

## Official Tournament Rules

- 1. Polygraph Examination** - 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 in connection with any bass tournament for cheating or whose results are found to be inconclusive will not be eligible to compete.
- 2. Registration** - All money will be accepted the morning of the tournament. However, teams may pre-register online to secure their boat number. Boat number is determined by registration date.
- 3. Safety** - Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Each contestant must have a Coast Guard approved life vest and motor kill switch secured at all times while the boat is on plane.
- 4. Sportsmanship and Conduct** - All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. In all cases concerning conduct, the decision of the Tournament Director is final. The Lindsey Riggs Foundation reserves the right to place an official observer in a contestant's boat at any time during competition hours.
- 5. Tackle & Equipment** - Only artificial lures may be used. No live baits. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional manner using rod and reel.
- 6. Boat Equipment** - Safety equipment adequate to pass Coast Guard regulations must be in the boat at all times. Carelessness or unsafe operation of any boat shall not be tolerated and is grounds for disqualification. Each boat must have an aerated live well with space adequate to maintain a tournament limit of bass.
- 7. Permitted Fishing Locations** - Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere on West Point Lake. Fishing is only allowed on navigable waters, contestants must be able to run the boat to all fishing areas without getting out of the boat.
- 8. Scoring** - Largemouth & Spotted bass will be weighed. The limit shall be 5 fish per boat. All largemouth bass must be 14 inches in length or larger and all spotted bass (must have tooth patch on tongue) must be 12 inches in length or larger measured on a golden rule with the mouth closed and by moving the tail from side to side.
- 9. Dead/Short Fish Penalty** - There will be an 8-ounce penalty for each dead fish weighed in. If a dead fish is in the running for big fish, the 8-ounce penalty will apply to that fish also. Culling of dead fish is not allowed. At no time shall a team have more than 5 fish in its possession. Upon catching the 6th fish you must cull. If a short fish is brought to the scales, the penalty will be the loss of that fish and your big fish.
- 10. Late Penalty** - Competitors who are not in the official checkpoint area (the Highland Marina outer "no wake" buoy) at the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of 1 pound per minute which will be deducted from the total weight counted that day including any weight towards big fish. Any competitor more than 15 minutes late shall be disqualified.
- 11. Emergencies** - Competitors shall remain in their boats and with their partners at all times during the tournament, except in the event of sickness or severe storm. Partners may be momentarily out of sight of each other for the sole purpose of performing nature calls.
- 12. Fishing Method** - The Lindsey Riggs Foundation recognizes only the following methods to catch bass: casting & retrieving a lure, and any form of pitching or flipping. Drifting is allowed only when it is "wind aided". You may use your trolling motor to adjust your "wind aided" drift pattern.
- 13. Tournament Hours** - Tournament hours shall be from safe light, as determined by the tournament director until 3:00 PM unless otherwise stated at the tournament briefing.
- 14. Rule Changes** - Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament officials. The decision of the tournament director shall be final in all matters.
- 15. Cancellation/Re-schedule** - The Lindsey Riggs Foundation reserves the right to cancel or reschedule any tournament at any time.
- 16. Participant Agreement, Release, and Acknowledgement of Risk** - In consideration of The Lindsey Riggs Foundation allowing me to participate in this tournament, I acknowledge and agree as follows: I have read and understand the rules for the The Lindsey Riggs Foundation tournament event. I have voluntarily completed this application and have included my entry fee to participate. I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all tournament, federal, and state rules and regulations. I expressly assume all risk(s) associated with this event and I hereby release The Lindsey Riggs Foundation, all sponsors, and tournament officials, including, but not limited to each of their respective employees, officers, directors, managers, members, insurers and representatives (collectively "Releasees") from all claims or injury and/or damage arising out of, or related to and/or incurred in connection with any Lindsey Riggs Foundation sponsored event(s). I hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Releasees from and against any and all demands, claims, causes of action, (including, but not limited to, causes of action in contract, tort, strict liability or otherwise, and specifically including, but not limited to, any claim of negligence and/or fault of any Releasee), fines, penalties, damages, liabilities, judgments, and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with or arising out of my participation and my partner's participation in any Lindsey Riggs Foundation sponsored event. I hereby grant The Lindsey Riggs Foundation, the unconditional, royalty free, perpetual, right and license to use my name, voice, and photographic likeness in connection with Lindsey Riggs Foundation promotions, television shows, and/or articles and press releases. I agree that I am not entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. I further understand and agree that the tournament director reserves the right to reject my application for any reason. By signing this application I agree to submit to any truth verification testing requested by The Lindsey Riggs Foundation, and provided by a polygraph test selected by The Lindsey Riggs Foundation, and agree with the outcome of any such testing shall be final and binding. I agree that 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 any Lindsey Riggs Foundation sponsored event. If I have no such insurance, I declare that I am capable of paying for any and all such expenses or liability. I understand that I am responsible for paying all local, state, and federal taxes, title, license and registration as a result of my participation in any Lindsey Riggs Foundation sponsored event. Should it become necessary for The Lindsey Riggs Foundation or any Releasee to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this Release, I agree to pay the attorneys fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred. If this is a team event, I agree that my partner, if absent from signing this Release, understands all statements, rules, and regulations stated above and has given me express permission to sign on his behalf. By signing this Release, I am stating that my partner and I both agree to these terms.