CONROEBASS

2027 WEEKEND FFS SERIES
OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

FORWARD-FACING SONAR (FFS) IS ALLOWED
ALL BRANDS AND MODELS PERMITTED

01 RULES & TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AUTHORITY

These rules shall remain unchanged throughout 2027. Interpretation and enforcement of ConroeBass rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director may impose sanctions deemed appropriate for rule infractions, including, without limitation, disqualification, weight deduction penalties, forfeiture of prizes or entry fees, and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The 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.

02 PARTICIPANTS & ELIGIBILITY

Membership is required to participate in all ConroeBass Weekend FFS Series tournaments held January through May 2027. Tournament eligibility and entry are open to all members in good standing. All tournament participants must be at least 18 years old unless signed for by a parent or legal guardian. This SERIES membership fee is $60 per person. If a team uses an alternate or substitute team member who has not submitted the required SERIES membership fee and form, that team's weight for that tournament may be disqualified. All required forms and fees must be received and in compliance before the tournament begins.

03 LIABILITY WAIVER

Upon entering any ConroeBass tournament during 2027, contestants release ConroeBass officials and sponsors from liability for accidents, losses, or thefts. Contestants are responsible for knowing and understanding these rules and signing the "2027 Membership Application-Tournament Waiver."

04 REGISTRATION

Registration will be on the day of the tournament, beginning approximately 30-45 minutes before takeoff. Contestants will receive boat identification numbers according to the number drawn.

05 ENTRY FEES

The team entry fee is $160 per team, with an optional $40 Big Bass side pot for regular-season events. Championship entry fees are $200 per team.

06 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & DRUGS

During tournament hours, no alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs may be consumed while on the water, except prescription medications.

07 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.

08 BOATS & MOTORS

All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and state regulations and have a functioning emergency engine kill switch. See Rule 10 for the required PFD and kill-switch lanyard use.

09 LIVEWELLS & BOAT INSPECTION

All boats must have an aerated livewell. All fishing must be done from a previously inspected boat. Any boat that has not gone through inspection will not have its catch allowed for that day.

10 SAFETY

Safe boating practices must be observed at all times during tournament competition. All boat occupants must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD), properly secured with all zippers and fasteners closed, whenever the combustion engine is running and engaged in gear, regardless of boat speed. The boat operator must have the engine's emergency kill-switch lanyard securely attached to their person whenever the engine is running and engaged in gear.

11. 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.

12 PROTESTS

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, when possible, on the water. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final. No verbal protests will be allowed.

13 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 must be approved by the Directors prior to entry in any ConroeBass event.

14 SCORING FISH

Limit and measurement: Each team may weigh in five (5) fish, a minimum of 16 inches in length, measured on a flat board with the mouth closed and tail compressed. The Tournament Director's measuring board will be the official board. Short fish: Any contestant weighing in a fish shorter than the legal tournament length will be assessed a one (1) pound penalty per short fish, plus the loss of all short fish. Over the limit: Any contestant bringing more than five (5) fish to the scales will be disqualified. Dead fish and Big Bass: Each dead fish will incur a one-half (1/2) pound penalty. To qualify for the Big Bass prize, your Big Bass must be alive. Eligible species: Only Largemouth, Spotted, Guadalupe, or Kentucky bass will be scored. Ties: Ties for cash prizes will be settled by combining two cash awards and splitting the total between tied contestants. Points will be awarded equally for tying contestants. Check-in: Any contestant's weight will not be counted if the contestant has not checked in by the designated check-in time.

15 CULLING FISH

No more than a maximum of five (5) fish may be in a livewell at any time. No culling of dead fish is allowed.

16 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 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 the natural movement of fish by any means, including but not limited to the use of nets, tanks, or dams, will result in immediate disqualification. Restricting access to waters normally accessible to anglers by any means, including but not limited to felling trees or placing obstructions, will result in disqualification. All bass at weigh-in become property of ConroeBass and will be released at the host weigh-in site.

17 INSURANCE

Liability insurance is required.

18 TOURNAMENT HOURS & CHECKPOINTS

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 numbered order from the host location. Contestants must be checked in by the specified end of competition, not merely be in line.

19 BREAKDOWNS / EMERGENCIES

In an emergency or major equipment failure, you may hitch a tow from any boat on the water, but may not bring your or your partner's fish in except in your or another tournament contestant's boat.

20 PAYBACK

Payback will be one place per every five (5) paid entries. The pro-rated polygraph fee will be deducted as applicable. The optional Big Bass side pot will be paid back at 100% and will pay one place for every ten entries.

21 AWARDS

Those who cannot attend will forfeit any claim to merchandise earned in competition.

22 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION: TEAM TOURNAMENTS

A "member team" is any one (1) or two (2) people who have paid membership fees and have fished at least one tournament as a team. The Championship will consist of the top 40 teams for the season by pounds. Teams that compete in ALL regular-season tournaments will automatically qualify for the Championship. Pounds are accumulated on a per-team basis and will only count for that team. Any member may fish alone and still be awarded pounds for their member team if the other team member's name is on the entry form. The Angler of the Year Team will be awarded free entries the following year for the same series.

23 ALTERNATES

In the event that someone cannot make the Championship, we will take the next qualifying team.