



2027

RULES & REGULATIONS

COMPLETE COMPETITION RULEBOOK

COMPETITOR DUTY Every angler is responsible for knowing the complete rules, applicable laws, lake restrictions, hazards, no-wake zones, off-limits areas and event-day instructions before competing.

KNOW THE LAKE. KNOW THE RULES. KNOW THE LAWS. ABIDE BY THEM.

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MEMBERSHIP, ENTRY & REGISTRATION

FEES, DEADLINES AND 2027 REGISTRATION CUTOFF

- **Yearly Membership Dues:** \$80 for every angler who fishes. Must be paid before entering an event.
- **Event Entry Fees:** \$100 per boat. Includes Big Bass Pot. \$90 = 90% payout; 10% back to the series. \$10 Big Bass pays 100%.
- **Optional:** Each event will have a \$20 Side Pot.
- Entry must be paid before registration closes the morning of the event, usually 15 minutes before launch.
- **Entry Breakdown:** Entry pays 1 in 5 / \$10 Big Bass pays 1 place at 100% / \$20 Side Pot (optional) pays 1 place at 100%.
- **Series Open Registration:** Will last until Event Registration closes on the morning of Event 2.

LATE REGISTRATION

- **Late Registration Fee:** After Event 2: \$100 per angler PLUS entry fee into Event 3 and prepaid entry into Event 4. \$100 each event / \$200 total.

NEW FOR 2027: There will be no series registrations accepted after Event 3.

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POINTS, ANGLER OF THE YEAR, TEAMS & SUBS

POINTS, TEAM IDENTITY, SUBSTITUTES AND SOLO ANGLERS

- **Event Points:** 1st place receives 100 points. Point increments drop by 2 points through the last team to weigh a qualifying bag. Example: 1st 100 / 2nd 98 / 3rd 96 / 4th 94 / 5th 92, etc.
- Any registered team who finishes with a 0 weight will receive 40 points.

- In the event of a DQ, 0 points.

ANGLER OF THE YEAR

- Awarded to the team with the most points at the end of the regular season.
- In the event of a tie, there will be a 4-hour fish-off. Date: 10/10/2027. Lake by Random Draw.

SUBS

- Each boat is a team. Whichever 2 anglers are in the boat get the points.
- If you have a regular partner who cannot fish, you may fish solo and register with partner absent; the team will earn the points.
- If you fish with a Sub, you and that sub create a new team and that team will earn the points.

SUB will not be allowed to fish if they have not registered before Event 3.

- If you enter the season as a Solo, you must fish the season as a solo. Adding a partner to your boat during the season will create a new team. Your solo points will not transfer.

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BREAKDOWN & TEAM EXCEPTION

BOAT BREAKDOWN PROCEDURE AND ONE SEASONAL TEAM EXCEPTION

IN THE EVENT OF A BREAKDOWN

- If during the course of an event you experience a boat breakdown, you must contact a Director.
- We will approve for your team to fish with another team who is already registered.
- That team will earn their points with 5 fish; your team will be allowed to earn points with 5 fish.
- You must find another boater on your own.

TEAM EXCEPTION

- Each team will be allowed one (1) Exception throughout the season.
- A Team Exception is used in the event an angler finds himself in a position where they are without a boat. Example: the other team member has the boat and cannot fish.
- We will allow that angler to register as their regular team and fish with the other team.
- One livewell will need to be designated to one team and another livewell designated to the other.
- Each team will be responsible for maintaining no more than 5 fish at any given time.

Directors MUST be involved in this process should it come about.

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CHAMPIONSHIP, BIG BASS & PAYOUTS

CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION, BIG BASS OF THE YEAR AND EVENT PAYOUTS

CHAMPIONSHIP

- To qualify for the Championship, the team must register in four (4) regular-season events.
- You will be able to "Pay to Skip" during the season. Entry fee must be paid before the start of the event.
- You may fish any event solo if needed, registering with your partner absent. This will qualify as team points.

