

**Missouri F.O.E. Jimmy Durante Children's Fund
May 5, 2018 Buddy Bass Tournament Rules**

1. **RULES-** These rules apply to the May 5, 2018 tournament. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Committee. Protests must be made in writing within thirty minutes of the official check in time of the final flight. Decisions of the Tournament Committee shall be final in all matters and are not subject to appeal.
2. **ELIGIBILITY-** Participation in the tournaments will be by entries. Anyone, whose entry has been received and approved by Tournament Committee, that is 16 years of age or older, and has paid the appropriate entry fee by the appropriate deadline date is eligible, MO FOE has the right to refuse any entries received. MO FOE does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, etc.
3. **ENTRY FEES, DEPOSITS & DEADLINES-** Entry fees shall be: Buddy Bass Team: \$100 per 2-person team. Take-off position will be determined by receipt of the tournament application and entry fee. Entries received thereafter, will be placed in the next open position determined by order of paid entry received. Late entry registrations for this tournament will be accepted starting one hour prior to take off at the tournament launch site. Deposits are not refundable. Side pots are optional.
4. **INSURANCE-** Boat owners must have at least \$100,000 of Boating Liability Insurance. Boat owners must send a copy of their policy, with their entry form prior to the entry deadline.
5. **BOATS AND MOTORS-** Any boat, 15 feet or longer, powered by a motor of 9.9 horsepower or more with a kill switch. All boats must meet B.I.A. and Coast Guard requirements, no over-powered boats. Each boat must have a functional bilge pump and live well space, properly aerated, capable of keeping alive one limit of fish per angler.
6. **SAFETY-** Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear an approved personal flotation device, snapped and zipped, anytime the combustion engine is operated, while pre-fishing and fishing the tournament. All boats must be equipped with an ignition shut-off device securely attached to the boat operator when boat is operated. At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, the tournament day may be shortened or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in boats during tournament hours.
7. **SPORTSMANSHIP-** All contestants are required to follow the highest degree of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation as well as conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, Fraternal Order of Eagles, sponsors and the sport of tournament fishing. Any words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with the tournament rules will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification. During the hours of competition, contestants may not obtain or receive assistance from non-competitors, follow a non-competitors' boat or participate in the practice of "hole-sitting".
8. **TACKLE EQUIPMENT & DIP NETS-** Only artificial baits or lures may be used. Pork style baits are allowed. All bass must be caught on a rod and reel. Only one rod and reel in use at any time is allowed. Trolling, as a method of fishing, or the use of bugging devices are not allowed. Dip nets are allowed to assist in landing fish, however, culling nets in live wells are not allowed.
9. **PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS-** Anywhere on the tournament lake except within fifty (50) yards of a public dock and any docks attached to it. (A public dock is one that has a working gas pump for public use.) 50 yards of another contestant's anchored boat or behind any buoys on the Corps of Engineers leased concessions, or marinas or any area marked off limits by the Corp of Engineers as off limits. Any additional off limits will be announced at the pre-tournament meeting. No tournament boat may be loaded on the trailer before weigh-in except with the permission of a Tournament Committee member. Anglers are allowed to pre-fish at any time for this tournament, but contestants must be off the water by 5pm the evening prior to the tournament.
10. **SPECIAL SITUATIONS-** Contestants must remain in the boats at all times. Contestants must not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in the boat at all times except in case of dire emergency. In such an emergency, competitors may be removed from their boat to: A boat operated by other competitors or a rescue boat. **NOTE:** It is the responsibility of each contestant to have their own bag large enough to transport a tournament limit of bass plus water to the weigh-in sight. Fishermen should have their name printed on the bag with permanent ink for identification; this rule applies to emergency situations only.
11. **MEETING, TAKE-OFF MEETING & INSPECTION-** There will be no pre-meeting for this tournament. Updated information will be provided at the boat ramp or at the boat dock-in site. All contestants are required to attend. A pre take-off meeting will be held on the water 15 minutes prior to take-off for all contestants. All contestants are required to attend. Failure to comply may

result in either forfeiture of tournament and entry fee, or loss of take-off position. If contestant is unable to be in the staging area 15 minutes prior they are encouraged to contact Tournament Staff at 417-527-2366. A drive-by boat inspection will be conducted at take-off time at the boat dock.

