



TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Artificial lures only No live or prepared baits! No Trolling! Only 1 rod/angler in use at any one time.
2. All contestants **must** comply with all PA Fish and Boat Commission rules & regulations.
3. Horsepower must comply with B.I.A. rating on the capacity plate in the boat.
4. Each boat must have **at least one** properly operating aerated live well.
5. Life jackets must be worn and properly closed (snapped or zipped) at all times while the outboard engine is running. Kill switches must be attached to life jackets if you boat is so equipped.
6. All fishing must be done from the boat. Contestants may not leave their boat during the tournament without permission from the Tournament Director.
7. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Both team member must stay together when returning to the weigh-in site until after their fish have been weighed-in, unless otherwise instructed.
8. The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is **strictly prohibited** during the tournament.
9. Prizes will be awarded by total weight. Ties will be broken by the weight of the largest fish (lunker) weighed in by the team.
10. Each team is allowed **5 fish at least 15 in.** length, measured by the longest straight line with the mouth closed and tail slightly compressed. Any team attempting to weigh in a short fish will be **disqualified** from the event!
11. For each legal bass brought to the weigh scales dead, a 4 ounce penalty (.25 lb on digital scales) will be imposed. Any fish to be weighed in for a "lunker" must be alive. Competitors who are not at the check in point at or before the prescribed time will be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute to be deducted from the total weight of their catch, including any weight to be counted toward a "Lunker Award". Any competitor that is 15 minutes or more late to the check in shall lose all credit for that days catch.
12. Contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, safety, courtesy and conservation. Any team showing signs of obvious disrespect for this rule will be subject to disciplinary action by the Tournament Officials.
13. Tournament Officials may withhold prize monies if foul play is suspected during the tournament, pending completion of an investigation.
14. Columbia County Commissioners, Columbia Montour Visitor's Bureau, the Borough of Berwick, Columbia County Bassmasters, the Sponsors, the Hosts, and the Tournament Officials shall not be responsible for accidents, injury, damages and/or personal loss relating to this tournament.
15. Any contestant/team found in violation of any of these rules will be subject to review by the Tournament Officials. This review may result in the team being **disqualified** from the tournament. All decisions made by the Tournament Officials are FINAL!

BOAT CHECK/BOAT LAUNCHING

1. Registration and boat checks will be conducted at the Test Track Access ramp parking lot beginning at 3:00 A.M. All boats must check-in with tournament officials prior to launch the morning of the tournament. All teams will be given a boat number. This number must be shown at both take-off and check-in.
2. All teams must have their live well checked and a ribbon attached to their boat prior to the start of the tournament.
3. In preparation for the tournament start, try to line your boat up in numeric order. Boats must idle past the Tournament Official standing on the launch ramp in numeric order to start tournament. Launch times will be as follows: 1st Flight-5:45 AM, 2nd Flight-6:00 AM, 3rd Flight 6:15 AM, and 4th Flight 6:30 AM.

CHECK IN/WEIGH-IN

1. All boats must return to the check-in site regardless of having fish caught or not. All boats must idle by the end of the dock and show their boat identification number. Failure to check-in with the Tournament Official on the dock will result in disqualification from the tournament. If you leave the tournament early, place the identification number at the check-in station under the canopy.
2. Check in time will be: 1st Flight- 1:45 PM, 2nd Flight-2:00 PM, 3rd Flight 2:15 PM, 4th Flight-2:30 PM. Any boat returning to the check-in late will be assessed a **1 pound/minute penalty**.
3. To ensure the health of the fish, there will be a limited number of bags used for weigh-in. Please obtain an official weigh-in bag from the Tournament Officials before bringing your fish to the scales. Please use our bags **ONLY!** If you do not use the tournament bags, you will be disqualified. **All rules will be enforced.**