You cannot use a sub in the Championship.

BIG BASS OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes the individual angler who catches the highest-weighting bass during the 2027 Lone Star Bass Series season, BBOY Award is awarded at the end of the final Championship Event

EVENT PAYOUTS

- We will pay places based on every five (5) boats paid entry.
- 1-5 boats: 1st place only.
- 1-10 boats: 1st and 2nd place.
- 1-15 boats: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, etc.
- Side Pot, if entered: \$20, pays out 1 place at 100%.
- Big Bass: \$10 (included in Entry) pays out 1 place at 100%.

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FISH & GAME REGULATIONS

LEGAL FISH, INSPECTION, MEASURING, TACKLE AND DQ RULES

- All State / Local laws are to be adhered to at all times.
- There is to never be more than 5 Bass in a boat's livewell at ANY time.
- All fish in livewell must meet State regulations.
- All fish in livewell will be subject to length verification at any time by one of the series Directors, even during Tournament time.
- If Directors feel a need to inspect a livewell or any fish during Tournament times, they will. Refusal to allow this will result in immediate DQ.

Any Bass brought to weigh-in that is outside of State regulations will result in DQ of ENTIRE BAG.

- Each fish deceased at weigh-IN will be penalized 1/2 lb. EACH fish.
- Lone Star will be using a Check-It Stick for official length certification.
- Your measuring device may or may not vary from the Check-It Stick. The Lone Star measurement is final.
- Measurement will be taken from tip of closed mouth to tip of pinched tail.
- Bass are to be caught on Artificial Lure ONLY. Live or Organic bait of any kind is prohibited.
- Each Angler may have only one (1) active fishing line in the water at a time.
- Trolling is prohibited.
- You may not at any time step off your boat to aid in casting or landing catch.

Failure to follow Local, State & Federal Law and regulations will result in DQ.

ANY DISQUALIFICATION FORFEITS ANY DUES/FEES PAID.

- Two (2) Disqualifications in a season will result in suspension for the remainder of season.

All Decisions Made by Lone Star Bass Series Board of Directors Is Final.

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BOAT REQUIREMENTS & SAFETY

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT, FLOTATION, KILL SWITCH, IMPAIRMENT AND NAVIGATION

BOAT REQUIREMENTS

- All entered boats must have all safety elements required by the U.S. Coast Guard.
- A permanently mounted and functioning aeration system is required.
- No extended or raised fishing deck above the gunnel.
- Motor cannot exceed manufacturer's recommendation.
- All navigation lights must be functioning and appropriately used.
- All boats entered must have current valid registration.

Failure to meet ANY of these requirements will result in DQ of bag.

SAFETY

- All teams must have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life vest for each angler on board.
- Waist belts are not acceptable.

Life vest must be ON AND BUCKLED anytime big motor is in gear.

Driver must have kill switch attached to their person anytime big motor is powered on.

- There is to be NO consumption of alcohol or federally prohibited drugs during the tournament.
- In the event a Tournament Director feels you are impaired, you will not be allowed to enter.
- At no time during an event is an Angler to leave the deck of his boat and enter prohibited or private property.
- Follow ALL posted buoys at all times.
- All Bridges are to be considered No Wake, even if unposted.

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OFF-LIMITS, FISH CARE & GIVE-WAY ZONE

RESTRICTED AREAS, LAKE KNOWLEDGE, FISH CARE AND COMPETITOR SPACING

OFF-LIMITS/RESTRICTED AREAS

- At no time are you to enter, navigate or cast into any marked Off-Limits/Restricted areas. This includes areas that Tournament Directors deem as such but are not marked. *Notice prior to launch will be given in that rare event.
- It is the responsibility of each Angler to familiarize themselves with the body of water in which they are fishing: rules, regulations, hazards, no-wake zones, off-limits areas, etc.

Know the lake. Know the rules. Know the laws. Abide by them.

