

Dan Mathisen Outdoors 2019

Black Bass Series Rules

Team AND Pro Am Rules 2019

1. **Eligibility:** To be eligible to fish the Dan Mathisen Outdoors tournaments, must be at 16 years of age and have valid ca fishing license. There is **\$40 MEMBERSHIP FEE!** We reserve right to refuse teams access at our discretion.

2. **Entry Fee Teams:** Entry fee is \$225 all-in per team (each team event) broken down in this manner, \$175 entry fee, \$15 option \$20 big fish and \$15 towards admin and permit fee. Money is paid back to the top 1 in 5 places and plaques are awarded to the top 3 places. 80% payback at each event of the entry fee, 10% will go to TOC money. There are no late fees and you may sign as late as the morning of the tournament, prior to blast-off, and your blast-off number will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

2a. **Pro-Ams Entry**

Pro's \$200 All In broken down as follows, \$150 Entry, \$25 option, \$ 20 Big Fish \$5 Admin and Permit Fee. Am's \$100 All In broken down as follows, \$75Entry, \$15 option, \$ 5 Big Fish \$5 Admin and Permit Fee.

2b. **Deadlines** As Follows **April 3 5PM** for April 7TH Event, **May 30th 5pm** For June 2nd Event, **September 4th 5pm** for September 8th Event .

2c. **Pairing.** Am's signing up with Pro's will be guaranteed entry, NON- sign up partner Am's will be drawn in order received and processed by our staff as pro's are available. We Encourage tremendously signing up with Pro or Am Partner. Pro's wanting to Late sign (Prior to Draw Meetings) will be accessed \$50 dollars Late fee and excepted on an Am Available basis

2d. **Draw Meetings** Will Start at 5pm **at Dan's Delta Outdoors** the evening prior to the Event. All Must Attend Draw Meetings.

2e. **Shared Weight** Scoring will be done same as teams as described in section 7 Scoring. Pro's may allow Am's to share Front at their discretion as they are fishing as a team during event. We also encourage Am's to help with daily expenses.

3. **Blast-off:** There will be no waiting for any team. If you are not in the water and in line when your blast-off number is called (three times), you will blast off last. Please make every effort to be in the water 30 minutes prior to blast-off. All live-wells will be checked by a tournament official at the launch ramp, prior to blast-off. Please present your blast-off card to tournament officials for signature, prior to the live well being checked.

4. **Fishing Methods:** All bass must be caught live in a conventional and sporting manner, using only artificial lures, with the exception of pork trailers. Only one fishing rod may be used at a time by each angler. Trolling is prohibited.

5. **Restrictions:** Participants may fish anywhere accessible by boat, except areas designated as "Host Marina", "Off Limits" or "No Fishing" by federal, state and local agencies, or within 50 yards of any marina gas pump, or another contestant. Cell phone may be used for Emergency contacts ONLY. No Contact or "rafting" with other boats.

6. **Boat Requirements:** All boats must be equipped with wheel or tiller steering. No other steering devices will be permitted. All boats must have kill switch device attached to the operator when gas motor is running. All Boats must contain a properly aerated or re-circulating live-well space to maintain alive your catch. Life jackets must be worn any time the main gas engine is running. Children under age 16 must wear life jackets while in the boat or on the dock.

7. **Scoring:** Only large mouth, spotted or small mouth bass are accepted species. The tournament limit will be 5 fish per team. The required length for bass will be 13" mouth open hanging on a Golden Rule board. We will swish the tail. When presenting fish to be measured, the contestant may not touch the fish while the tournament official takes the measurement. Any team who possesses more than the tournament limit will lose their biggest fish weight plus 1 lb. Any team, presenting bass at weigh-in, which fail to meet the required length, will be penalized 1 lb., in addition to the loss of the short fish weight. Dan Mathisen Outdoors strongly recommends the use of proven chemical additives designed for live-wells, to insure the health of the fish. No dead fish may be culled out of your catch. A loss of 1/2 lb. will be deducted for each dead fish weighed in. In the case of a tie, positions will be combined and divided equally. The trophy will be awarded to the team with the largest declared individual fish.

8. **Late Penalty:** All contestants must check in with the check-in boat located inside the 5 mph buoys at, or prior to, their designated weigh-in time. A loss of 1 lb. per minute late, up to 5 minutes, will be deducted from the total weight. After 5 minutes the team will be disqualified.

9. **Protests:** All protests must be made in writing, within 15 minutes after the conclusion of the weigh-in.

10. **Liability Release:** Any contestant fishing a Dan Mathisen Outdoors event will release Dan Mathisen Outdoors, their owners, officers, agents, employees, sponsors, tournament staff, from any and all damages, claims, demands, costs or expenses relating to injury of any persons or damage to any property, or theft which you may sustain or may be caused by participating in or connection with this or any other Dan Mathisen Outdoors event.

11. **Tournament of Champions:** To qualify for the TOC, the same team must fish a minimum of 4 tournaments. If you win a tournament your team automatically qualifies for the TOC, provided you fish the 4-tournament minimum. There will be a total of 85 points, plus 2 show-up points per tournament. The TOC will consist of the first place team in each of the 6 tournaments, plus the top 30 point leaders, and one team drawn from the remaining teams that fished all six tournaments.

12. **Safety**: There will be no alcoholic beverages, Cannabis or use of illegal substances consumed during the tournament in any boat or by any tournament participant. All laws of safe boating must be adhered to, including obeying of 5 mph buoys, designated “no fishing”, and all Federal and California Boating Laws.