

RIP-N-LIP'S ANNUAL BASS TOURNAMENT RULES

- Date: June 3, 2023
- Meeting: 05:00 @ "The Old Resort" Campground where the marina used to be.
- Check-In: Prineville Reservoir @ The Old Resort (Look for yurts)
Friday June 2nd 1800-2000 Saturday June 3rd 0430-0500
- Blast Off: Safe Light
- Weigh-In: You can weigh-in starting at 1300. Mandatory weigh-in for boats 1-25 will be at 1500. Boats 25 and up weigh-in at 1515.

The Tournament rules are designed to enable contestants to use angling skills, experiences and techniques to compete effectively while remaining within the framework that gives everyone the same competitive opportunity. The Tournament Committee is charged with the responsibility to activate and enforce the following tournament rules.

- 1. Eligibility:** Contestants must meet the following requirements to be eligible to compete:
 - Be a Federal Employee, State or Rural Firefighter, retiree, private contractor, or BIA Firefighter or a family member of employee.
 - Be a guest of an employee, retiree or immediate family member that does not belong to an organized bass fishing club. **Guests that do belong to an organized bass fishing club will only be considered if they get approval from the Committee. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone.**
- 2. Contestants:** There must be at least one Federal Employee, State, or Rural Firefighter, retiree, private contractor, BIA Firefighter, or a family member of an employee in each boat.
- 3. Safety:** It is the contestant's responsibility to follow and obey ALL Oregon Safe Boating Regulations.
- 4. Sportsmanship:** Good sportsmanship and fair play shall be practiced at all times. This includes not encroaching upon areas where other people are fishing, whether they are contestants of the tournament or not.
- 5. Tackle:** **Only artificial lures will be used.**
- 6. Boat:** All fishing will be done from a boat. All contestants will leave and return to the starting point by boat. Boats cannot be trailered from one location to another location during tournament hours. Electronic and mechanical fishing aids are permitted.
- 7. Pre-Fishing:** **Pre-fishing will not be permitted after May 29th at 21:00.**
- 8. Weigh-in:** When presenting fish to be measured, the contestant cannot touch the fish while the official takes the measurement. Once fish are presented to the Weigh Master, they immediately become the "official catch" of the contest and they become the possession of the Weigh Master to measure, weigh and record as such. Any Angler may

request a one-time immediate “re-weigh” of their fish before leaving the scale area. At this time all live fish are the property of the Weigh Master.

9. **Qualifying fish:** Fish can be any black bass and must be kept alive for weigh-in otherwise will be docked 1/2 pound per dead fish. Limit is 5 fish per team (this doesn't include your trash fish). Please bring your fish up in your release bag given to you filled with water.
10. **Scoring:** Scoring will be on a team basis and will be the total weight (minus any penalties) of the fish each team weighs in. The weigh-in team will have the final say in determining qualifying fish in the event of a dispute. In the event of a tie in a total weight, the team with the largest fish wins. If both large fish are the same or if no large fish has been declared, a flip of a coin by a tournament official shall determine who wins.
11. **Penalties and Disqualifications: Penalties and Disqualifications fall into four categories:**
 - a. Fish: ½ pound (0.50 lb) Deducted from total weight for each dead fish weighed in. Contestants must make every attempt to keep their fish alive so they can be released after the weigh in. Contestants that do not have the factory installed live wells in their boat must use an aerator in their holding container (Example: A battery powered aerator in an ice chest is acceptable). Also make sure your fish are brought up in your release bag filled with water. Trash Fish will not receive the .50 deduction for being dead.
 - b. If more than 5 bass are brought to the scales, then the largest bass will be removed from the bag and only the 5 remaining fish will be weighed. The bass removed will not count toward the Big Fish Award.
 - c. Late Returns: One tenth (0.10) of a pound will be deducted from the total weight of a team for each minute their boat returns late. If a boat returns later than 5 minutes after the deadline, the team is disqualified unless discussed with the Tournament Committee.
 - d. Rule Violations: Contestants are disqualified for not participating in the live well check held before the boats are blasted off, or for breaking any tournament rules.
12. **Appeals:** Questions, comments and constructive criticism is welcome but any complaints and appeals must be presented to the tournament committee, in writing, within 30 minutes of the end of the weigh-in. Decisions of the weigh-in committee will be final.
13. **Awards:** The total weight will determine the place; top 6 boats will receive prizes. Big Bass Award will be determined on heaviest bass and will receive half of the 50/50 pot. Trash Fish Award will go to the person with the heaviest fish that isn't a bass and will receive half of the Trash Fish 50/50 pot. All contestants will be given a raffle ticket. A raffle for other prizes will be held after the prize ceremony along with a silent and live auction.

The Tournament Committee for 2023 are:

Scott Brewer, Sam Percy, Teresa Legris, Jeff Priest, and Jared Nelson