

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **TEAMS:** This is a two (2) person team tournament open to any person 12 years of age or older. This tournament is open to all individuals who meet the age requirements. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian in the boat.
2. **Fishing Rules: Fishing will be for small mouth & large mouth black bass only. Fishing shall be from boat only. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner.**
3. Fishing will be by cast and retrieve method or by flipping or jigging. Trolling is not allowed.
4. No live or prepared bait may be used with the exception of pork rinds, strips, or chunks.
5. Electronic depth finders, thermometers and oxygen meters and graphs are permitted.
6. No more than one rod per person is permitted in use at any one time under ANY circumstances. Any number of additional rigged rods are permitted as spares.
7. Bass will be weighed in by boats. Scoring for teams will be by boats only.
8. **Tournament Limits:** Days limit for each boat shall be five (5) bass. Possession of more than five (5) bass per boat will result in team disqualification. Attempting to give bass to another boat will result in disqualification.
9. **Boat identification strips will be issued and must be attached as directed, to remain in place throughout the tournament.**

Fishing is to be done from a boat at all times. Boats of 14' or more in length may be used. Any motor less than 9.0 horsepower may not be used.
10. All boats must conform to state boating regulations.

NOTE: All boats must be equipped with electric aerators installed within live wells or with electric aerator devices within an ice chest or similar container.

NOTE: There will be no horsepower limit.

11. **Safety: Every participant must have their life jacket on and secured (zipped, buttoned, etc.) at all times when the outboard engine is running. If the boat is equipped with a kill switch it must also be utilized at all times when the outboard engine is running.**

If weather or safety prohibits the completion of the scheduled tournament, said tournament can be cancelled or postponed at the discretion of tournament officials.

Any no wake or no fishing areas will be designated at the pre-tournament meeting.

12. **Sportsmanship:** Courtesy, Conservation, Sportsmanship and Safety. Poor sportsmanship, drunkenness, excessive speed, lawbreaking, or misrepresenting one's catch will be grounds for disqualification from this tournament. Tournament Officials will have the final word on disqualifications.
13. **Scoring:** Only 4 largemouth black bass or small mouth bass, 16" or more in length, will be weighed for scoring purposes. Scoring will be determined by pounds and ounces. Bass will not be counted or weighed if they are not at least 16" in length measured with mouth closed to the top of pinched tail. A flat bump board will be used. (Golden Rule type.)

Fish failing to measure 16" on the official board will not be weighed in and assessed a ONE (1) POUND penalty. Short fish will be subject to possible legal action for possession of undersized fish.

The team weighing in the most pounds and ounces of bass is the tournament champion.

The dead fish penalty will be ONE (1) POUND per fish. If a team's final creel contains three (3) or more dead fish, that team will be disqualified as an adequate live-well system has not been maintained. 1 pound penalty weight will be for every dead fish including largest bass.

14. Local, State and Federal regulations apply to this tournament. Any contestant cited for violation of fish or boating regulations will be disqualified for entire tournament. Contestant operating boat at time of citation will be responsible.
15. Further clarification of the rules will be made at the pre-tournament meeting.
16. **Lake Headquarters:** Lake headquarters and weigh-in site shall be **Pyramid Acres Marina**. Representatives of the Tournament Rules Committee shall be on hand during fishing hours.
17. All contestants may be asked to take a voice stress analysis and/or polygraph test. Refusal to take such a test will result in automatic disqualification for the entire team.

The pre-tournament meeting will be held at the ramp morning of the tournament at 5:45 am.

ENTRY FORM

(Please Print)

CONTESTANTS TO BE LISTED BY BOAT NO.

TEAM CAPTAIN

Name _____ Age _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

TEAM MEMBER

Name _____ Age _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

In signing this application, I hereby waive and release all other contestants, the host, sponsors and tournament officials from all claims of injury and/or material and bodily damage incurred in connection with the tournament. Invitation only. No photo copied entries accepted.

Upon signing and submitting this application, I agree to submit to a voice stress test and/or submit to a polygraph exam if requested by the Tournament Official.

TEAM CAPTAIN _____

Phone Number _____

TEAM MEMBER _____

Phone Number _____

This application MUST be completely filled out and signed by Team Captain.

Cut along the dotted line and return with your payment. Thank You.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Angler's Choice is proud to host the 6th annual Marion Chamber Bass Tournament. 30% of entry fees will go toward the Marion High School Scholarship Program. The Marion Chamber Foundation currently offers two scholarships: John A. Logan College One Year Tuition Waiver and a Grad Spree Scholarship. The Marion Chamber Foundation awards these scholarships based on the amount of money generated by the fund raising efforts from the previous year. The scholarships are awarded to applicants who plan to continue their education in the field of business or commerce; who are in the upper half of their class; who have a minimum ACT score of 18; and who have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

OFF LIMITS

Pyramid Acres Marina, docks, marked off limits areas and 50 yards from any gas pump.

TOURNAMENT FEES

The tournament fee of \$70.00 (*check or money order*) per team and optional \$10.00 for big bass at 100% pay back, **MUST** accompany each application. Entries will be limited to the first 150 teams. Make check or money order payable and mail to:

MARION CHAMBER FOUNDATION

PO Box 307
Marion, IL 62959
618-997-6311

President - Ashley Gott
Treasurer - Toni Perkins

SPONSORS



Pyramid Acres Marina



Earl Sigley
Director

WEIGH IN PROCEDURE

All contestants are required to report to the weigh-in area on or before the announced times at the pre-tournament meeting.

Contestants who are not checked in at weigh-in time shall be disqualified. No exceptions will be made to this rule.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Honors and awards will be presented immediately after the final point tally on Sunday, April 24, 2016.

Cash purse, less expenses, will be paid on the following basis: one in every 6 teams signed up.

PAYOUT

Based on number of boats at 70% minus expenses.

Trophies shall be awarded to each team member of the first 3 teams and plaques for 1st big bass.

In case of ties, money will be combined and divided equally between the teams tied. Trophies for placing will be decided by a flip of the coin.

Amounts will be dependent upon number of entries and shall be announced at the pre-tournament meeting.

Any additional awards shall be announced at the pre-tournament meeting.

Any Protest **MUST** be registered in writing with the Tournament Officials no later than 1 minute after weigh-in is closed.

PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING

All team captains and members must attend a kickoff meeting Sunday, April 24 at 5:45 am Pyramid Acres Marina.

Failure for Team Captain, or team representative, to be present will be an automatic disqualification for that team, and entry fee shall be forfeited.

TEAMS

This will be a two (2) person buddy tournament. Each team will consist of a team captain and one (1) team member. Each team will be responsible for their boats and motors.

STARTING PROCEDURE

Details will be explained at the pre-tournament meeting. Date of entry **WILL** determine starting position.

MARION CHAMBER FOUNDATION BASS TOURNAMENT Fundraiser for Marion High School Scholarship Program

2 PERSON "BUDDY" TOURNAMENT

*\$500 CASH
Bonus For
1st Place
Winner*

APRIL 24, 2016
at Pyramid Acres Marina
Lake of Egypt

6:00 am - 3:00 pm

Weigh-in Conducted By:

Earl Sigley

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