



OFFICIAL RULES

TEAM TOURNAMENTS

1. **RULES CHANGES:** The following rules will remain unchanged through - out the event unless State or local laws are in conflict. Interpretation and enforcement of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director . In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament Director may impose sanctions as he deems appropriate, including, without limitation, disqualification, forfeiture or prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the Tournament Director and tournament officials shall be final in all matters. It is at the Director's discretion to make a change where safety of the contestants is a concern. All Federal, State and local laws must be obeyed and it is the contestant's responsibility to know these laws.
2. **PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY :** Participation in each tournament is open to all persons male or female. At least one team member must be 18 years or older .
3. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS:** At no time during tournament hours are any alcoholic beverages or drugs other than prescription allowed in the boat or to be consumed while on the water .
4. **SPORTSMANSHIP:** All teams are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy , safety and conversation. Any team who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or any state or local laws or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will be disqualified.
5. **BOATS AND MOTORS:** There is no horsepower limit, however , no engine may exceed the BIA horsepower rating for the boat on which it is used. All boats must meet US Coast Guard and state regulations. All boats must have an emergency kill switch. All boats must have an aerated livewell large enough to sustain a tournament limit in releasable condition. Extra gas tanks must be secured and must meet US Coast Guard specifications.
6. **SAFETY :** Boating safety must be observed at all times during practice and competition. A U.S. Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver must be on and fastened any time the combustible engine is operative and the kill switch must be attached to the driver during the competition day . It is suggested that this be practiced during the official practice week, but will be enforced only on competition day .
7. **TACKLE & EQUIPMENT :** All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner . Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. T rolling with the aid of combustion or electric motors is not permitted. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractants are allowed. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one time. Other rods may be in the boat and ready for use, however , every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made. Rods may not exceed eight feet in length. The official measuring board for HD Marine, Inc. will be Gator Grip Flat Board. The use of electronic tracking equipment cannot be used on practice or competition days. Underwater cameras not allowed during competition.
8. **PROTESTS:** All protests must be submitted in writing before the tournament closes the scales.
9. **POLYGRAPH:** All contestants, winners and non-winners are subject to a polygraph test. Failure to submit to a polygraph test will result in immediate disqualification. Any contestant who's has failed a polygraph test in connection with any bass tournament for cheating or whose results are found to be inconclusive will not be eligible to compete in HD Marine, Inc. tournaments.
10. **OFFICIALS BOATS :** Officials will be on the lake for boat inspection and observation during tournament hours. Each team is required to cooperate with all requests.
11. **SCORING:** Each team may weigh five (5) fish per day with a minimum of 12 inches in length, unless state or lake limits are greater , measured on a flat board with mouth closed and tail compressed. A dead fish penalty of 4oz. per fish will be deducted from the total weight. Any team bringing more than five (5) fish to the scales will be disqualified. Tournament standings will be determined by the total weight for the competition days of the tournament. Only largemouth, spotted, red-eye, or smallmouth bass will be scored. Any team weighing in a fish shorter than the legal tournament length will be assessed a 3 (three) lb. penalty plus the loss of the short fish. Each team is required to leave from and return to a specified check point. Any team returning to the check-in point late will be penalized at the rate of one (1) pound per minute up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes no weight will be allowed. Late penalty will apply to big fish also.
12. **CULLING FISH:** It is the responsibility of each team to keep no more than a limit of five (5) fish in a livewell. If more than 5 fish are present in the livewell during the event you will be subject to disqualification. No culling is allowed in the host marina.
13. **PERMITTED FISHING WATERS:** No fishing is allowed inside the host marina area. All fishing must be done from a previously inspected boat. No tube or wade fishing is allowed. Boats may not be trailer ed to and fr om weigh-in during the tournament hours unless under the discretion of the tournament director . No fishing is allowed within 25 yards of a non-anchored tournament boat without that boat's permission. No fishing is allowed within 50 yards of another anchored or tied tournament boat with trolling motor out of the water , without the anchored boat's permission. Both team partners must fish from the same boat. Only contestants may be in the boat during the tournament hours. Having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you will not be tolerated. Contestants can't leave the boat to land a fish. Navigable waters are the only waters to be fished during the tournament. Contestants must be able to drive the boat into the fishing area without getting out of the boat. The practice of restricting the natural movement of fish by any means such as, but not limited to the use of nets, tanks, or dams will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification. Restricting the access to waters normally accessible by all anglers, by any means such as, but not limited to the felling of trees or the construction of obstructions will not be allowed and will result in disqualification.
14. **GUIDES:** No guides may be used on Monday to Saturday of the tournament week. Guides will be allowed to participate in the event provided they have fished a preceding tournament in that circuit's series of 5. If it is their first tournament, they must pay for the next tournament in advance to prevent "shot - gunning" local waters.
15. **REGISTRATION:** Contestants may register by mail or in person at HD Marine, Inc. All tournament fees must be paid for in full by dates listed on opposite side. "NO EXCEPTIONS". Fishing hours and check points will be disclosed at registration. It is each team's responsibility to obtain this information from the Tournament Director . Star ting position will be determined by the receipt of deposit or entry fee.
16. **PRACTICE FISHING:** There will be no off limits periods. During the official practice days (Monday to Saturday of the tournament week) and during the tournament, a competitor may not use a CB radio , a VHF marine band radio, a cellular phone, or any other type of communication device for the purpose of locating a fish. These devices may be used for emergency purposes only . During the official practice days and competition days a contestant must not have the assistance or advice from anyone to locate bass except from another entered contestant in this tournament. Practice partners on Monday through Saturday other than entered contestants must be approved by the Tournament Director . Failure to report violations or suggestions to violate these rules will be cause for disqualification.
17. **CONSERVATION:** This is the primary concern of HD Marine, Inc. Adequate livewells are mandatory in each boat and must provide aeration to maintain fish in good condition as every effort will be made to release as many live, releasable fish as possible following weigh in..
18. **POINT LEADER QUALIFYING:** Qualifying will be based on a points and pounds format. First place in each event will receive 150 points plus the pounds. i.e 1st place 150 points + 25.50lbs = 175.50 points. The points leaders after 5 events will receive \$2500.00 bonus. There are other bonuses to be paid by sponsors. A Skeeter boat with Yamaha motor fully rigged will be given away by drawing at the 5th tournament for all teams that fished all 5 tournaments. If the partners change, a new accumulation will be started for the team. No points may be accumulated by individuals or transferred from one team to another . Each member is allowed to fish three qualifying tournaments alone and represent the team providing that the other member does not enter that tournament. Each team will receive 50 points for their participation in each tournament. i.e. 1st place points 150 + 25.00 lbs. + 50 participation equals 225 points.

