

Eddy's Resort | Lake Mille Lacs

1st Annual Pro-Am Bass Tournament Rules

September 18-19 2015

EDDY'S WILL BE THE OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT SITE

RULE CHANGES: Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament director. Failure to comply with any rule may result in disqualification. The decision of the tournament director shall be final in all matters. Any protest must be stated before the start of the weigh-in. Anglers must follow all State and Federal guidelines

WEIGH IN

- 1. The pounds and ounces of each team will determine scoring. Largemouth and Smallmouth bass are the only accepted species. The limit shall be 5 fish for each boat.**
- 2. Eight ounces will be deducted from the total weight for each un-releasable bass weighed in. The official minimum length for bass shall be 12 inches unless local or state regulations require otherwise.**
- 3. Danny Suggs will serve as Tournament Director and have final authority in matters regarding the fishing competition and rules violations.**
- 4. The pro angler is in charge of the boat and will make the decisions of where to fish and what fish to keep for the weigh-in.**

PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY: Participation is open to all who are 18 years of age or older. Proof of age to the satisfaction of tournament officials is the responsibility of the competitor. A properly completed and signed official entry form and the entry fee must be presented to the tournament director prior to the tournament. A single entry/release form will apply to all yearly events. Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or decline any registration at any time. Two contestants per boat maximum. All participants must have a valid Minnesota Fishing license.

REFUNDS & CREDITS: No refunds apply at any time. Disqualification from a tournament for any reason will result in a forfeit of entry fee.

OFFICAL CHECK-IN: There will be an official check-in station in the morning as well as in the afternoon. It is your responsibility to check in before and after the tournament. Failure to go through boat check, morning check-in, and afternoon check-in will result in disqualification. Competitors not at the checkpoint (boat off-plane) at the designated time will be penalized at the rate of 1 lb. per minute, deducted from his total weight for the day. Any competitor more than 15 minutes late for the afternoon check-in will be disqualified for the day. A cell phone number 763-218-4528 will be available to determine location of "on the water" check-in.

PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE: Anglers must be off the water by 4:00 p.m. the day before the event.

REGISTRATION/BOAT DRAW: Pro entry fee is \$500 per event. Boat draw for the non-boaters will be done by the Tournament Director only for contestants who are registered prior to the beginning of the tour event.

SAFETY: Safe boating conduct will be observed at all times. Each competitor must wear a serviceable U.S. Coast Guard approved chest-type life preserver (PFD). This preserver must be worn, strapped, snapped or zipped any time the combustion engine is operating and until the combustion engine is shut off. The boat operator **must** have a safety-stop switch attached to his person when the combustion engine is running. Violation of either the PFD or safety-stop switch portion of this rule can result in disqualification.

SPORTSMANSHIP: All contestants are expected to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed in the boat at any time. Each contestant must keep the waters clean and bring trash back to the dock for disposal. Any violation of state, local or federal laws may result in immediate disqualification. If a participant is disqualified for a rules violation, all other contestants in the boat will also be disqualified. Tournament integrity can be protected by polygraph tests administered on a random basis. Contestants must pass these tests. Each contestant, by signing the entry form, agrees to submit to polygraph testing. Polygraph tests may be randomly administered to winners at the end of each tournament.

WAIVER AND LIABILITY: All tournament contestants must read and sign the form entitled "Waiver and Release, " that is printed on the entry form. Your signature on this form will constitute a certification that the contestant has read and understood the "Waiver and Release" form. All terms of the "Waiver and Release" form are hereby incorporated by reference into these rules in the same manner as if the terms of the "Waiver and Release" form were printed verbatim in these rules.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Only artificial lures with the exception of pork rind may be used. Only one rod and reel combination may be used at one time. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. All angling must be done from the boat. Anglers are not permitted to leave the boat to land a fish or leave the boat to gain access to secluded waters unless needing to retrieve lure or in case of emergency, Citizen band radios, marine radios and cellular phones are allowed in the boat for emergency use only. Any transmission of information via any communicative device concerning any aspect of fishing is prohibited during the tournament.

BOAT AND MOTOR: All boats entered in the tournament must carry a \$300,000 liability insurance policy. Any boat considered inadequate to safely fish two contestants for an 8-hour day will not be allowed. Determination with cause is solely at the tournament director's discretion. All boats must be a minimum of 16ft in length, have an operational safety stop switch on 75HP and over motors, and have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. Each boat must also have a properly aerated or re-circulating live well to maintain a live limit catch of bass by both contestants. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition will be 300 HP, not to exceed the maximum horsepower limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard. Each boat must have a U.S. Coast Guard horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must not exceed the rating specified on this rating plate or the 300 horsepower maximum.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: All contestants may fish anywhere accessible by boat, except areas designated by federal, state or local officials or within 50 yards of another competitor's boat, anchored or not. Competitors invoking the 50-yard rule must hold their boats steady. Any competitor that allows any other competitor to fish within 50

yards of his boat has suspended the 50-yard rule and opened the water to all competitors. No competitor can be within 10 feet from a non-competitors boat or person on the water, in a boat, or on a dock. Off limits waters stated prior to each event by the tournament director call prior for any question.

TOURNAMENT HOURS: Official start and weigh-in times, and other important information will be announced in the pre-tournament briefing. In case of any question call Director. In the case of adverse weather conditions, the tournament director will open weigh-in early. Director may call a tournament at any time.

SEVERE WEATHER: In case of thunderstorm, lightning and or severe weather, contestants may pull into the nearest shoreline until it is safe to continue fishing. Contestants may not leave their boats unless severe weather forces them ashore.

TIE: In case of a tie, big bass will be tie breaker. No big bass weighed-in by contestant will equal 0.00 lbs. If both parties do not weigh a big fish, it is then determined by most fish alive and then the number of fish weighed.

Anglers Waiver & Acknowledgement: Participation agreement: I understand that this is a professional sporting event governed by the rules that have been established by the tournament officials. I acknowledge that I have read and understand these rules and that these rules relate to the safety of all participants as well as the fair sporting conduct of the event. The Tournament Officials shall act as the referee in all disputes and their decision is based on their interpretations of the rules will be final and without legal appeal. I understand there are never refunds for tournament entry fees.

Release of Liability: I acknowledge that I am participating voluntarily in the Tournament. I agree to assume all risk of injury, death, damages, theft and loss to personal property, which may result from my participation in the circuit. I recognize that loss of property, injury or death could arise from the fishing and boating activities contemplated by the tournament and the risks normally encountered in open water fishing from a boat may be enhanced by exposure to the elements and other risks inherent in outdoor competition. I warrant that I am in good physical and mental health and am physically capable of withstanding the rigors and requirements of a professional fishing competition.

Photo/Video Release: I understand and agree to these rules and that any and all photographs, videos or films taken during the course of my participation in the tournament which includes me, my name and or my boat maybe be used by the tournament organizers without compensation.

NAME_____DATE_____