

CONROEBASS

2025 COWBOYS for KIDS 1st Annual BENEFIT TOURNAMENT

- 1) **RULES:** Enforcement of CONROEBASS rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director. The Tournament director may impose sanctions as deemed appropriate for rule infractions without limitation e.g., disqualification, weight deduction penalties, forfeiture of prizes and or entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. Tournament Director's decisions are final in all matters. Federal, state, local and water body authority laws and rules must be obeyed at all times.
- 2) **PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:** This is a Team tournament. A Team may consist of 2 individuals, or 1 individual may compete solo. Tournament eligibility and entry is open to all individuals in good standing. Anyone that has ever been disqualified from any fishing tournament for cheating is NOT eligible to compete in this event. All Tournament participants must be at least 18 years old unless waiver signed by a Parent or Legal Guardian.
- 3) **LIABILITY WAIVER:** Upon entering any CONROEBASS Tournament during 2025, contestants release CONROEBASS officials and sponsors from liability of accidents, losses or thefts. Contestants are responsible for knowing and understanding these rules and signing and submitting "2025 CONROEBASS COWBOYS for KIDS – TOURNAMENT WAIVER & ENTRY FORM".
- 4) **REGISTRATION:** Contestants may reach out to Director @ 281-773-9252 to arrange electronic payments through 5:00pm, Thursday, Dec 4, 2025. Cash in person entry and registration will also be available inside Stow-A-Way Marina store on the day of the tournament from 5:45-6:30am before take-off. Contestants will receive boat I.D. take-off order numbers according to sign up order.
- 5) **OFFICIAL TAKE-OFF:** All boats will receive a boat ID number at time of registration. This will be the order in which we take off in to begin the official day of tournament fishing. We will have a moment of prayer and national anthem a few moments prior to 6:45am estimated take-off. There will be an orange lighted flashing cone on the official boat check dock that each angler must idle past in order of boat number. Director will call Boat 1, Boat 2, etc etc and anglers are required to idle past take-off check dock with livewell lids open, kill switch secured, and navigational lighting turned on. No passing throughout the no wake zone from check in dock to stow-a way bridge during morning of take-off. **Anyone failing to go through tournament take-off/boat check shall be subject to disqualification resulting in forfeiture of entry fee and forfeiture of any prizes.
- 6) **ENTRY FEES:** Team Entry fee is \$160 per team with optional \$40 Big Bass side pot. *This is a BENEFIT TOURNAMENT and \$80 of each entry is donated to the Cowboys for Kids.
- 7) **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS:** During tournament hours, no alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs may be consumed while on the water, except prescription medications.
- 8) **FIREARMS:** Law Enforcement Officers and individuals with current Texas Concealed Handgun Permits are the only persons allowed to carry firearms in a boat or at weigh in.
- 9) **BOATS & MOTORS:** All boats must meet US Coast Guard and state regulations. All boats must have an emergency kill switch which must be securely attached to the driver's body any time the boat is in on plane operation. Driver & passengers must be seated anytime the combustion engine is running and engaged in gear.
- 10) All boats must have an aerated live well. All fishing must be done from a previously inspected boat. Any boat that has NOT gone through inspection will not have their catch allowed for that day.
- 11) **SAFETY:** Safe boating must be observed at all times. During tournament competition, a U.S. Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver (PDF) Type III or higher, must be worn and properly fastened any time the engine is operating and in gear and the kill switch must be attached to the driver with a lanyard. Each contestant is required to wear a fastened (fully zipped and/or all clips fastened) U.S. coast guard approved; personal flotation device anytime the boat is on plane during competition.
- 12) **TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Bed fish (sight fish) MUST BE HOOKED INSIDE THE MOUTH. No intentional snagging of fish. Trolling with the aid of combustion motor is not permitted. Only artificial lures may be used. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one time.
- 13) All protests must be submitted in writing prior to the official closing of the scales. Actions of all teams (protested and protesters) will be examined, and good sportsmanship should include an effort to resolve the situation (in situations that it can be) on the water. The decision of the tournament director will be final. NO VERBAL PROTESTS will be allowed!
- 14) **POLYGRAPH:** Entrants may be given a polygraph test. Failure to submit to a requested test will result in disqualification. Failure to pass such a test will result in disqualification. All contestants with past polygraph issues at bass fishing tournaments will have to be approved by the Directors prior to entry of any CONROEBASS event.

- 15) SCORING FISH: Each team may weigh-in five-5) fish, a minimum of 16 inches in length, measured on a flat board with mouth closed and tail compressed. Any contestant(s) weighing-in a fish shorter than the legal tournament length will be assessed a one-1) lb. penalty per short fish plus the loss of all short fish. Any contestant(s) bringing more than five-5) fish to the scales will be disqualified. There is no penalty for one dead fish, but two dead fish will cost you 1 pound. In order to qualify for the big bass prize, your big bass MUST be alive. Only Largemouth, Spotted, Guadalupe, or Kentucky Bass will be scored. Tournament Directors measuring board will be the "official" board. Ties for cash prizes will be settled by combining two cash awards and splitting the total between tied contestants. Any contestant(s) weight will not be counted if not checked-in by the designated check-in time.
- 16) CULLING FISH: No more than a maximum of five (5) fish may be in a live well at any time. No culling of dead fish is allowed.
- 17) PERMITTED FISHING WATERS: No fishing is allowed within 25 yards of another tournament boat without mutual consent. Team tournament partners must fish from the same boat. Only contestants may be in the boat during the tournament hours. Hole sitting, or having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you shall not be tolerated. Contestants must be able to get the boat into the fishing area without getting out of the boat. Navigable waters are the only waters to be fished during the tournament. Contestants cannot leave the boat to land or look for a fish. Restricting natural movement of fish by any means such as but not limited to: use of nets, tanks or dams will result in immediate disqualification. Restricting access to waters normally accessible to anglers by any means such as but not limited to: felling of trees or placement of obstructions will result in disqualification. All Bass at weigh in become property of CONROEBASS to be released at host weigh in site.
- 18) INSURANCE: Liability insurance is required.
- 19) TOURNAMENT HOURS AND CHECKPOINTS: will be given at registration and are the responsibility of each entrant. Any boat ramp may be used; however, all boats will take off in a numbered order at safelight from host location. Contestants must be checked in with director by their specified end of competition, not in line.
- 20) BREAKDOWNS/EMERGENCIES: In an emergency or major equipment failure, you may hitch a tow from any boat on the water but may not bring yours or partners' fish in except in yours or another tournament contestants' boat.
- 21) PAYBACK: \$80 of each \$160 entry will go to Cowboys for Kids and the other \$80 of each entry will be paid back 100% to the winning teams. CONROEBASS and its employees are keeping \$0 zero dollars from this event and will be operating strictly on a volunteer basis. Optional \$40 Big Bass side pot will be paid back at 100% to winners and will pay one place for every ten entries.
- 22) AWARDS: Those not in attendance at conclusion of weigh-in for award presentations will forfeit any claim to merchandise earned in competition.