

**Toledo Bend Reservoir
Lost Frontier RV Park & Marina**

April 26 - 27, 2025

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 25. **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 & 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
Adult/Boy Division	1st-2nd Place
Adult/Girl Division	1st-2nd Place
Big Bass (Overall for Boater Divisions)	1st-3rd 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 2025 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*. Optional Friday and Sunday meals are available from the *No Frills* caterer at the Angler's personal expense. 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 2026 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.

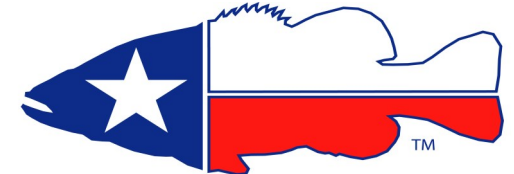
Over the years, the State Tournament added various competitive Divisions to encourage family and youth participation. As a result, the field today includes everyone from young anglers participating in their first tournament to seasoned veterans that are among the best in the state. Bucking the trend 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
Sandals & Spurs Resorts 409-787-3212
Alpine Resort & Marina 409-625-3518

"The world's oldest open bass tournament"



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Est. 1956

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

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2024 State Champions

Individual Division:	Ricky Blake (Lufkin) 18.92 lbs
Team Division:	Mike Mauldin (Hurst) & Mike Walker (Gainesville) 21.89 lbs
Couples Division:	Jerry & Lynda Crain (Lufkin) 23.96 lbs
Sr. Team Division:	Buddy & Suzette Warren (Lafayette, LA) 23.42 lbs
Adult & Boy Division:	Jonathan & Jonny Hulce (Fair Oaks Ranch) 15.06 lbs
Adult & Girl Division:	Mike McBurney (Sunnyvale) & Ariana Sullivan (Plano) 7.90 lbs
Bass Club Top 6:	Lufkin His & Hers - 60.88 lbs
Tournament Big Bass	
Big Bass Overall:	Mike Mauldin (Hurst) - 6.28 lbs
Big Bass Youth:	Jacob Seago (Corrigan) 3.65 lbs

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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.

Tournament Rules for All TSBT Anglers:

The **Stated Rules** applicable to all Texas State Bass Tournament competitors can be found at

www.texasstatebass.com

Printed copies of the Rules, the Key Times, and recap of the Tournament Limits will be included in the check-in bag provided to contestants during Tournament Check-in. It is every anglers responsibility to read and abide by these Rules, Times, and Limits.



Vendors: Sponsorship Opportunities are available.
Email info@texasstatebass.com or visit www.texasstatebass.com

Entry Application

69th 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 \$65 (after 4/18/2025- \$75)
- _____ TEAM \$75 (after 4/18/2025- \$85)
- _____ COUPLES \$75 (after 4/18/2025- \$85)
- _____ ADULT/BOY (Age <17) \$75 (after 4/18/2025- \$85)
- _____ ADULT/GIRL (Age <17) \$75 (after 4/18/2025- \$85)
- _____ SENIOR TEAM (Age 60+) \$75 (after 4/18/2025- \$85)

My signature below reflects that I have read the Participant Agreement, Release, & Risk Acknowledgement, understand it completely, acknowledge 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)

Angler 2 Parent (If Minor): _____

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

Texas State Bass Tournament
1025 Estates Drive
Kennedale, TX 76060