FISH CARE / ANGLER CARE

- Fish care is very important to our sport. Each angler must be prepared with every resource available to protect their catch so we can return your fish back to the water alive as often as possible.
- We reserve the right to adjust bag limits prior to an event due to extreme weather conditions if needed. Example: 3-fish limit instead of 5 in extreme heat.
- Deceased fish must be harvested. Do not return deceased fish to the water body. We absolutely cannot leave floaters behind after weigh-in. Respect The Resource!!
- Angler Care is also very important to us. Instances of weather, lake conditions, etc. will be evaluated by the Lone Star Board of Directors and proper safety protocol will be followed.

Angler Safety Is Most Important!!!

- **Off-Limits Period:** For the 2027 Season, There Will Be NO Off-Limits Period.

GIVE-WAY ZONE

- You are to give way to any angler who is established in an area with their trolling motor in the water.
- You may not navigate within or fish/cast within a radius of 50 yards of another angler unless the established angler gives verbal agreement.
- When two boats are heading toward each other while fishing a bank, dam, or similar area, the boat that was fishing in its direction first has the right-of-way. The second-arriving boat is to give way to the oncoming established angler.

Violation will result in Disqualification.

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FISH INTEGRITY, SPORTSMANSHIP & LIABILITY

CHEATING, ETIQUETTE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND BOARD AUTHORITY

FISH INTEGRITY / CHEATING

- You may not alter your fish in any way to aid your catch in meeting fish and game regulations.
- You also may not add any foreign materials to your fish in hopes of adding to their weight.
- Your fish must be weighed naturally exactly as they were when they came out of the water.

We will immediately notify authorities in the event cheating of any kind is suspected.

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ETIQUETTE / SPORTSMANSHIP

- Aside from Official Rules and Regulations, we ask that all Members of Lone Star Bass Series follow common fishing etiquette and sportsmanship.

PARTICIPATION / LIABILITY

- You are participating at your own free will and you assume all risks and liability.
- Lone Star Bass Series, its sponsors, its Directors and other Members are not responsible for any accidents, injuries or other mishaps that may result from your participation.

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EVENT REGISTRATION & LAUNCH

BOAT-NUMBER DRAW, LAUNCH ORDER AND LIVWELL INSPECTION

- We will be using a numbered launch system.

- When your team registers before an event, you will be assigned a random boat number generated by the Weigh Fish App we use.
- This number will be the position in which your boat will leave from the launch area.
- Once you are on the water, please maneuver your boat safely into draw order.
- Once we reach launch time, we will begin announcing boat numbers.
- You will idle by the dock in line with your livewell open; a Director will inspect and launch you.
- This will be a fast call, so we ask that you be ready and in line. We want to get everyone underway as quickly but as safely as possible.

ANY BOAT LEAVING THE LAUNCH AREA OUT OF TURN OR BEFORE LAUNCH WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

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WEIGH-IN PROCEDURES & REMINDERS

EXACT TIMING, CULL TAGS, LEGAL FISH AND CHEATING REMINDERS

- Line will open 15 minutes after Last Cast is called.
- Weigh-In will close EXACTLY 30 minutes after Last Cast.
- Example: Last Cast is 3:00 p.m. Weigh-In line opens at 3:15 p.m. and closes at 3:30 p.m.

CULL-TAG WEIGH-IN SYSTEM

- When necessary, we will be using a Cull-Tag weigh-in system.
- When you arrive to weigh in your fish, you are to keep your bass in the livewell.
- At the weigh-in desk, there will be 6 cull tags.
- Retrieve one of the cull tags, then go get your fish and bring them to weigh-in.
- If there are no cull tags, you will wait until one is available.
- The reasoning behind this is to keep your fish in the livewell as long as possible and avoid the possibility of losing any fish due to waiting in a long weigh-in line.

Weigh-In line will close the second the clock hits weigh-in close time. The Director's cell-phone time will be used.

