



1st Annual
 Jefferson Bass Assassin's 4-H Fundraiser
 Open Bass Tournament



Benefiting the Jefferson Bass Assassin 4-H Club
 "Future of Bass Fishing"

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Lake O' the Pines, Johnson Creek Park, Crestwood off FM 729

**GUARANTEED \$1,000 PRIZE
 FIRST PLACE**

Payback Determined By Number of Entries

Big Bass Pot

100% payback, must be entered into the tournament to be eligible for BBP

1st place: 70% 2nd place: 30%

Times: Boats must be in the water by 6:30 AM

EARLY BIRD! Boats Released In Order of Registration Received

Weigh In: 3:00 PM

Entry fee: \$50 Per Person, BBP \$10 (Optional)

You may register on site from 4:30 – 6:00 AM day of tournament

For Registration or more information contact the Marion County Extension Office:

130 Kelly Park Rd. Jefferson, TX 75657 Phone: 903-665-2421

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Return this portion along with payment to: 130 Kelly Park Rd. Jefferson, TX 75657

Participant Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

____ \$50 Entry _____ \$10 BBP (Optional)

By signing this form you are
 agreeing to the rules and liability
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Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agrilife Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Marion County Extension Office at 903-665-2421 to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Rules

- The intent of all tournament rules is to ensure safety, conservation, good sportsmanship, and fair competition. Federal, State, and Local laws shall take precedence over all tournament rules. Violation of Federal, State, or Local law during tournament hours may result in disqualification. Interpretation of tournament rules shall be the duty of the tournament director.
- A competitor may appeal a ruling if the appeal has the support of at least 5 fellow competitors. Appeals must be made in writing and submitted to the tournament director with the signatures of 5 competitors that support the appeal within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the tournament. The appeal will be presented to all directors and a final ruling will be determined.
- Safe boating practices must be observed at all times. Competitors must wear a fastened, U.S. Coast Guard approved, personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is in operation. All boats must be equipped with a factory installed properly functioning emergency shut-off device (kill-switch), and it must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation. Note: An engine is considered to be in operation anytime the propeller is engaged. Tournaments may be shortened, postponed or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions at the tournament director's discretion.
- Engine must not exceed U.S. Coast Guard horsepower rating.
- The use of Alcohol or mind-altering substances is strictly forbidden and will result in immediate disqualification.
- All boats must maintain a safe distance from all other boats while on plane.
- Tournaments are open to everyone. Minors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and have the signature of his or her parent or legal guardian in the provided space on the entry form. The safety and wellbeing of any minor is the sole responsibility of the minor's accompanying adult.

Conservation

- Competitors and Tournament Directors must make every effort possible to ensure the healthy release of all fish. Tournaments may be postponed or canceled at the tournament director's discretion.
- All boats must contain properly aerated livewell space.
- All fish must be released immediately after weigh-in.
- 1 pound will be deducted from the total weight for each dead bass that individual weighs in.

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- Good sportsmanship and courtesy must be maintained and exhibited to all other watercraft and individuals. As natural resources become more limited and public waterways become more crowded, the manner in which all bass fishing tournament participants conduct themselves will have profound consequences for the future of tournament bass fishing. Any competitor that behaves in a manner that reflects poorly on the sport of tournament bass fishing may be disqualified or ban from future tournaments.
- No boat may fish within 50 yards of any individual that is fishing.
- All bass must be caught alive and in a sporting manner. Only artificial lures may be used. Trolling is not permitted. An individual competitor may use only one rod at a time.
- The tournament limit for each person is five fish. No one may possess more than five fish.
- Length limit is 14 inches, unless local laws state otherwise. Fish weighed in less than 14 inches will be disqualified. Unless it is a legal bass.
- Only largemouth and Kentucky bass can be weighed in.
- All boats must remain in tournament waters during tournament hours except in the case of an emergency such as severe weather. In the event of severe weather a boat may be trailered and re-launched after conditions have improved.
- All competitors must remain in their boats during tournament hours except in the case of an emergency such as personal injury, severe weather, or trips to a restroom.
- All fishing must be done from within the boat while on tournament waters.
- All boats must check out at the beginning of tournament and must check in at the end of day. Competitors more than 15 minutes late to weigh in will be disqualified.
- Competitors that fail to check in will be reported to local authorities as missing. It is imperative that competitors not able to finish a tournament notify the tournament director so that all boats can be accounted for at the tournament's end.
- Only fish weighed in during official tournament hours, brought in by water will count. In the event of mechanical break down or an emergency competitors may be towed by another boat or enter the boat of another competitor.
- Ties will be resolved by the largest fish of each person. The next largest fish will be used in the event of a tie in the in the largest fish and so on until the tie is broken.

Liability Waiver: Each person will agree to indemnify the Marion County Extension Office, Jefferson Bass Assassin's 4-H Club, Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Tournament Directors against any and all liability, including death as agreed of fishing this tournament and shall hold as harmless all parties thereto.