tournament. Launch order determined by pay order prior to take-off.
- 11.** Tournament Hours and Check-In time will be given at registration and are the responsibility of each entrant. Weigh- In will be staggered in flight intervals.
- 12.** All fish will be brought to scales in **YOUR** weigh-bag. **Bags are individual responsibility** to ensure the safe handling and safe return of fish to the environment. **We will not hand out our clear bags to get your fish from livewell.**
- 13.** Fishing Guides who have guided for black bass during six-months (180 days) prior to tournament AND/OR Anglers who participate in a National Circuit AND/OR College Fishing Team and/or have winnings (cash, prizes, scholarships, free entries, etc.) of \$5,000.00 or more during the previous calendar year will not be eligible to compete.
- 14.** Upon entering this fishing tournament, contestants release Weekend Warriors officials and sponsors from liability of accidents, losses or thefts. Contestants are responsible for knowing and understanding these rules. Penalties: There will be a 1/2 (.5) pound penalty deducted for each dead fish weighed-in. **If Lunker is dead, then .5 pounds will be deducted from Lunker weight.** There will be a five (5) pound penalty deducted for any fish not meeting the 14-inch size requirement brought to the scales, plus a loss of same fish. **Your boat will be disqualified if not checked-in by the designated check-in time. You must be in the weigh line not later 15 minutes after check-in time.** Additional Penalties are considered for varying infractions.
- 15.** Membership Fee is good for all tournaments during the year 2023. This will be paid during tournament registration. Membership expires on the last day of 2023.
- 16.** Minors (under 16) do not pay the registration fee, but the parent/guardian will pay membership. If a minor (under the age of 18) is fishing, the parent/ guardian will operate the boat while big motor is running.
- 17.** Liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$100,000 per occurrence is required of all boater contestants. You may be required to show proof at any time. **Emergency numbers: Mike Shilling (601) 209-7649 Joe Toney (601) 382-1339 Wayne Barrett (601) 622-3738**

