



## KINGS OF RAYBURN COMPETITION RULES, INTERPRETATION & ENFORCEMENT



Interpretation and enforcement of these rules will be left exclusively to LONE STAR BASS TRAIL. Decisions of the tournament director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal. Each Angler agrees to report any rule violation to the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the violation. Failure to report violations may be cause for disqualification. The violation of a tournament rule may result in, but is not limited to, weight loss, the loss of weight up to a specific time in the tournament day, the loss of weight for the entire day and or disqualification from the entire tournament.

### 1. LAWS, BOATS, SAFETY AND WEATHER

- LONE STAR BASS TRAIL Anglers must adhere to all federal, state and local laws. Anglers are required to contact the LONE STAR BASS TRAIL tournament director in charge with any questions or concerns.
- Each Angler/Team will be permitted to use their boat for tournament competition and should be fully equipped with all essentials to meet state water safety requirements including proper insurance.
- The Angler/Team must have his boat's Kill Switch connected any time the combustion engine is in gear. If the Angler/Team does not comply with the Kill Switch rule the boat must be shut down until Angler attaches the Kill Switch.
- Personal floatation device. Each Angler/Team must wear a Coast Guard-approved chest-type life preserver and must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition any time the combustion engine is in gear. If the Angler does not comply with the above the boat must be shut down until all passengers have met the Flotation Device rule.
- The tournament director or his designee has the right to delay, shorten or cancel the start of an event because of bad weather or other factors that would endanger the safety of the competitors.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- This tournament is open to invitation only
- Anyone age 18 or under must be accompanied by an adult (over 18 years old) and must complete a Minor Liability Release Form
- Invitations will be given to the top 100 teams by a dedicated point system assigned to each team per Lone Star Bass trail
  - Teams that qualify with more than one partner may choose which partner they fish with.
  - Anyone qualified without a partner or their partner is unable to fish may substitute one time only. This sub can be another invitee or a sub that has not earned an invitation.

- Invitees may fish alone if desired
- Points are awarded by place of finish in any tournament on Rayburn over 50 boats that post their full results online.
- Winners of the Team of the Year “On Fish” winners of the Open Team Series also qualify automatically
- In the event a team is unable to confirm the invitation the next team in line will receive an invite
- In the event of a team member qualifying with 2 different partners each member can choose which team they fish with.

- The Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse entry to any angler

### **3. ENTRY AND ENTRY FEES:**

- The entry fee per team is \$500
- A \$100.00 non-refundable deposit must be paid by 12/10/22 to hold your spot, balance for the event must be paid by 12/24/22
- All invitees must be registered by 12/24/22 at midnight
- Payback will be 1:7 boats
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place is guaranteed \$15,000 (with a full 100 boat field)
- Sample Payout based on 100 boats
  - 1<sup>st</sup> \$15,000
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> \$ 7,000
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> \$ 3,500
  - 4<sup>th</sup> \$ 2,500
  - 5<sup>th</sup> \$ 2,000
  - 6<sup>th</sup> \$ 1,500
  - 7<sup>th</sup> \$ 1,500
  - 8<sup>th</sup> \$ 1,500
  - 9<sup>th</sup> \$ 1,500
  - 10<sup>th</sup> \$ 1,500
  - 11<sup>th</sup> \$ 1,000
  - 12<sup>th</sup> \$ 1,000

- 13<sup>th</sup> \$ 1,000
- 14<sup>th</sup> \$ 1,000
- 15<sup>th</sup> \$ 1,000
- Big Fish \$2000

#### **4. OFF LIMITS**

- There is no official off limits except:
- Any area marked as off limits by the COE or TPWD

#### **5. SPORTSMANSHIP**

- LONE STAR BASS TRAIL Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any violation of the standards may be deemed cause for disqualification.
- Maximum courtesy must always be practiced, especially regarding boating and angling in the vicinity of competitors and non-competitors who may be on tournament waters.
- The use of Alcohol or non-prescription drugs is strictly prohibited up and through weigh in. Any violations may result in disqualification of catch up to banning from competing in future events

#### **6. REGISTRATION**

- This is strictly online registration only and you must be registered by 12/24/2022

#### **7. TRAILERING/TAKE OFF/CHECK IN**

- This event will be a trailering event,
- All competitors weighing fish must return to the Cassels Boykin Pavilion
- Every team should be aware of launch and weigh in times, tournament director has the authority to stagger weigh-in times to allow for smooth flows of weigh ins to limit the time fish are in bags
- Each boat at the designated weigh in time must check in at the pavilion to avoid late penalties. Scale closure times will be announced when you check in.

#### **8. LONE STAR TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S ROLE**

- Interpretation and enforcement of rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director and/or his assigned designees at the competition.
- In the event of a rule violation, the tournament director and/or his designees may impose such sanctions as disqualification and/or prohibition from participation in subsequent LONE STAR BASS TRAIL competitions.
- Subject to appeal, the decision of the tournament directors and/or his designees, or a special rules committee established by the tournament director shall be final in all matters.
- Serves as the on-site liaison between the anglers as required

## **9. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT**

- Use of nets for landing bass is permitted.
- Only artificial lures can be used and must follow state guidelines.
- Only one rod/reel combo may be used at a time
- All bass must be caught in a conventional sporting manner.

## **10. SCORABLE FISH**

- A scorable fish must be a minimum of 14"
- The limit is 5 fish and once the 6th fish is caught it must be culled immediately
- No dead fish may be culled
- Any dead fish brought to weigh in will result in a ½ pound penalty. (.50 lb)
- No dead fish will be weighed for big fish

## **11. SCORING**

- The total weight of each team's limit will determine winner and place finishers

## **12. TIE BREAKERS**

- In the event of a tie for first place only there will be a 3-hour fish off between the tied teams
- For all other finishes the finishes in question will be combined and divided among the tied teams

## **13. POLYGRAPH**

- All invitees are subject to random polygraphs