
eFishOn's 1st Annual Bass Tournament



Tournament Rules and Regulations

Section 1: Purpose

To stimulate awareness of bass fishing as a major sport. To improve our skills as bass anglers through a fellowship of friendly exchange of expert bass catching techniques and ideas, as well as, a love for this great recreation.

Section 2: Requirements for Tournament Membership

To become a tournament member, a person shall:

- (a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in the sport of bass fishing.
- (b) Be invited either directly or by reference by one of the official eFishOn.com staff.
- (c) Have paid entry fees by deadline communicated on the eFishOn.com (tournament section) website agreed upon by the official eFishOn.com staff.

Section 3: Tournament Entry Fees

The tournament entry fee shall be \$35.00 per annual event and is subject to change. This fee shall include campsite arrangements, weekend food and beverage, official eFishOn tournament T-shirt, and tournament trophies (issued for total weight and for biggest bass).

Section 4: Removal of Tournament Membership

A member shall be dropped from tournament membership enrollment for the following:

- (a) Failure to pay dues.
- (b) Any action which would reflect dishonor and disgrace to eFishOn, The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, or any other God fearing conservation organization.
- (c) Failure to attend 50% of the weekend activities and functions during the official weekend time allotment. This may include such activities as excessive drinking games, horseshoes, flag football. etc...
- (d) Disqualification for any reason from the official eFishOn tournament rules (see Section 5) or any other officially sponsored eFishOn events.

Section 5: eFishOn Annual Bass Tournament Rules

I. ELIGIBILITY

- 1. Must be an invitee of eFishOn.
- 2. Must pay entry fee before deadline.
- 3. No refunds of tournament fees.

II. REGISTRATION

- 1. Check-in time will be no later than one hour before tournament start.
- 2. Check-in after the tournament will be in blast-off order. Everyone must check in.

III. SPORTSMANSHIP

1. Courtesy and safety must be practiced at all times.
2. A contestant may not leave the lake during a tournament, unless there is an emergency. In the case of an emergency, the contestant and their partner must notify another member.
3. A reasonable distance must be maintained between boats while fishing.
4. Failure to comply with the above rules may result in tournament disqualification.
5. No fishing while being towed.
6. Contestant shall keep fish alive well until their turn to approach the weigh-in table (in blast-off order).
7. eFishOn frowns upon keeping bass after the weigh-in (unless we have a fish fry). However, the largest fish may be kept for mounting purposes without penalty.

IV. TACKLE

1. Artificial lures and / or live bait may be used.
2. You may use only two rods at a time (for those willing to put down their beer).
3. No trolling is permitted (however, trolling motors are fine for positioning).

V. FISH CONDITION

1. Only largemouth and smallmouth bass will be judged.
2. Fish must be state legal size (14 inches) with mouth closed to keep. If a short fish is weighed in, the contestant will lose the illegal fish plus their largest fish.
3. Limits will consist of 3 fish for each contestant for tournament judging.

4. Fish must be free of debris and in a presentable condition. Tournament director will determine penalties for fish not in a presentable condition.
5. No fish will be handled by anyone other than the tournament director and the contestant at weigh-in.

VI. SCORING

1. Tournament winner will be determined by total weight. All ties will be broken by length of the largest fish. If there is a tie on the length of the largest fish, the length of the next largest fish will break the tie and so on.
2. There will also be a Biggest Bass contest which will be determined by individual weight. All ties will be broken by length of the largest fish. If there is a tie on the length of the largest fish, the length of the next largest fish will break the tie and so on.
3. Dead fish will result in a penalty of 3 ounces for every dead fish weighed in.

3 ounces = . 18 lbs.

VII. SAFETY

1. No one will fish without the safety equipment required by state law.
2. Tournament may be canceled because of inclement weather conditions. Only the tournament director can cancel a tournament.
3. The tournaments will be considered legal at the halfway point.
4. Life jackets MUST be worn and fastened while the main engine is running. Smaller boats will require floatation cushions.

VIII. COMPLAINTS

All complaints or rule violations must be brought to the attention of the tournament director before weigh-in.

VIII. BOAT EQUIPMENT

Boat should be able to maintain buoyancy at least until official weigh-in (in blast-off order).

X. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Tournament lakes must have sufficient acreage for amount of boats participating in the tournament.
2. Tournament lakes may have to have a boat rental for those in need (see eFishOn.com for tournament news and updates).
3. Tournament lakes must have a public or private access suitable to accommodate all boats in the tournament.
4. All Michigan boating and fishing regulations must be followed.