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| **NNBC Official Rules For 2020 Thursday Evening Tournament**

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| **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.** |

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| **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.  |
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| **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. |
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| **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. |
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| **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. |
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| **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.** |
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| **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. |
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| **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. |
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| **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.                                 |
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| **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. |
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| **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)** |
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| **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. |
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| **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 **1.00 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. |
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| **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:

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| 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.

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| **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. |
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| **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. |
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| **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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