REMINDERS

- There is a 1/2 lb penalty for EACH dead fish weighed.
- Teams may never have more than 5 bass in their livewell at any time.
- Any fish brought to weigh-in that is outside of State regulations will result in ENTIRE BAG DQ.
- Lone Star Bass Series uses a Check-It Stick for measurements. This measurement is FINAL.
- There is a difference between a Largemouth Bass, a Spotted Bass and a Smallmouth. Please be aware. Misidentification of species/size limits could easily result in a DQ.
- Fish are in no way to be altered.

If we suspect any form of cheating, your team will be disqualified, banned from future events and Directors will notify State Officials.

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WEATHER PRECAUTIONS & CANCELLATION

SAFETY MONITORING, THRESHOLDS, RESCHEDULING AND TIMING ADJUSTMENTS

- Angler safety is our highest concern. We will monitor weather before each event and make adjustments accordingly.
- We will make every effort to make the call to Cancel by 7:00 p.m. the night before an event.
- Weather can be unpredictable and a shorter notice may be required. We will always side with Angler Safety.

CANCELLATION / DELAY REQUIREMENTS

- **Wind:** Sustained Wind 25 mph or greater / Forecasted gusts 40 mph or greater.
- **Lightning:** Lightning in the area.
- **Severe Weather:** Any Warnings or Alerts in the area.
- **Temperature:** BELOW 15 degrees.
- If we have to cancel an event, we will do everything we can to reschedule it.
- We understand that with so many trails running, it will be hard to schedule around them with a make-up tournament. We will do our best, but once that make-up day is set, it is final.

- We may also look into the possibility of Launch Delay or Earlier Weigh-In time if that is suitable. This will all be determined as the weather presents itself.

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TRAILERING & FILING A PROTEST

TRAILERED-EVENT RULES AND PROTEST PROCEDURE

TRAILERING

- Anytime the forecast calls for sustained wind approaching 20 mph, we will call for a Trailered Event.
- However, should you choose, your team may trailer at any event.
- You must come by the registration area to sign up before the registration window ends.
- We will do a livewell check at that time.

You may NOT leave the ramp area until your boat number is called. Early departure will be DQ.

- Weigh-In will still be at the designated registration site.
- You must be in line BEFORE weigh-in closes.
- There will be no exceptions made for any bag that is late to weigh-in.

YOUR safety is our highest concern. However, it is UP TO YOU to decide if you choose to participate. If for any reason you feel uncomfortable, please follow your own intuition.

FILING A PROTEST

- A Lone Star Bass Series Director must be notified immediately in the event you wish to file a protest.
- Protest an On-Water event: Clear video evidence must be available. Word of mouth will not be an acceptable form of evidence.
- Protest at weigh-in: You have the right at any time to request a re-weigh or re-measure at weigh-in. This protest must be done before the fish are released back into the water.
- Once the tournament closes, weights are final and prizes awarded; the event is over.
- There will be no protest accepted after that point.

Lone Star Bass Series Directors' Decision Is Final.

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CRITICAL TOURNAMENT-DAY QUICK REFERENCE

CONVENIENCE SUMMARY - COMPLETE RULES ABOVE CONTROL

BEFORE LAUNCH

Registration complete • entry paid • boat number known • livewell ready for inspection • do not leave early or out of turn.

ON THE WATER

Maximum 5 bass per team livewell • artificial lures only • one active line per angler • no trolling • obey restricted areas and the 50-yard Give-Way Zone.

BIG MOTOR

USCG-approved life vest ON AND BUCKLED • driver kill switch attached.

WEIGH-IN

Line opens 15 minutes after Last Cast and closes exactly 30 minutes after Last Cast • Director's cell-phone time is official.

FISH

Check legal species/length • Check-It Stick is final • dead fish = 1/2 lb penalty each • illegal fish at weigh-in = ENTIRE BAG DQ.

PROTEST

Notify a Director immediately • on-water protest requires clear video • re-weigh/re-measure must happen before fish release.