

Trader Bill's Team Trail Tournament Rules

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY OF ANY APPLICANT AT OUR DESCRETION.

PARTICIPANTS & ELIGIBILTY: PARTICIPATION IN EACH TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO ALL MEBERS IN GOOD STANDING. NON-MEMBERS MAY JOIN BY ENCLOSING A \$30.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE PER PERSON AND DECLARING A PARTNER. A TEAM MUST HAVE FISHED A PREVIOUS TOURNAMENT BEFORE FISHING HOME LAKE. HOME LAKE DEFINED AS: Lake with the closest shoreline by drive time. Each angler must declare their home lake when they become a member of the tournament trail. **NO JACKPOTTING—A NEW TEAM signing up after the second tournament must pay for three of the following tournaments in advance with membership.**

REGISTRATION: EACH TEAM CAN REGISTER AT TRADER BILL'S OR AT THE RAMP. BOAT NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7 PM AT TRADER BILL'S. ALL ENTRIES AFTER THIS TIME WILL BE GIVEN THE NEXT IN ORDER OF ENTRY. WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS WITH A \$5.00 PER TOURNAMENT HANDLING FEE.

SAFETY: SAFE BOATING WILL BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES. EACH PARTICIPANT IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A FASTENED U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE PRESERVER ANYTIME THE BOAT IS ON PLANE. ALL BOATS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH A KILL SWITCH.

POLYGRAPHS: ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE SUBJECT TO A POLYGRAPH. ANY PERSON FAILING TO SUBMIT OR PASS A POLYGRAPH WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

SPORTSMANSHIP: ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONSERVATION.

BOAT AND MOTOR REGULATIONS: EACH BOAT MUST MEET ALL U.S. COAST GUARD AND STATE REGULATIONS.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: PARTICIPANTS MAY FISH ANYWHERE ACCESSIBLE BY BOAT, EXCEPT AREAS DESIGNATED AS OFF LIMITS, KEEP OUT OR NO BOATS BY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIALS OR WITHIN 50 YARDS OF OTHER COMPETITORS WHO WERE FIRST ANCHORED. ALL ANGLING MUST BE FROM THE BOAT.

PARTICIPANTS MUST LEAVE FROM AND RETURN TO THE OFFICIAL CHECK POINT, THERE IS ONLY ONE CHECK POINT. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL CAUSE DISQUALIFICATION.

PERMITTED FISHING METHODS: ALL BASS MUST BE CAUGHT IN A CONVENTIONAL SPORTING MANNER. ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES OR PORK TRAILERS MAY BE USED. **NO BAITING ALLOWED.**

TOURNAMNET HOURS: TOURNAMNET WILL BE SAFE LIGHT UNTIL 3 PM. OFF LIMITS WILL BE MONDAY– THURSDAY THE WEEK OF THE TOURNAMENT. CHECK WITH OFFICIALS FOR OFF LIMITS BOUNDARIES WHEN FISHING DARDANELLE.

11. TOURNAMENT SCORING: ONLY TEAMS THAT HAVE CHECKED IN AT THE OFFICIAL CHECK POINT, BEFORE THE OFFICIAL ENDING TIME OF THE TOURNAMENT, WILL BE ALLOWED TO WEIGH THEIR CATCH. EACH TEAM IS GIVEN A NUMBER CHIP AT TAKE-OFF, THEIR CHIP MUST BE IN THE BUCKET BY 3:05 PM FOR FIRST FLIGHT AND 3:20 PM FOR SECOND FLIGHT. IF YOU CHECK IN LATE YOU WILL NOT GET YOUR WEIGHT OF THE DAY. ONLY LARGE MOUTH, SMALLMOUTH AND SPOTTED BASS WILL BE ACCEPTED. THERE WILL BE A 5 FISH LIMIT PER TEAM ON EVERY LAKE. THE OFFICIAL LENGTH FOR BASS WILL BE 12 INCHES , OR THE LAKE LIMIT. IF A TEAM PRESENTS A FISH THAT FAILS TO MEASURE, THE FISH WILL BE RELEASED AND TEAM WILL BE PENALIZED 1 POUND FOR EACH FISH FAILING TO MEASURE. EACH TEAM'S CATCH MUST BE PRESENTED IN WATER FILLED WEIGH-IN BAG WITH AMPLE ROOM FOR THE FISH. ONLY ONE DEAD FISH PER TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED, AND TEAM WILL RECEIVE A .50 POUND PENALTY. EACH WILL BE GIVEN A NAME TAG AT TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN FOR WEIGH-IN WHO EVER BRINGS THE TEAM'S CATCH TO THE SCALES MUST HAVE THIS NAME TAG ON, IF A TEAM WEIGHS WITHOUT THEIR TAG THERE WILL BE A .25 LB. PENALTY DEDUCTED FROM TOTAL WEIGHT. AFTER A TEAM'S CATCH IS WEIGHED, ANGLERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING THEIR FISH BACK INTO THE LAKE. IF A TEAM DOES NOT, THEY WILL LOSE THEIR POINTS FOR THE DAY.

12. TIES: IN CASE OF TIES, POSITIONS WILL BE RESOLVED BY COMBINING THE AWARDS AND POINTS AND DIVIDED EQUALLY. WHEN PRIZES CANNOT BE DIVIDED, THE WINNER WILL BE DECIDED BY A COIN TOSS.

13. LIABILITY INSURANCE: ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE LIABILITY INSURANCE AS DESCRIBED BY ARKANSAS LAW.

14. ALTERNATES: THERE WILL BE NO ALTERNATES ALLOWED. TEAMS CAN ONLY FISH WITH ONE MEMBER ONLY. IF AN ANGLER NEEDS TO CHANGE PARTNERS A WHOLE NEW TEAM WILL BE CREATED AND ALL POINTS AND WEIGHTS OF ALL PREVIOUS TOURNAMENTS WILL BE FORFEITED. NO EXCEPTIONS.

15. SCORING & QUALIFICATION: A TEAM'S SCORE WILL BE THE WEIGHT OF THEIR CATCH PLUS POINTS FOR THE TOP 50 TEAMS, FIRST RECEIVING 50 POINTS, SECOND RECEIVING 49, ETC. ALL TEAMS MUST BE PRE-PAID FOR 5 OF THE 6 QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO FISH THE CHAMPIONSHIP. TEAMS WILL RECEIVE 50 BONUS POINTS FOR FISHING OR BEING PRE-PAID FOR ALL 6 TOURNAMENTS. **LAST QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT POINTS RECEIVED WILL BE DOUBLED.**

16. LIVE WELLS: MUST BE CHECKED BEFORE YOU LEAVE TOURNAMENT TAKE-OFF POINT.

17. ALCOHOL OR DRUGS: THERE IS NO ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS ALLOWED DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS.

19. PROTEST: A FIVE-PERSON FISHERMAN'S COMMITTEE WILL BE ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE FISHERMAN'S INTEREST. ANY AND ALL PROTEST MUST BE PRESENTED IN WRITING WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF COMPLETION OF WEIGH-IN.

20. A TEAM CANNOT WIN 1ST & 2ND BIS BASS IN ONE TOURNAMENT.