

Ft. Knox Catch & Release Bass Tournament Rules

Lower Douglas

29 April 2023

Tournament begins at Sunrise (approximately) 0700 – 1400.

Weigh in begins at 1300.

Rules/Regulation

- All anglers must have **Kentucky State and Fort Knox Fishing license**/permits.
- This is a **CATCH AND RELEASE** tournament.
 - All bass must be **alive at weigh-in** and released after official weigh-in.
 - All other bass caught during tournament must be released alive.
 - If there are dead fish, they will NOT be weighed in.
- Gas motors **are** allowed but must be on **IDLE**.
- Electric motors (trolling motors) or paddles are allowed as well.
- Participants using a boat **must** have an aerated live well or aerated device/system on their boat.
- Kayak/shore fishers **must** have an aeration device/system to keep fish alive.
- Two anglers per boat maximum.
- All persons, regardless of age, will either wear or have readily available a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PDF) at all times while in a watercraft. **CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE AND ALL NON-SWIMMERS MUST WEAR A U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVED VEST-TYPE PDF AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN A WATERCRAFT & WHILE THE WATERCRAFT IS IN MOTION.**
- Up to **FIVE** bass per person to be weighed in for gross combined total weight.
- No bass under **12-inch** limit may be turned in. (Fish under 12 inches will be released back into the water).
 - **This size limit is for tournament only! Creel limits will return to 15 inch minimum/5 bass per day at end of tournament! Teams can catch 10 bass but can only weigh 5.**
- Dip nets will be allowed.
- All bass must be caught in a sporting manner. No dragging bait behind boat (trolling), **no snatching/snagging**.
- Electronics (depth finder, fish finders, GPS, etc.) **are** permitted.
- Artificial lures only; **No live bait or electronic lures allowed.**
- **Anglers must remain in boat / No wading for bank anglers.**
- All participants 15 and younger must be with an adult.

Registration/Launching

- Anglers may register at event but an additional \$5.00 will be charged.
- Boats may be able to be launched before event but must wait for horn at 7:00 am or safe daylight to leave launching area/begin fishing.
- Boats must be inspected prior to launching by tournament personnel.
- Bank fishermen will also meet in same registration/weigh-in area and will be released to fish with boat anglers.

Protest

- Any participant may file a protest against another participant, who violates tournament rules. Protest must be registered with the tournament chairperson or his/her designated representative, prior to the beginning of the weigh-in, which is at 1300. The tournament chairperson has final say on all protest.