

# 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL November 12, 2020 SHERIFF'S TOURNAMENT RULES/ENTRY

1. Contestants can PRE-register with personal check by mailing form to CAPE CORAL BASS CLUB 1623 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Cape Coral, FL 33991. The entry fee is \$100.00 per boat which includes big bass. Checks accepted by mail until November 6, 2020. Make checks payable to: Cape Coral Bass Club. Contestants may also enter at the ramp (**CASH ONLY at the ramp**). **ENTRY FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE!**
2. Boat numbers will be assigned in the order the entries and payments are received.
3. Contestants will fish as two-man teams from the same boat or single entrant. Contestants will choose their own partners and register as a team.
4. Contestants should be at least eighteen (**18**) years old. If a contestant is under the age of **18** years, his/her partner must be of adult age and the adult partner must assume liability in all matters.
5. Contestants must stay together during the tournament at all times. Contestants must stay in the boat. No wading will be allowed.
6. Competing boats must stay a minimum of two cast distances apart unless allowed by other boat(s) in the area. This will strictly be enforced. Good sportsmanship and courtesy shall be practiced at all times.
7. All boats must have all required Coast Guard approved safety equipment. All contestants must wear a chest life preserver while motor is running. As per law: bow and stern lights must be on at all times after sunset if boat is in motion (this includes trolling motor). Boats that have set anchor must have stern light on at all times.
8. **IDLE ONLY AFTER DUSK ON ALL LAKES AND CANALS.**
9. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted during tournament hours which can be grounds for disqualification.
10. Boats must have an operating live well system that can adequately maintain a limit catch of bass. All fish become property of the Cape Coral Bass Club and will be released. No culling of fish at the ramp or at weigh-in.
11. A limit of fish will consist of 5 fish per boat. All fish must measure at least 12 inches in length as measured on a flat board (golden rule). **ILLEGAL SIZED FISH PRESENTED FOR WEIGH-IN WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT.** If you have a fish that is questionable, you must ask for a courtesy measurement.
12. A .50 pound penalty will be assessed for each dead fish. Total team weight will determine the winner. In the case of a tie, winner will be the team with the largest (wt.) single fish as determined by tournament officials.
13. Big Bass will be determined by the total weight of a single fish and will pay out one place.
14. Boats that are late to weigh-in will be penalized one pound per minute and will be disqualified after 15 minutes.
15. Protests must be in writing and submitted to the tournament director prior to the close of the weigh-in scales (as determined by tournament officials).
16. Only artificial bait will be allowed. **NO LIVE BAIT.** Only one rod may be used at any one time per person. No rod in the water while in big motor is running.
17. No trolling with combustible engines will be permitted.

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**BOATER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STREET ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CO-ANGLER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_

**STREET ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BOAT TYPE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LENGTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BASS CLUB AFFILIATION AND/OR SPONSORS:** \_\_\_\_\_

THE CONTESTANTS OR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CONTESTANTS AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS ALL SPONSORS, OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES CONNECTED WITH THIS CONTEST FOR ANY LIABILITY AND/OR DAMAGES ARISING FROM LOSS OF PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH ARISING FROM THE CONTESTANTS PARTICIPATION OF THIS EVENT. WE HAVE ALSO READ ALL THE RULES ON THE REVERSE SIDE AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

**BOATERS SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CO-ANGLER'S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_