

**Toledo Bend Reservoir  
Lost Frontier RV Park & Marina  
April 29 - 30, 2023**

**Tournament Check-In**

All anglers or their delegates are required to check in at the Lost Frontier Marina Pavilion between 4:00pm and 9:00pm on Friday, April 28. **CHECK-IN IS MANDATORY.**

**Key Fishing Times**

	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
First Cast	6:30 am	6:30 am
Weigh-In 1st Flight	3:00 pm *	1:00 pm *
Weigh-In 2nd Flight	3:30 pm	1:30 pm

1st Flight = Couples, Seniors, Adult/Boy, & Adult/Girl  
2nd Flight = Individual, Kayak, & Team  
\* Scales open 1 hour before 1st Flight's weigh-in.

**Awards Summary**

Team Division	1st-15th Place
Individual Division	1st-3rd Place
Couples Division	1st-10th Place
Senior Team Division	1st-3rd Place
Kayak Division	1st-3rd Place
Adult/Boy Division	1st-2nd Place
Adult/Girl Division	1st-2nd Place
Big Bass (Overall for Boater Divisions)	1st-3rd Place
Big Bass (Kayak Division)	1st Place
Youth Big Bass (Boy or Girl)	1st Place
Bass Club Top Six	1st Place **

\*\*The Top 6 winning team will be awarded free entry into the 2023 Fun-N-Sun BCT Top 6 Tournament. Entry Fee Value is \$300.

**Tournament Extras**

A Saturday post-Tournament meal is courtesy of *The No Frills Grill & Sports Bar*. Tackle, tournament caps, door prizes and other gifted items are provided by the Committee, along with a drawing among Early Entries for several pre-paid vouchers for the 2024 TSBT event.



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 competition" 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 anglers 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. In 2016, Golding's creation, **The Texas State Bass Tournament**, was also inducted into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall-of-Fame.

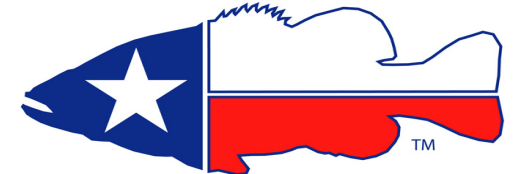
Over the years, the State Tournament added various competitive Divisions to encourage family and youth participation. As a result, the field today includes everyone from young anglers participating in their first tournament to seasoned veterans that are among the best in the state. Bucking the trend 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**".



**Toledo Bend Accommodations**

Sabine County Chamber of Commerce 409-787-2732  
Lost Frontier RV Park/Bar and Grill 409-404-9972  
Holly Park Marina 409-625-4424  
Rodeway Inn & Suites 409-625-3747

*"The world's oldest open bass tournament"*



**TEXAS STATE BASS TOURNAMENT**

Est. 1956

*Inducted into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall-of-Fame in 2016*

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**2022 State Champions**

Individual Division	- Ricky Blake (Lufkin) 19.29 lbs
Couples Division	- Scott & Holly Burns (Flint) 20.31 lbs
Team Division	- Jared Hannah & Kate Talbert (China Spring) 32.47 lbs
Sr. Team Division	- Jerry Bounds (Ft. Worth) & Bob Nash (Azle) 16.35 lbs
Adult & Boy Division	- Harold & Jacob Seago (Corrigan) 10.57 lbs
Adult & Girl Division	- Mike McBurney (Sunnyvale) & Ariana Sullivan (Plano) 22.18 lbs
Bass Club Top 6	- Westside Bass Club-Team 2 (Ft. Worth) - 65.88 lbs
<b>Big Bass</b>	
Overall	- Wes Brownlee (Cleburne) - 9.96 lbs
Youth	- Ariana Sullivan (Plano) - 2.86 lbs

**TexasStateBass.com**

### Tournament Rules for All TSBT Anglers:

The **Stated Rules** applicable to all Texas State Bass Tournament competitors can be found <https://texasstatebass.com>. Printed copies of the Rules will be included in the check-in bag provided to contestants during Tournament Check-in.

