

2008 GUYS 'N' GALS BASS ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. Rules:** The following rules for the tournament will be used. These rules will be interpreted by the Advisory Staff appointed by the **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**. All decisions are final.
- 2. Eligibility:** All teams consisting of one Male and one Female that have paid the appropriate fees. All contestants must be at least seven (7) years of age with both parents written consent releasing **GUYS 'N' GALS BASS ASSOCIATION** all claims for injuries resulting from the tournament. Advisory Staff or Tournament Director has the right to refuse Entry to any Team.
- 3. Entry Fees:** \$100.00 per boat entry will be taken at the ramp until tournament time. Big Bass and Polygraphs included. **NO REFUNDS UNLESS TOURNAMENT IS CANCELLED.** A \$30.00 service charge on all returned checks.
- 4. Departures:** Departure will be in sequence in which entries are received.
- 5. Boats and Motors:** Any boat 15 feet or longer, if powered by a motor of 25 horsepower or more, with a kill switch and aerated live well, will be accepted. All Missouri Water Patrol Laws and Regulations shall apply. Boats **MAY NOT BE TRAIERED OR SWITCHED DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS**, except when approved by the Tournament Director. No cumbersome Craft!
- 6. Safety and Sportsmanship:** Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation are expected from each contestant. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principals may be deemed cause for disqualification. Life vest must be worn any time the boat is on plane, with kill switches attached. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS.**
- 7. Permitted Fishing Location:** Anywhere on the tournament lake, **EXCEPT** within **1.** 25 yards of another tournament contestant's boat at anchor; **2.** 50 yards of a commercial gas pump; or **3.** within the weigh-in cove.
- 8. Scoring:** Largemouth, Kentucky, Spotted, or Smallmouth Bass will be counted. Total weight per team will determine the places. Any bass presented for weigh-in under legal length for that lake will result in one (1) pound penalty and loss of that fish. Iced fish or fish on a **STRINGER** will be cause for immediate disqualification. Dead fish will have a one (1) pound penalty for each dead fish. Five (5) fish limit per boat. Contestants must be in sight of their partners during Tournament hours. All fish presented for weigh-in become the property of Guys 'N' Gals Bass Association. No culling within the Tournament Site!
- 9. Ties:** All ties will be broken by the most fish, then by the earliest entry date.
- 10. Late Check In:** A one (1) pound penalty per minute up to ten (10) minutes, after that **DISQUALIFICATION. NO EXCEPTION.** Exact starting & check-in time will be announced before tournament.
- 11. Points:** Points will be awarded as follows: 100 first, 99 second, 98 third, etc. Teams will be awarded one (1) point for each pound of weight. Any team not weighing in a fish will receive 20 points.
- 12. Alternates:** Any team in which one of the members cannot fish a given tournament may use an alternate. This can occur two (2) times only in a season. You may also fish one (1) tournament alone, after establishing a partner of the opposite sex. **EXCEPT** in an emergency the contestant may use someone of the same sex if the person is of the immediate family and is

under the age of sixteen (16) years of age and the written and signed permission of the parents is given. The alternate must be a member of the Guys 'N' Gals Bass Association. There will be a \$10.00 membership fee for that person. The alternates will not be allowed to fish in the Classic.

13. Payback: Payback percentage will be 80% of total purse after Guys N Gals Classic deductions. At each qualifying tournament, Guys N Gals will pay back one (1) place for every five (5) boats.

14. Protest: Any contestant wishing to protest the score or conduct a fellow contestant must do so in writing within ten (10) minutes of the conclusion of the weigh-in. All written protest will go to the Advisory Staff and Tournament Director. All decisions by the Staff will be final.

15. Boat Inspection: All boats must idle by the Tournament Inspection Boat in sequence with live-well lids open prior to take-off.

16. Championship: The top 20 teams in point standings that have fished at least five (5) tournaments using the best five (5) tournament point totals. Anyone who has fished seven (6) tournaments will be invited to the championship.

17. Type of Tackle: Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" will be permitted; however, pork or pork type strips, rinds, etc., may be used. Only casting, spinning or spin-casting reels and rods may be used. Only one (1) rod may be used at any one time by each person. Other rigged rods may be in the boat for substituting purposes; however, only one "rig" is permitted in use at any one time. No trolling.

18. Tournament Cancellations: If the tournament is cancelled due to reasons of safety, it will be rescheduled, if the tournament is cancelled again, the entry fees will be refunded. No refunds will be made for any other reason.

19. Quality Assurance Test: By his or her signature on this entry form and/or participation in this tournament, contestant will agree to submit to a quality Assurance test if required by the Tournament Director. This may include all or part of the following: polygraph test, urinalysis, blood test and an observer, in and out of the boat. Refusal to submit by anglers will result in immediate disqualification of that team for that tournament and future Guys 'N' Gals tournaments. None of the above rules shall prohibit a Guys 'N' Gals official from observing, approaching or boarding any Competitors boat during Tournament Competition days.

**\$100 Entry Fee with \$10 Big Bass Included,
Random Polygraph
\$10 Yearly Membership Per Person**