

# 64<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TEXAS STATE BASS TOURNAMENT

April 27-28, 2019

Toledo Bend Reservoir @ Fin & Feather Resort

## Key Times and Tournament Limits

### Friday, April 26th

Check-in at Fin & Feather Resort (Mandatory\*\*) 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

### Saturday, April 27th

All Divisions 6:00 AM First Cast (Sunrise @ 6:35 AM)  
Couples, Adult/Boy, Adult/Girl & Sr. Team 3:00 PM Weigh-In \*\*\*  
Individual, High School, College & Team Divisions 3:30 PM Weigh-In \*\*\*  
Tournament Dinner 3:00 PM Immediately after Weigh-in \*\*\*\*

### Sunday, April 28th

All Divisions 6:00 AM First Cast (Sunrise @ 6:34 AM)  
Couples, Adult/Boy, Adult/Girl & Sr. Team 1:00 PM Weigh-In \*\*\*  
Individual, High School, College & Team Divisions 1:30 PM Weigh-In \*\*\*  
Awards Presentation\*\*\*\*\* After Final Weigh-In

**Daily Limits:** All Team Divisions: Five (5) fish per Team per day, 14 inches or longer  
Individual Division: Five (5) fish per angler per day, 14 inches or longer

- \*\* All Tournament participants or their delegate must check in at the Fin & Feather Resort Tournament Headquarters on Friday from 4-10 pm.  
\*\*\* Weigh-in for all Divisions will be at the Fin & Feather Resort Boat Ramp. The scales will be open 1 hour prior to the above weigh-in times.  
\*\*\*\* The traditional Saturday dinner will begin at 3:00 PM and conclude around 5:00 PM at Headquarters. Subject to availability all contestants and their guests will receive a meal at no cost. Contestants must weigh their fish prior to eating.  
\*\*\*\*\* The Tournament Awards Presentation and door prize drawings will be held near the weigh-in area. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN DOOR PRIZES.

## Texas State Bass Tournament Rules

The following rules of this Tournament are established in the best interest of all fishermen and sponsors. The TSBT will be governed by these rules. The Tournament Director will have the final decision on all matters.

- RULES CHANGES:** The following rules will remain unchanged throughout the event. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director. In the event of a rule violation the Director may impose such sanctions as he deems appropriate including, without limitation, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in future Tournaments. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final in all matters. It is at the Tournament Committee's discretion to make a change where safety is a concern. All Federal, State, and local laws must be obeyed and it is the contestant's responsibility to know these laws.
- PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY:** Any Fisherman currently or formerly residing in the State of Texas is eligible to fish, unless he or she has been a paid guide on the Tournament Lake in the 12 months prior to the Tournament dates. These guides will not be permitted to fish the TSBT. A guide may not be hired for the Tournament Lake within seven days prior to the Tournament.
- ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS:** At no time during Tournament hours are any alcoholic beverages or nonprescription drugs allowed in the boat or to be consumed.
- DIVISIONS:** Anglers may enter only one of the following eight Divisions: INDIVIDUAL (if two Individual contestants fish together, each contestant must land his own fish); TEAM (both Team members must fish together in the same boat); COLLEGE (same as Team); COUPLES (same as Team); SENIOR TEAM (same as Team but both entrants must be age 60 or older); ADULT/BOY and ADULT/GIRL (Youth must be Age 16 or younger as of the Tournament date. Otherwise, same rules as Team.); HIGH SCHOOL TEAM (Both anglers must be in Grades 9-12 with an Adult Boat Captain. Otherwise, same rules as Team.)
- SPORTSMANSHIP:** All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or any state or local laws, or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will be disqualified. Encroachment is considered a sportsmanship rule.
- REGISTRATION:** All contestants or their delegate, including mail-in entries, must check in at Tournament Headquarters prior to the Tournament. Check-in and Late Registration will be open from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the Friday preceding the Tournament.
- BOATS & MOTORS:** There is no horsepower limit; however, no engine may exceed the BIA horsepower rating for the boat on which it is used. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and state regulations. All motor-powered boats must have an emergency kill switch. Extra gas tanks must be secured and must meet U.S. Coast Guard specifications. Adequate live wells, either built-in or portable, are mandatory on each boat and must provide aeration to maintain fish in good condition.
- SAFETY:** Boating safety must be observed at all times during competition. A U.S. Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver must be on and fastened any time the combustible engine is operative, and the kill switch must be attached to the driver. It is both partners' responsibility to ensure adherence to these rules.
- TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner. Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. No trolling is permitted with outboard engine. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one (1) rod may be used at a time. Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made.
- FISHING HOURS:** The Tournament Committee shall specify the fishing hours for each Division according to safe light conditions and local custom. The hours chosen for this Tournament are provided in the above table of "Key Times & Tournament Limits". The weigh-in line will open 1 hour prior to the weigh-in deadline.
- CATCHING OF FISH:** Anglers in the INDIVIDUAL Division must catch and land his/her own fish. Anglers in the TWO-PERSON DIVISIONS may pool their catch to obtain the prescribed Daily Limit. In all two-person Divisions, the two contestants must stay together during Tournament hours. At no time may any Team or Individual have in his/her possession more than the Daily Limit. In the event a competitor has more than the described Daily Limit in their possession, Tournament officials will cull that competitor's catch, beginning with the largest bass first, down to the prescribed limit.
- LIMITS AND SCORING:** The Daily Limits are 5 FISH PER DAY PER TEAM for the TWO-PERSON DIVISIONS. The Daily Limit for the "INDIVIDUAL DIVISION" is also 5 FISH PER DAY. Each fish must measure 14 inches or longer. Scoring will be based on the weight in pounds and one-hundredths. Largemouth Bass, Kentucky Spotted Bass, and Smallmouth Bass will be counted. Fish will be measured on a flat board with mouth closed and tail compressed. A dead fish penalty of .50 lbs. per fish will be deducted from the total weight. Tournament standings will be determined by the total weight for the competition days of the Tournament. If a bass less than 14 inches in length is presented to the weigh-in officials, the bass will not be allowed and a 1.0 lb. penalty will be assessed.
- LATE PENALTY:** Contestants who are not in the official check-in line on or before the appointed time will be disqualified for that day. You must be in the check-in line before your weigh-in time. Determining the exact check-in times and location with Tournament Staff will be responsibility of each contestant.
- POLYGRAPH:** All contestants, winners, and non-winners, are subject to a polygraph test. Failure to submit to a polygraph test will result in immediate disqualification. Any contestant who has failed a polygraph test for cheating in connection with any bass tournament will not be eligible to compete in The Texas State Bass Tournament.
- PROTESTS:** All protests must be submitted to the Tournament Director in writing within 15 minutes of the final weigh-in.
- CONSERVATION:** This is a primary concern of The Texas State Bass Tournament. Every effort will be made to release as many live fish as possible following weigh-in. Contestants must only use official weigh-in bags provided by The Tournament. Only five (5) fish are permitted per weigh-in bag and adequate water must be maintained in each bag to completely cover the fish.

**The Tournament Director is available @ 903-497-6887 during Tournament Hours.**