

RULES, REGULATIONS AND CONTRACT

This tournament trail is open to all persons, both male and female, to participate as a team and are subject to these rules and regulations. Each person operating the combustion engine must be 18 years of age or older. Any adult choosing a minor as a partner assumes full responsibility for the minor. All state and local laws apply.

SAFETY AND BOAT EQUIPMENT: Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Carelessness or unsafe operation of any boat will be grounds for disqualification. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved life vest securely fastened when combustion engine is running. Safety equipment adequate to pass coast Guard regulations must be in the boat at all times. All boats are required to have FUNCTIONAL emergency cut-off devices (kill switches). All kill switches must be attached to the driver at all times when the combustion engine is in operation or running. Failure to abide by this rule will cause the team to be disqualified. All boats must meet BIA Horsepower rating and/or Coast Guard rating accepting full responsibility and liability for any and all personal injury or property damage (both personal and private), which may occur. Each boat must be equipped with an aerated live well with space adequate to maintain a tournament limit of bass. For your own protection, participants should have liability insurance coverage on their boat.

Registration: Boat numbers will be determined by when entries are received (first in, first out). Early Registration will end at noon on the Friday before the tournament. Competitors may register by mail, telephone with credit card, or in person at tournament site.

REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND SIGNED BY BOTH TEAM MEMBERS!

NO EXCEPTIONS! Each team must have a boat check and rules briefing to insure a timely launch. Failure to do this will result in disqualification. Tournament fees are payable by cash, check or money order and must be paid at time of registration. **NO REFUNDS** will be given after registration form and fee is received. Returned checks will constitute grounds for disqualification from future events and a \$30.00 service charge will be incurred. Registration at tournament site, on tournament day will be accepted on a cash only basis.

SPORTSMANSHIP: All competitors must show courtesy and good sportsmanship to other competitors and non-competitors alike. This includes crowding another competitor. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol during tournament hours will be disqualified.

TACKLE AND FISHING METHODS: Only artificial lures may be used. All bass must be caught in a legal, live, conventional manner using a rod and reel. Each competitor may have only one rod in use at a time. Trolling as a method of fishing is not allowed.

TOURNAMENT HOURS: The hours of competition will be safe light, as determined by the tournament director, with weigh-in at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Fishing is permitted anywhere on tournament waters except within 50 yards of any marina (business) gasoline pump, spillway locks or other competitor, if he/she is anchored, with their trolling motor up or tied to a stationary object, but not in the case where a boats position prohibits navigation of the water way and/or blocks ingress or egress in a creek or any other type waters. Other no-fishing areas will be announced at the morning rules briefing. Tournament competitors may drop markers 50 yards apart (approximately 8 boat lengths) in order to designate their protected waters, provided the competitor placing the markers remains between the two markers. Markers cannot be used or placed so as to block the entrance to creek, canals, etc.

EMERGENCIES: Competitors shall remain with their partners and in their boats at all times during the tournament hours, except in the event of sickness, severe weather or other such hazards. Exception: One team member may temporarily exit the boat to, refuel boat, retrieve personal items etc. , **not** to land a fish or make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. If, for nay reason, a team or team member leaves the tournament waters early, that team member or members bears the full responsibility for notifying tournament official

WEIGH-IN: All boats must return to the tournament launch site to bring their catch to the scales to be weighed. Any team removing their boat from the water prior to weighing their catch will be disqualified, unless the tournament director has approved such actions, based on weather, hazardous conditions, etc. In the event of equipment failure or other emergency, there will be only two permitted methods of returning to the official check-in: (1) by both partners remaining in their boat and being towed by water, or (2) by one partner w/the team's catch entering another competitors (or other pre-checked) boat. Please use official weigh-in bags, only!!

LATE PENALTY: Competitors who are not in the official check point area at the appointed time will be penalized at the rate of (1) pound per minute late, to be deducted from the total weight to be counted for that day, including any weight to be counted toward Big Bass award. Any team/competitor more than 10 minutes late will be disqualified.

