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| **NNBC Official Rules For 2018 Thursday Evening Tournament**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **The following rules of this Tournament are established in the best interest of all fishermen.** | | **The TET will be governed by these rules. The Tournament Director will have the final decision on all matters.** | | | |  | | --- | | **1. RULES CHANGES:** The following rules will remain unchanged throughout the year. Interpretation | | and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Weigh master. In the | | event of a rule violation the Weigh master may impose such sanctions as he deems appropriate | | including, without limitation, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from | | participation in future Tournaments. The decision of the Tournament Weigh master will be | | final in all matters. It is at the tournament Director's discretion to make a change where safety is | | a concern. All Federal, State, and local laws must be obeyed and it is the contestant's | | responsibility to know these laws. | |  | | **2. Mandatory** live well checks will be made before the start of each tournament. It is the | | responsibility of each angler to ask for a live well check. Your live well must be checked | | before you start fishing. | |  | | **3. PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:** Any fisherman is eligible to fish, unless he or she has been | | a paid guide on the Tournament Lake in the 12 months prior to the Tournament dates. These guides | | will not be permitted to fish the Thursday Evening Tournament. A guide may not be hired for the | | Tournament Lake within seven days prior to the Tournament. | |  | | **4. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS:** At no time during Tournament hours are any alcoholic | | beverages or drugs other than prescription allowed to be consumed while on the water. | |  | | **5. THIS IS A TEAM TOURNAMENT:** Boats are allowed to have one contestant and a maximum of | | two contestants. Each team may have one alternate team member.  **Trailering is not allowed. Must take off from Monterrey Park, unless tournament director calls for safety reasons.** | |  | |  | | **6. SPORTSMANSHIP:** All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, | | courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates | | these rules or any state or local laws, or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will | | be disqualified. **Encroachment** is considered a sportsmanship rule. | |  | | **7. BOATS & MOTORS:** There is no horsepower limit; however, no engine may exceed the BIA | | horsepower rating for the boat on which it is used. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and state | | regulations. All boats must have an emergency kill switch. All boats must have an aerated live well | | large enough to maintain the Tournament limit in releasable condition. | |  | | **8. SAFETY:** Boating safety must be observed at all times during competition. A U.S. Coast Guard | | approved chest type life preserver must be on and fastened any time while on plane | | and the kill switch must be attached to the driver. It is both partners responsibility to | | ensure adherence to these rules. | |  | | **9. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner. Intentional | | snagging of fish will not be allowed. No trolling is permitted with outboard engine. Only artificial lures | | may be used. No live bait or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rinds. Only one (1) | | rod may be used at a time. Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, every cast | | and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made. The use of electronic fish-tracking | | equipment cannot be used on competition day. | |  | | **10. FISHING HOURS AND LOCATION:** The Thursday Evening Tournament will be held at | | **Monterey Park** and the fishing times will be from **5:00 pm till .** ( Check With Weigh Master | | **On Time)** | |  | | **11. CATCHING OF FISH:** Anglers may pool their catch to obtain a five-fish limit. The two | | contestants must stay together during Tournament hours. At no time may any team have in their | | possession more than the Tournament limit. In the event a team has more than the described limit | | in their possession, Tournament officials will cull that team's catch, beginning with the largest bass | | first, down to the limit described. Fishing from the bank is not permitted. | |  | | **12. LIMITS AND SCORING:** The Tournament limit is as follows: Five (5) fish per team, 14 inches or | | longer. Scoring will be based on the weight in pounds and one-hundredths. Largemouth Bass, | | Kentucky Spotted Bass, and Smallmouth Bass will be counted. Fish will be measured on a flat | | board with mouth closed and tail compressed. A dead fish penalty of **.50 lbs**. per fish will be | | deducted from the total weight. If any bass is presented to the weigh-in officials that is less than 14 | | inches in length, that bass will not be allowed and a **1.0 lb**. Penalty will be assessed. | |  | | **13.Thursday Evening Championship and Point System:** | | After eighteen (18) Qualifying Thursday Evening Tournaments, the top 25 teams will qualify for the | | non-entry fee Championship.Points shall be awarded in the following manner:   |  | | --- | | 100 points plus team weight for 1st place, 99 points plus team weight for 2nd place.....etc., | | descending to last place that weighs in fish.  All teams that do not weigh in fish will receive the | | same points, as long as they check in at weigh in. Teams that do not check in at weigh in will not receive points.   |  | | --- | | **14. LATE PENALTY:** Contestants who are not in the official check-in line on or before the appointed | | time will be disqualified. You must be in the check-in line before the official weigh-in time to obtain a | | weigh-in bag. **USE OUR BAG ONLY**. Determining the exact weigh-in time with Tournament Staff will | | be the responsibility of each contestant. | |  | | **15. PROTESTS:** All protests must be submitted to the Tournament Weigh master, in writing, within | | 15 minutes of the final weigh-in. The tournament director reserves the right to administer a polygraph | | examination to anyone, anytime, at anyplace if deemed necessary. Any contestant refusing to take a | | polygraph examination will not be eligible to fish any of the Thursday Evening Tournaments in the future. | |  | | **16. CONSERVATION:** This is a primary concern of the Thursday Evening Tournament. Adequate | | live wells are mandatory on each boat and must provide aeration to maintain fish in good condition, | | as every effort will be made to release as many live, releasable fish as possible. Fish will | | **be weighed in a club supplied weigh bags.**  **17. RANDOM POLYGRAPH** will be given.  **18. Lake Sam Rayburn** will be off limits until 3:00pm, There will be NO FISHING until official start time and your flight has been called.  **One time $25 team registration fee & $50.00 entry fee per boat** |  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
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