### Supplemental Rules Specific to the Kayak Division:

- All anglers must launch from a public access boat ramp.
- Kayak Division Participants agree to follow all State, local and federal laws and all Stated Rules for the Texas State Bass Tournament **except those** pertaining to live wells and kill switches (Ref. **TSBT Rule 7 and Rule 8.**)
- All fish that are counted by Kayak Anglers are to be photographed on an authorized tournament measuring board, the length recorded on the days official **Length Slip**, and immediately released back into the tournament waters.

### Registration:

- TSBT will supply color-coded Length Slips to designate Saturday and Sunday competitions.
- Kayak Anglers must register Friday at Tournament Headquarters to receive Saturday's Length Slip. Sunday's Length Slip will be provided by the "Kayak Judge" after the Saturday Weigh-in.

### Measurements:

- The "**Ketch Board**" will be the official tournament measuring board for the Kayak Division. Anglers must provide their own.
- Each angler may submit his 5 longest bass each day. The minimum length is 14 inches. Only Largemouth, Kentucky Spotted, and Smallmouth Bass are eligible for submission.
- Anglers are responsible for photo proof of the length of the 5 fish submitted for scoring. Failure to provide photo proof for each submission will result in that fish being disqualified.
- To submit a qualified fish, the photo must be clear and show the full length of the fish in place on the measuring board. If the photo does not show the entire fish on the board, it cannot be submitted. The colored-coded Day-one or Day-two Length Slip must also be fully visible in each photo.
- All fish must be placed flat with mouth closed touching the Ketch Board. Hands can not be over or holding down gill plates.
- All lengths will be judged on a quarter-inch basis. Fish measuring in between quarters of inches will be counted as the lesser length (e.g., if your fish measures 14\_3/8 inches you must log it in as a 14\_1/4, not 14\_1/2)
- All length slip entries must be in 1/4 inch increments only. Any use of non 1/4 increments will be reduced to the nearest full inch by the weigh-judge (aka the "Length-Master").

### Fishing Check-in

- Kayak Anglers must "check-in" prior to the daily cut-off time.
- Kayak Anglers will be directed to the "Kayak Judge" at the tournament weigh-site for tabulation of their daily catches.
- All Kayak Anglers are required to provide a clear and legible length slip to the Kayak Judge during "weigh-in".

### Awards

- The Kayak Division will award 3 places plus Kayak Big Bass.
- Kayak Big Bass will be determined by converting length to weight using the TPWD conversion chart.
- In the event of a tie for Kayak Big Bass, the 2nd largest weight will be the determining factor.

### 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 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 State 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.

## **Entry Application**

### **67th 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 Member  (Check only if the Club conforms to TSBT Rule 17.)

Bass Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **INDIVIDUAL** \$50 (after 4/20/2023- \$60)

\_\_\_\_\_ **KAYAK** \$50 (after 4/20/2023- \$60)

\_\_\_\_\_ **TEAM** \$60 (after 4/20/2023- \$70)

\_\_\_\_\_ **COUPLES** \$60 (after 4/20/2023- \$70)

\_\_\_\_\_ **ADULT/BOY (Age <17)** \$60 (after 4/20/2023- \$70)

\_\_\_\_\_ **ADULT/GIRL (Age <17)** \$60 (after 4/20/2023- \$70)

\_\_\_\_\_ **SENIOR TEAM (Age 60+)** \$60 (after 4/20/2023- \$70)

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)

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

**For advanced registration, mail this Entry Form with check or money order to:**

**Texas State Bass Tournament  
1025 Estates Drive  
Kennedale, TX 76060**

**Email [info@texasstatebass.com](mailto:info@texasstatebass.com) or visit  
[www.texasstatebass.com](http://www.texasstatebass.com)  
for more information.**