



RULES & PARTICIPATION

1. PARTICIPANTS / ELIGIBILITY

- Participation is open to all anglers with a valid fishing license (youth under the age of 17 do not need a fishing license)
- Each team will consist of 1 to 2 anglers per boat (non-tournament passengers are not allowed on tournament boats)

2. POLYGRAPH

- By participating, all contestants are subject to a polygraph exam with a licensed Polygraph Examiner selected by the Thursday Nighters tournament
- Contestants must submit to the polygraph exam within 72 hours of tournament event at the Polygraph Examiners specified location near New Braunfels
- Refusal to submit to a polygraph, disqualifies the contestant and team from being eligible to receive any prize money, bonuses, or points for the event. The tournament director reserves the right to waive any violation of these rules disclosed to him before the polygraph exam, at his sole and absolute discretion.

3. ENTRY FEE / PAY OUTS

- There is a one time \$10 annual membership fee
- Entry fees are \$50 per boat
- All entry fees are to be paid in CASH only

4. REGISTRATION / TOURNAMENT HOURS

- Tournament hours are 6:30PM to 10:00PM (dependent on # of flights)
- Registration begins at 6:00PM
- Scales close 15 minutes after last flight and no later than 10:45pm.
- Each boat must register in person at the registration site
- Teams will be given a chip with boat number, flight number, and check-in time during registration
- Chip must be turned back in by your scheduled check in time to the tournament official located at the registration site in order to weigh in (place your chip on the table first, then go get your fish to weigh)
- All boats will be required to have fully functional livewells
- All boats are subject to a livewell check
- Fishing begins after the release of the boats by the tournament directors

5. LIVE FISH / WEIGH IN

- A limit of fish shall consist of 5 bass (Bass shall be defined as any of the species known as largemouth, smallmouth, spotted, and Guadalupe bass)
- All fish must be a minimum of 14"
- A .50 pound penalty will be assessed to any team bringing any undersized fish
- No team may have more than a limit of 5 bass in their livewell at any one time except in the short time frame of culling a single fish
- Culling of a dead fish is not allowed
- Dead fish will incur a 1lb penalty per fish

6. BIG BASS ROLLOVER

- There is a 7lb minimum to win Big Bass
- Should no bass weighing at least 7.00lbs not get weighed in, the "pot" shall roll over to the next event and



continue to do so until won

- Once the Big Bass Rollover pot is won, the pot shall restart
- At years end if the pot is not won, the roll over will be awarded to the biggest bass weighed in at the championship
- Dead fish will not be eligible for Big Bass

7. PERMITTED FISHING METHODS

- All anglers must abide by all state and local laws at all times
- Only artificial lures may be used
- All fish must be caught in a legal, live, conventional manner using rod and reel
- Each competitor may only have one rod in use at a time
- Trolling with combustion motor is prohibited
- All angling must be performed from the boat. You may only leave the boat in case of an emergency
- No "hole sitting" allowed, which means you cannot have another angler/boat holding a fishing spot for you

8. OFF LIMITS PERIODS

- Canyon Lake will be off limits on Thursdays from 6:00am til 6:30pm. Anglers may launch as early as 4:00pm and head over to Canyon Lake Marina, but graphing or fishing is prohibited.
- No guided trips on Wednesday or Thursday are allowed. Guided trips include any angler that accepts compensation for taking someone fishing

9. OFF LIMITS AREAS

- Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters accessible by boat and available to the public, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by state, local, or federal officials
- The "off limits" areas include but are not limited to:
 - The area from the dam to the buoys around the intake at Canyon Lake as marked by the state
 - Inside the tire breakwater at Canyon Lake Marina

10. ETIQUETTE / SAFETY

- All boat operators must comply with the laws of Texas. For a complete list of Texas PWC Operation Laws please visit: <http://tpwd.texas/>
- Life Jackets/PFD's must be worn anytime the combustion motor is in gear
- No fishing within 25 yards of a competitor's boat unless otherwise agreed upon by the other tournament angler
- Every boat must have all required safety equipment as defined by the State of Texas which includes fully functional nav and anchor lights and must be used per state laws
- In the case of inclement weather, it will be the competitor's decision to seek shelter or continue fishing
- All anglers must use extreme safety, caution, and courtesy at take off in addition to high standards of sportsmanship and conservation at all times during these events. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles and all rules above may be deemed cause for disqualification

11. AOY SCORING

- Each individual angler will accumulate points for each event even though you may fish as a team.
- 1st place will receive points equal to the number of teams entered



- Each descending place will receive 1 pt less than the previous place
- All anglers that enter but do not weigh fish will receive 5 points less than the last place team that weighed in and no less than 1pt
- If a team is disqualified for any reason, they will receive 0 pts for the tournament
- Tie breakers:
 - 1st tie breaker goes to the angler with the most 1st place finishes
 - 2nd tie breaker goes to the angler who has the most top 3 finishes
 - 3rd tie breaker goes to the angler who has entered the most events

12. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- Qualification requires each angler to finish in the TOP 150 of the Angler Of the Year standings (Qualified anglers can fish with any other qualified angler)
- Entry Fee is \$60
- Date : TBD
- Lake : TBD
- One official practice day the Friday before tournament day
- Anglers will be required to take a polygraph exam

13. PROTESTS

- Decisions of the Tournament Director are final and are not subject to appeal. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director in his sole and absolute discretion.
- Each competitor agrees to report any rule violation to the Tournament Director immediately upon discovery of the violation. The violation of a tournament rule may result in weight loss, total loss of weight for that event, the ineligibility to participate in future events, or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the Tournament Director in his sole discretion.
- Protests must be made in writing within 10 minutes of the official closing of the scales at each tournament