

Employee & Customer Appreciation Bass Tournament Rules

1.) Participants and Eligibility

All Miller Industries employees, customers and their guest are eligible for the event. All guest must fish with a current employee or customer. Vendors, suppliers, and other industry associates eligibility will be determined by the tournament officials. Anyone under the age of 18 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult and have permission from parent or guardian. Two Fisherman to a boat.

2.) Entry Fees

The tournament entry fee of \$25, per person, will go towards the prize money. Any monies over the amount of the total purse will be donated to the Wall of the Fallen Survivor Fund. All local tournament contestants must pay their entry fee to the tournament officials by September 1st, 2007. All non-local contestants shall pay their entry at the tournament registration, September 16th, 2007.

3.) Tournament Hours

Tournament hours will be from safe light to 11:00 am. We reserve the right to assign flights and change hours if necessary.

4.) Safety

Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Each boat must have current registration, insurance and must meet the proper safety requirements of State and Federal regulations. Each competitor is asked to wear a Coast Guard Approved life vest, securely fastened, at all times while the boat is being propelled by the combustion engine. Each competitor's boat must be equipped with a live well system capable of keeping a tournament limit of bass alive. Boats that do not have factory installed gas tanks must be strapped down.

5.) Sportsmanship

Each contestant is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. NO team may fish within 50 yards of any other boat or fuel dock.

6.) Tackle and fishing Methods

Only artificial baits may be used. No live or cut bait is permitted (pork baits are permitted). All bass must be caught alive in a legal and sporting manner. No snagging. Each competitor may only use 1 rod at a time. No more than 1 line in the water at a time per angler. Trolling with the combustion motor is not permitted. No competitor may leave the boat to land or catch fish.

7.) State and Federal Game Regulations

All participants are required to abide by all state and federal laws and game regulations. Any participant who consumes, or is under the influence of alcoholic beverages, stimulants or depressants during the tournament will have their catch disqualified.

8.) Scoring

A limit of 5 Bass (largemouth, smallmouth & spotted bass) may be weighed in. Minimum lengths are as follows- Largemouth 15" or bigger, Smallmouth- ONLY one at least 18" or bigger. Lengths will be measured with mouth closed on Golden Rule ruler. A short fish brought to the scales will not be weighed, and will result in a 1 pound penalty. Dead fish will be penalized ½ pound per fish. The dead fish penalty will also apply to any fish weighed as a Big Fish if that fish is dead. All culling must be done on the lake; no team may have more than the tournament limit in the live well at any time during the tournament, with the exception of dead fish.

9.) Emergencies

Competitors shall remain with their partners in the boat at all times during the tournament, except in the event of sickness or brief excursions for “nature calling”, severe storm or other such hazard. If for any reason either or both team members decide to leave the tournament waters early, both members shall bear full responsibility for notifying a tournament official. If one team member leaves the water early, he/she may not return and resume fishing. However, his/her partner may continue fishing for the remainder of the tournament hours. In case of a breakdown, one partner may return with fish by another tournament boat while the other partner is permitted to stay with the disabled boat.

10.) Weigh-in Procedures

Weigh-in will be on a first come first serve basis. Once fish have been presented to the weigh master to be weighed-in no additional fish may be brought to the scales. A tournament bag will be used to weight the fish with; you may use your own bag to bring the fish to the scales with. Teams not weighing any fish are still required to check in with tournament officials in order to account for all teams.

11.) Late Penalty

Competitors who are not checked in by the check in deadline will be penalized at a rate of 1 pound per minute, up to 15 minutes at which time their catch will be disqualified. Late penalties will be deducted from “Big Fish” weight as well as total weight.

12.) Rules Interpretation

Interpretation of these rules will be left to the Tournament Director. Infractions of any rule may result in disqualification of catch.

Please read carefully and sign

In consideration for the privilege of participation in this Miller Industries employee & customer appreciation Tournament, I hereby release all tournament officials and Miller Industries from all claims of injury and/or damages incurred In connection with this event, I also declare that I possess the proper watercraft insurance policies to cover any Losses or injuries sustained by me or my partner while participating in this event. I have read all rules pertaining To participation and eligibility, and will be subject to applicable penalties if any of these rules are violated.

Boater/Captain Name (Please Print)

Boater/Captain Signature

Date

Non-Boater / Teammate Name (Please Print)

Non-Boater / Teammate Name

Date

For Further Information Contact the Tournament Director
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