

# TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Registration opens January 8, 2026.
2. Deadline for entry: At Blast Off Saturday, March 28, 2026 - at Elbert Boat Ramp, Hwy 72 East of Elberton, GA.
3. Launch sequence win be determined by when entry fee is received.
4. All live wells will be checked prior to tournament
5. **Scoring**
  - a.) A limit of 5 bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass) may be weighed in. Any team bringing more than 5 fish to scales will lose biggest fish to get down to legal limit of 5.
  - b.) Minimum length will be 12 inches. Length will be measured on a "Straight Board" mouth closed
  - c.) A short fish brought to the scales will result in a 1-pound penalty. Two short fish will result in disqualification.
  - d.) Dead fish will be penalized .25 (1/4) lb.
  - e.) All calling must be done on the lake, no team may have more than 5 fish in live well at anytime during tournament with the exception of dead fish.
  - f.) Late penalty is one pound (1 lb.) per minute up to 15 minutes. Disqualifications after 15 minutes.
6. All LIVE fish will be released.
7. **ONLY artificial baits may be used. No live or cut bait is permitted All bass must be caught alive in a legal and sporting manner. No snagging. No Trolling. Each competitor must use only 1 rod at a time.**
8. Anchor Rule: A team boat sitting with trolling motor up and anchor out, all other team boats in this tournament must stay 50 yards away.
9. All teams and their boats are to remain in the water at all times during tournament hours except for emergencies or at the direction of the tournament director. Teams may trailer boat prior to weighing their catch.
10. In case of breakdown, one team member may bring fish to weigh-in in another team's boat.
11. Alcoholic beverages will not be allowed during tournament hours.
12. Good sportsmanship is expected from all teams. Disorderly conduct will be reason for disqualification.
13. All complaints or protests should be made to the director within 15 minutes after conclusion of weigh in.
14. All decisions by the tournament officials will be final.
15. All teams are to abide by STATE RULES and REGULATIONS.
16. Any team is subject to POLYGRAPH test! Refusal or failure will result in automatic disqualification and forfeit of winnings.

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Cut Along Dotted Line

<b>2026 ENTRY FORM</b>		No.
Name:		Phone:
Address:		Email:
City:	State:	Zip:
Partner:		Phone:
Address:		Email:
City:	State:	Zip:
<i>Our signature below releases all sponsors and officials from any and all responsibility and liability. We also understand that any team placing will be subject to a polygraph exam.</i>		
Signed: _____		Signed: _____