

SHINNING HOPE FARMS BASS TOURNAMENT RULES

PARTNERS - A team may consist of one or two anglers (You may fish as a team or solo)

ELIGIBILITY – If a team or team member has been banned from any tournament for cheating (**WITH PROOF PROVIDED and PROVEN GUILTY OF CHEATING**) TEAM OR TEAM MEMBER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO FISH

HOLE SITTING – A team having another angler or competitor or anyone outside the tournament (Family, Friend, ETC.) sitting on a location for the sole purpose of preventing other competitors to fish that location **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED** and banned from future events.

START TIME – Blast off will be SAFELIGHT (Tournament Directors Discretion)

LIVEWELLS – All teams must have working live wells. Live wells will be checked at Launch Site by designated official. If launching from another ramp you must have live wells checked before blastoff -

TROLLING / LONG LINNING – This will not be allowed **AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION**

LIMITS – This is a (5) FIVE FISH LIMIT FORMAT. All fish must be 14 inches measured on a Golden Rule. TEAMS MUST CULL ON YOUR 6TH FISH no culling at ramp

DEAD FISH PENALTY – There will be a ½ pound penalty for any dead fish and that fish will not count for Big Fish Award

ON WATER OFF LIMITS – Any water not accessible by boat. NO casting over skimmer walls, or skimmer lines.

TIES – In the event of a tie money for both places will be combined and split between teams

LATE PENALTY – All teams must return to ramp at designated weigh time (NO EXCEPTIONS) you must check in with designated official at ramp. There will be two officials if your team is 5 mins late your catch will not be weighed.

TRAILORING BOAT – You may trailer your boat before weighing fish. If your team uses another launch site, you must weigh your catch before trailering your boat.

CELL PHONES – Teams are not allowed to use a cell phone during tournament hours. (**EXCEPTION – FAMILY EMERGENCY, BUSINESS REASON, CONTACT DIRECTOR**) **AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION**

WEATHER – In the event of adverse weather tournament director has the right for the safety of all anglers to postpone, reschedule, or delay event.

ALCOHOL / DRUGS – NO alcohol or drugs during tournament hours. **AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION**

LIFE VEST / KILL SWITCH – Must be worn anytime boat is on plane / Blastoff

ASSISTANCE – Teams in the event of a mechanical issue may receive help from another competitor or angler in the form of towing or transporting fish to weigh in site in another angler's boat. **ONLY AFTER TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY PHONE. If director cannot be reached, he must be notified immediately before fish are weighed**

EXITING BOAT – NO TEAM or ANGLER shall leave their boat for any reason other than an emergency (EXCEPTION Call of nature, Breakdown Assistance)

POLYGRAPH – All teams are subject to a polygraph. Any angler or team who has failed a polygraph in the past 10 years will not be allowed to fish. REFUSAL to take a polygraph by any angler or team for any reason **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. NO EXCEPTIONS NO REFUND**

PROTEST – All or Any protest must be made to tournament director within 15 mins of scales closing

CONDUCT – All teams will conduct themselves in an adult and sportsmanlike conduct. **OR YOU WILL BE BANNED FROM FUTURE EVENTS**

WAIVER – All teams or anglers must sign a release of liability. Tournament director, Tournament committee, Sponsors and Affiliates Shall not be held responsible for you or your partner or your belongings BEFORE, DURING or AFTER tournament hours. By signing waiver, you release all liability