

Official Entry Application  
62nd Annual Texas State Bass Tournament

Angler 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Angler 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Check if "Youth"

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Bass Club , College , or High School  (Check if applicable & provide org. name)

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

ST\* Boat Captain's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Check here if your Team is entered as a "Bass Club Top 6"

Enter Me/Us in the Following Division (Check One):

- \_\_\_\_\_ INDIVIDUAL \$40 (after 4/17/17 - \$50)
- \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM \$50 (after 4/17/17 - \$60)
- \_\_\_\_\_ COUPLES \$50 (after 4/17/17 - \$60)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT/BOY \$50 (after 4/17/17 - \$60)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT/GIRL \$50 (after 4/17/17 - \$60)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SENIOR TEAM \$50 (after 4/17/17 - \$60)
- \_\_\_\_\_ COLLEGE TEAM \$50 (after 4/17/17 - \$60)
- \_\_\_\_\_ HIGH SCHOOL TEAM\* \$50 (after 4/17/17 - \$60)

My signature below reflects that I have read the Participant Agreement, Release, & Risk Acknowledgement, understand it completely, understand that it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. References herein to "I", "my", "myself", and other first-person references shall include any child or ward for whom I sign.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Angler 1)

Angler 1 Parent (If Minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Angler 2)

Angler 2 Parent (If Minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with check or money order to:

Texas State Bass Tournament  
1025 Estates Drive  
Kennedale, TX 76060

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**Participant Agreement, Release, & Risk Acknowledgement**

In consideration of The Texas State Bass Tournament allowing me to participate in this tournament, I acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I have read and understand the description of the Tournament and the Official Rules of this Tournament. I will obey all rules and understand that any violation may result in immediate disqualification without refund of my entry fee.

2. I understand and acknowledge that competitive fishing is a dangerous sport, the risks of which include, though not exclusively, drowning, collisions in the water, and injuries from hooks and other fishing paraphernalia. I voluntarily assume responsibility for these risks, identified and not identified, and all risk of injury or death or damage to myself or my property or to others, including spectators and their property, arising from my participation in the tournament.

3. I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify The Texas State Bass Tournament, its shareholders, officers, directors, agents and employees, the host, sponsors and tournament officials and its partners, agents of employees, and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or rights of action which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this tournament, including specifically but not limited to the negligent acts or omissions of The Texas State Bass Tournament, its shareholders, officers, directors, agents and employees, the host, sponsors and tournament officials, and its partners, agents or employees and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament, for any and all injury, death, illness or disease, and other damage or loss to property suffered by myself or others. In signing this document, I acknowledge and agree that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged while I am engaged in this event, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against The Texas State Bass Tournament, its shareholders, officers, directors, agents or employees, the host, sponsors, officials and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament, even if they or any of them negligently caused the bodily injury or property damage.

4. Any suit brought by me against The Texas Sate Bass Tournament as a result of my participation in this tournament will be brought in state or county court in Dallas County, Texas, where the principal office of The Texas State Bass Tournament is located. Should it become necessary for the Texas State Bass Tournament or someone on its behalf, to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, or any portion thereof, I agree to pay the reasonable costs and attorney's fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

5. I have sufficient health, accident and liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage incurred by myself or others as a result of my participation in this event. If I have no such insurance, I represent that I am capable of paying for any and all such expenses or liability.

6. I have no past or present medication or psychological condition that might affect my participation in the tournament in such a way as to cause harm to myself or others.

7. I give The Texas State Bass Tournament permission to use my name and photograph for promotional purposes. I agree to submit to and accept the results of the polygraph test given at this event.

Established in 1956



Known for his engaging personality, down-home writing style and self-effacing humor, Earl Golding began his career as a sportswriter at the *Tribune-Herald* in 1949 and started covering outdoors sports the following year.

In 1955, during an era when recreational activities in Texas were on the rise at newly created reservoirs, Golding hatched the idea of a "bass tournament" to determine the best fisherman in Texas. Held, by invitation only, at the recently impounded Lake

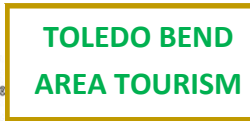
Whitney, it was the first competitive bass tournament in the state and the first known competitive bass tournament in the nation. A total of 75 anglers were invited and 73 showed up to fish.

Golding noted in a 1998 Interview, "When word got out about the 1955 event, we got letters from all over the state saying they wanted to be involved. So the next year, we decided to make it the (Texas) State Bass Tournament." The Tournament has continued its tradition every year since, and for his vision, Golding was inducted into both the Texas State Bass Tournament Hall of Fame and the **Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame** in 1998.

Over the years, the State Tournament added various competitive Divisions to encourage family and youth participation. As a result, the field today includes everyone from young anglers participating in their first tournament to seasoned veterans that are among the best in the state. Bucking the trend to lure anglers with high dollar prizes, the State Tournament draws contestants year-in and year-out with only one goal in mind: to join the ranks of other legendary anglers who have claimed the title as "**Texas State Bass Fishing Champion**".

In recognition of its historical significance and its commitment to furthering the sport of competitive fishing, the State Tournament was inducted into the **Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame** in 2016.

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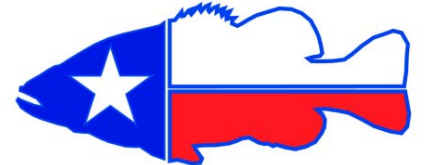
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**TEXAS STATE BASS TOURNAMENT**

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Toledo Bend Reservoir  
Fin & Feather Resort  
April 29&30, 2017



**2016 State Champions**

Team Division: Phil Marks (Dallas) & John Barns (Dallas)

Couples Division: Chris & Kristina Baggett (Dayton)

Senior Team Division – Curtis Smith (Hemphill) & James Edgerly (Six Mile)

Adult & Boy Division – Terry & Lane Stevens (Hutto)

Adult & Girl Division – Mark & Natalie Wych (Huntington)

High School Team Division – Devon Anderson & Brandon Lavender (Jacksonville HS)

Bass Club Top 6 – Ft. Worth Westside Bass Club (Team 2)

**2016 Big Bass**

Overall: 1 Weldon Sherrell (Rhome) - 8.41 lbs

2 Norman Terry (Jacksonville) - 8.32 lbs

3 James Edgerly (Six Mile) 7.81 lbs

Boy: Weldon Sherrell (Rhome) - 8.41 lbs