BOAT No. _____

**HD MARINE, INC. TEAM TOURNAMENT
BIG FISH JACKPOT INCLUDED (150 TEAM FIELD MAXIMUM)**

Date: _____

For: _____ Tournament

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT , RELEASE, AND ACKNOWLEDGE OF RISK

In consideration of HD MARINE, INC. allowing me to participate in this tournament, I acknowledgement and agree as follows.

1. I have read and understand the description of the tournament and the Official Rules of this tournament. I will obey all rules and understand that any violation may result immediate disqualification without refund or my entry fee. I also understand that the tournament officials may reject my application for any reason and in that event will refund my entire entry fee.
2. I understand and acknowledge that competitive fishing is a dangerous sport, the risks and which include, though not exclusively , drowning, collisions in the water , and injuries from hooks and other fishing paraphernalia. I voluntarily assume responsibility for these risks, identified and not identified, and all risk of injury or death or damage to myself or my property or to others, including spectators and their property arising from my participation in the tournament.
3. I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless and indemnify , HD MARINE, INC., it's share - holders, officers, directors, agents and employees, the host, sponsors and tournament from any and all liability , claims, demands, actions or rights of action which are related to, arise out of or are in any way connected with my participation in this tournament, including specifically but not limited to the negligent acts or omissions of HD MARINE, INC., it's shareholders, officers, directors, agents and employees, the host, sponsors and tournament officials, and it's partners, agents or employees and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament, for any and all injury , death, illness or disease, and other damage or loss to property suffered by myself or others. In signing this document, I acknowledge and agree that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged while I am engaged in this event, I will have no right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against HD MARINE, INC., it's shareholders, officers, directors, agents or employees, the host sponsors officials and all other persons or entities associated with the tournament, even if they or any of them negligently caused the bodily injury or property damage.
4. Any suit brought by me against HD MARINE, INC., as a result of my participation in this tournament will be brought in the state or county of Buford, Gwinnett, Georgia where the principal office of HD MARINE, INC. is located. Should it become necessary for HD MARINE, INC. or someone on it's behalf, to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, or any portion thereof, I agree to pay the reasonable costs and attorney's fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.
5. I have sufficient health, accident and liability insurance to cover any bodily injury or property damage incurred by myself or others as a result of my participation in this event. If i have no such insurance, I represent that I am capable for paying for any and all such expenses and liabilities.1.
6. I have no past or present medical or psychological condition that might affect my participation in the tournament in such a way as to cause harm to myself or others.
7. I give HD MARINE, INC. permission to use my name and photograph for promotional purposes. I agree to submit to and accept the results of the polygraph test given at this location. My signature below reflects that I have read this entire document , understand it completely understand that if it effects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by it's items. References herein to "I" "My" "myself" and other first person references shall include any child or ward for whom I have signed.

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2. _____

**Mail Entry to:
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Lee Dodgen - Tournament Director**