**Bi-State Bass Club Team Circuit**

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM AND MEMBERSHIP FORM**
  $30.00 Yearly membership per person to fish tournaments. To join fill out entry form and write NEW or RENEWAL and old number on Membership # line. We have read and understand the rules and enclose the completed application and our entry fee (see rule #3) payable to: Bi-State Bass Club In signing this application, we hereby waive our legal venue, we hereby waive and release all other contestants, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims for injury and/or damages incurred in connection with this tournament and agree to all their rules and decisions. Receipt date of entry determines starting position. Cash, check or money order must accompany this entry form to qualify for tournament entry. I further state I am a current member of Bi-State bass Club and that I maintain liability insurance an have verification of liability insurance on the boat I will use in this tournament, if requested by Bi-State Bass Club. NO POST DATED CHECKS.

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1. RULES:** The following rules for this tournament will be used. These rules will be interpreted by the Tournament Officials and all decisions are final. Any violation of these rules, Dept. of Conservation or State Water Patrol regulations shall be reason for disqualification and possibly from all future events. **Failure to read these rules is no excuse. Knowledge of all Bi-State Bass Club Team rules is your responsibility, and by signing this entry form, we hereby waive our legal venue and agree with all Bi-State Bass Club Team decisions.**

**2. ELIGIBILITY:** All individuals, 18 years of age or older unless participating with a parent or guardian, and who have paid the proper entry fees. Entry form must be completely filled out and signed by both contestants. Membership is required to fish Bi-State Bass Club Team Circuit  tournament and each contestant must be a member in good standings. Anyone fishing with an expired membership or no membership will be reason for both partners to be disqualified. We reserve the right not to accept any entries, we feel that are not in the best interest of Bi-State Baas Club. Bi-State Bass Club membership is $20.00 per year ( 12 Months ) and good for Bi-State Team Circuit  tournaments.

**3. ENTRY FEES:** Team $100.00 per boat. Entries will be accepted by mail up to Friday morning before tournament, late entries will be accepted up to take-off time, at a late charge of $10.00 per boat and will need to be paid in cash.

**4.TOURNAMENT HOURS:** You must check in by 5:30 a.m. for all day tournaments, hours will be announced in morning.  We reserve the right to assign flights, change hours and tournament dates if necessary. No off limits time before any Bi-State bass Club Team Circuit  tournaments. Tournament hours will be re-announced before take-off.

**5. TAKE-OFF**: Will be in order in which entries are received. The take-off site area will be the official check-out and check-in area. Live-wells and kill switches will be inspected during take-off.

**6. TEAM:** Teams consist of 2 members who fish together. If 1 member cannot fish other team member may use an alternate, points will be awarded to the original team.

**7. TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures or baits may be used. All bass must be caught alive on a rod and reel during the tournament hours from a boat in a sporting manner. No Trolling.

**8. BOATS & MOTORS:** Boats 15 feet or longer, with properly working aerated live-wells and kill switch. NO AIR BOATS ALLOWED. NO OVERPOWERED BOATS ALLOWED. All boats must meet B.I.A., U.S. Coast Guard and State Water Patrol regulations.

**9. SAFETY & SPORTSMANSHIP**: Safe boating and fishing practices, must be observed at all times. Life jackets MUST BE WORN anytime the combustion motor is running. Kill switches MUST BE ATTACHED to driver anytime the combustion motor is running. Each contestant is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. No alcoholic beverages, stimulants or depressants allowed in boats. No hole sitting or holding  a fishing spot for another fishermen or contestant.

**10. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Anywhere on the tournament water except within 50 yards of another contestant's boat if anchored, or the take-off area inside the marker buoys. All fishing must be done from boat. Contestants can lock into other pool’s by boat. No contestant may leave the boat to land a fish and no trailering. Any rule changes at tournament site will over ride any written rule.

**11. SCORING:** Largemouth, Kentucky and Smallmouth Bass will be weighed. Only 5 fish per boat may be weighed-in. All fish will be measured on a flat BPS metal keeper board, the official measuring board of Bi-State Bass Club.  All fish will be measured with mouth closed and with a pinched or fanned tail. Any short fish presented for weigh-in will cause 2 Lbs to be deducted from total weight and loss of short fish. Dead fish will receive a 1 Lb deduction per fish and only 2 dead fish per boat. No culling inside the marker buoys of the take-off cove or weigh-in area. We reserve the right to change the number of fish per boat if necessary.

**12. WEIGH-IN:** Will begin at end of the tournament hours. No fish will be weighed until then. You must be at scales with fish, 1/2 hour after check-in. One team member must be present with weigh-in slip to verify weight during weigh-in. Weighing-in more than 5 fish, disqualification.

**13. PROTESTS:** Must be filed in writing within 10 minutes after weigh-in and signed. Person or persons, making protest will be responsible for payment of test. Random testing may be given at anytime by tournament officials to any contestant, with or without a protests being filed.

**14. TIES:** Ties, will be broken by earliest entry received.

**15.CHECK-IN & LATE PENALTY:**All boats must check-in, any boat weighing in fish that did not check-in will be disqualified. Late penalty is 1 Lb per minute up to 10 minutes. The check-in area will be the same area as the take-off area. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**16. PAYBACK:** 85% Cash payback. Cash payback will be 1 payback for every 5 boats, plus one at every tournament.

**17. POINTS:** Points will be issued as followed, 1st 60, 2nd 59, 3rd58, 4th 57 down.

**18: POLYGRAPH TEST**: Each contestant agrees by their signature on the application, to submit to a polygraph test. Director will determine who will take the tests. Anyone refusing to take a test will be disqualified.

**19. CHALLENGE RULE**: Short or dead fish may be challenged, we will stop weigh-in and make every effort to determine if fish is short or dead.

**20. TOURNAMENT MEETING:** 10 minutes before take-off. We will go over the basic rules and tournament hours before take-off.

**21. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION**: If canceled due to reasons of safety, high water, etc., entry fees will be transferred. NO REFUNDS. Members can check the status at anytime by logging on to the web at [**http://www.bi-statebassclub.com**](http://www.bi-statebassclub.com/)