

2012 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. ALL STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS APPLY
2. Every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment
3. Each boat must have a working kill switch
4. All boats must have a mechanically aerated live well
5. All competitors are required to wear a life vest when the boats gasoline engine is on.
6. **DRUGS & ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are not allowed.
7. A minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance is required
8. All contestants must have a valid fishing license for each state waters fished. (Boater must have safe boaters certificate if fishing New Hampshire waters)
9. Protests must be brought to the attention of the tournament Director before the official weigh-in begins. The tournament Director's decision will be final
10. Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait allowed.
11. Only one fishing rod per angler allowed at one time may be used. No trolling allowed
12. Fishing permitted anywhere on tournament waters
13. A limit of 5 bass per boater and co-angler, minimum length 12"
14. Culling fish must be done immediately when 6th fish is caught. **(Cannot be done at the ramp)**
15. More than 5 fish presented at weigh-in will result in loss of weight of biggest fish.
16. Any short fish turned in at weigh-in will not count & a **1lb PENALTY** will be assessed for each short fish
17. A **.50 PENALTY** will be assessed for each dead fish
18. A **1lb PENALTY** will be assessed for each minute late. More than 15 minutes late will disqualify that team
19. Tournament winners will be determined by the total pounds & ounces of catch(5 fish limit)
20. A tie for 1st place will be determined by the # of fish, then heaviest fish, all other ties will stand & the monies will be combined and paid out equally
21. Launch position will be determined by random draw at each event at 6:40am. Participants that show up after draw will be sent away.
22. Infringement of these rules shall be considered cause for disqualification
23. We reserve the right to refuse entry to any applicant
24. Points will be 200 first place, 199 for 2nd, 198 for 3rd and so on.
25. Only Largemouth and Smallmouth may be weighed in
26. Nets will be allowed
27. No cut off for pre-fishing
28. Pro Am Style trail-pro anglers w/co-anglers-Blind draw
29. Open Trail
30. Must check in by 6:30am
31. Boats must be in water by 6:30am
32. Tournament briefing and draw will take place at 6:40am.
33. Top 10 Boaters and top 10 Co-anglers will be invited to TOC.
34. Co-Angler must fish from back of the boat
35. Must be a Federation Nation of Massachusetts member to be eligible to receive any give away prizes that are given out at TOC.
36. Participants must check in with the assigned check in boat at the end of the event.
37. Tournament Committee will pull their boats first, no other boats will be allowed to pull unless otherwise mentioned in the A.M. briefing.