SCORING: Largemouth, Smallmouth, Shoal and Spotted Bass will be weighed. The limit will be five (5) fish per boat. Culling will begin as soon as the sixth fish is caught. Any team found to have more than the five- (5) fish limit will be disqualified. All bass will be measured on a Gator Grip Golden Rule Tournament Board. A penalty of three (3) pounds will be assessed per short fish brought to the scales. In addition, that fish will not be weighed. A .25 (1/4) pound penalty will be assessed for each dead fish brought to the scales. **We recommend the use of BassMedics' Rejuvenade livewell treatment.** All live fish will be released. There will be no courtesy length checks at the weigh-in site. Culling will not be allowed at weigh-in site. Dead fish may not be culled. Any culling at weigh-in site will result in disqualification. (The "longest" length limit will be used on lakes with different length limits on different species of bass, i.e. , all species of bass at Eufaula events must measure 14 inches).

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: **The tournament director's decision will be final in all matters.**

QUESTIONABLE FISH: The tournament committee reserves the right to disqualify questionable fish.

ALTERNATES: If a team member is unable to participate, for safety reasons an alternate can be used two times, although, we encourage that original team members try to attend all events possible. (The systematic use of different local pros or guides, as alternates by any team will not be allowed). You may fish by yourself.

PROTESTS: Protest may be registered at two (2) times during tournament. 1.) After the early morning briefing and before the actual beginning of the tournament and 2.) Immediately following the weigh-in of the last boat's catch from that day's fishing and before awards presentation. All protests must be registered in person with the Tournament Director during the times specified above and must be accompanied by a \$100.00 cash protest fee. If the protest is valid, the fee will be refunded. After awards presentations have taken place the results of the tournament will be considered final.

QUALIFICATIONS OF COMPETITORS: The tournament will not be open to any competitor who has been barred from a tournament trail or disqualified from a tournament for cheating; consuming alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs during tournament hours; fighting or other acts of disorderly or prohibited conduct.

OFF LIMITS: There will be NO "OFF LIMITS" for these tournaments.

For further information, contact Larry Watson or Christy Jones at (229) 438-1395 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

TO QUALIFY FOR CLASSIC:
Top 40 boats in points will advance to classic.

Tournament Registration and Contract Form Entry Fee- \$160.00 Per Boat

(Print Legibly & Fill Out Form Completely)

(Boater) Name _____	(Partner) Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____	City _____
State _____ Zip _____	State _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____	Phone # _____
SS# _____	SS# _____

Boat to be used is owned by: _____

Each Participant Certifies:

- (A) I have never been disciplined, disqualified or barred from any tournament for cheating, consuming alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs: or fighting or other acts of disorderly or prohibited conduct.
- (B) By executing this document, and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), which is included in the entry fee, and other good and valuable consideration, I hereby release, discharges and covenant not to institute any suit or legal proceeding against Backwoods Outdoors or any other sponsor or host site of this tournament, including the Tournament Director, or other persons assisting in conducting this tournament, for any personal injuries or other damages I may suffer as a result of participation in the tournament.
- (C) I agree to comply with each and every provision of the Rules and Regulations of this tournament, which are incorporated and made a part hereof by reference.
- (D) I agree that my failure to furnish correct and true information on this form, or my failure to abide by the Rules and Regulations of this tournament, will result in my not being allowed to collect any prize money, and may also result in my being criminally prosecuted.
- (E) I have read this document and the Rules and Regulations of the tournament and I fully understand them.
- (F) I agree to submit to a polygraph if requested by officials.

Signed _____ Signed _____
Mail entry fee and registration form to Backwoods Outdoors, 1486 U.S. Hwy 19S, Leesburg, GA 31763. Make check payable to Backwoods Outdoors. Entry fee may be paid by cash, check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, AM Express. Fax# 229-439-8535

MARK THE TOURNAMENT(S) THIS ENTRY IS FOR:

02/14/09 _____ Lake Seminole, Wingate's Lodge
03/14/09 _____ Lake Eufaula, Lake Point Ramp
04/11/09 _____ Lake Eufaula, Lake Point Ramp
05/02/09 _____ Lake Seminole, Wingate's Lodge
05/30/09 _____ Lake Seminole, Wingate's Lodge
06/27/09 _____ Lake Eufaula, Lake Point Ramp
09/18-19/09 _____ Lake Guntersville, AL
\$160.00 Per Toun. X _____ Tourns.= \$163.00 Credit Card Information
Total Paid=\$ _____ Name _____
Card# _____
Visa _____ MC _____ AMEX _____
Discover _____