12. **OFFICIAL CHECK POINT-** There will be only one site for check-out in the morning and check-in in the afternoon. At the time of morning inspection, all competitors must be in full compliance of all rules set forth by the Tournament Committee. All boats shall identify themselves at check-in sites by means of boat number and proceed IMMEDIATELY to the designated weigh-in area. Failure to check-out in the morning or to check-in at the check-in point will result in disqualification.
13. **SCORING-** Largemouth Bass, Kentucky Bass, and Smallmouth Bass will be counted. Dead fish will result in a .50(1/2) pound penalty. If dead fish is the largest of the creel, that 1/2 pound will be deducted from your big bass weight as well. Any bass under the tournaments legal length limit (15" on Table Rock Lake) presented for weigh-in will result in disqualification of that fish and two (2) pounds being deducted from total weight of remaining creel. There will be a five (5) fish tournament team limit in this tournament. Contestants are not allowed to continue fishing until they have culled down to the tournament limit.
14. **QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING-** By contestants' signature on entry form and/or participation in these tournaments, the contestants agree to any quality assurance tests if required by the Tournament Committee. They may include all or part of the following: polygraph test, urinalysis, blood test, and/or observer in or out of the boat. Refusal of anglers to submit will result in immediate disqualification. None of the above rules shall prohibit a Tournament Committee official from observing, approaching or boarding a competitor's boat during official tournament hours. Quality assurance tests will be conducted as soon as possible after conclusion of tournament hours.
15. **LATE PENALTY-** Contestants not at designated check-in site by official designated time will be penalized one pound for each minute late up to a maximum of ten minutes (ten pounds). Penalized weight will be deducted from the total weight of angler's stringer. If the maximum of ten minutes is exceeded, contestants will forfeit all points/weight for that day's competition.
16. **PAYBACK & TIES-** Cash awards will be based on one place for each five entries. Additional sponsor merchandise may be awarded on availability. Ties will be resolved by combining and then dividing prize money equally among the tied contestants. Trophy position shall be determined by lottery among those tied. Big Bass side pot (\$10 per contestant) will payout for 1st and 2nd Big Bass.
17. **SIGNATURES-** Every contestant must sign the release waiver on the entry form prior to the tournament.
18. **KNOWLEDGE OF THESE RULES IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY-** Failure to read these rules or ignorance of these rules is no excuse. Any extreme violation of rules will be grounds for disqualification. Any announcement made by the Tournament Committee Chairman at tournament sites takes precedence over written rules.

**RULES AND ENTRY FORMS MAY BE DOWNLOADED
From www.foe4278**

**ENTRY REGISTRATION FOR F.O.E. BUDDY BASS TOURNAMENT
TO BENEFIT MO F.A.C.T
DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017**

<p align="center"><i>Team Captain</i></p> <p>NAME</p> <hr/> <p>ADDRESS</p> <hr/> <p>CITY, STATE</p> <hr/> <p>PHONE _____</p> <p>EMAIL</p> <hr/>	<p align="center">LOCATION: TABLE ROCK LAKE ON JAMES RIVER ARM</p> <p align="center">TAKE OFF LOCATION: CAPE FAIR MARINA</p> <p align="center">TAKE OFF AT 7:00 AM WEIGH IN AT 3:00 PM</p>
<p align="center">PARTNER</p> <p>NAME</p> <hr/> <p>ADDRESS</p> <hr/> <p>CITY, STATE</p> <hr/> <p>PHONE _____</p> <p>EMAIL</p> <hr/>	<p align="center">COST IS \$100 PER BOAT ENTRY LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 ENTRIES.</p> <p align="center">PAYBACK WILL BE 70% OF ENTRY FEES AND WILL PAY DOWN 1 PLACE FOR EVERY 5 ENTRIES.</p> <p align="center">OPTIONAL BIG BASS POT -\$10 PER MAN 80% PAYBACK. CAN ENTER DAY OF TOURNAMENT</p>

ENTRY FEES PER TEAM

\$ _____ \$100 TEAM REGISTRATION
 \$ _____ \$10 BIG BASS-TEAM CAPTAIN (OPTIONAL)
 \$ _____ \$10 BIG BASS-2ND PARTNER (OPTIONAL)
 \$ _____ TOTAL DUE

PLEASE NOTE SIZE OF SHIRT (2 PER TEAM)

____ SMALL MED ____ LARGE ____ XL ____ 2X ____ 3X ____

SEND COMPLETED ENTRY FORM & ENTRY FEE TO:

ROGER KELLEY SECRETARY
 EAGLES AERIE # 4278
 PO BOX 58
 CAPE FAIR, MO 65624

WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO: CAPE FAIR EAGLES #4278