



## **Rules & Regulations**

1. To ensure complete safety and transparency between anglers and tournament directors during Derby, all anglers are required to contact the tournament director immediately (and not wait) with any situation that relates to safety or rules for clear answers.
  1. Please feel free in safety situations to call 911 if appropriate before contacting director.
  2. Failure to contact tournament directors immediately (or after a 911 call) depending on the situation can incur disqualification for that event and/or the rejection of entering the next event or future events.
2. This tournament is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Deep Creek Lures, Inc. reserves the right to refuse any entry.
  1. Anglers may fish alone or as a two-person team.
  2. Contestants under 18 may fish with an adult, as a team.
  3. Contestants under 18 years of age must also have the signature of a Parent or Guardian.
3. Entry Fees
  1. Entry fee will be \$125 per boat and includes Big Fish pot.
  2. There will be a \$10 charge for anyone registering the morning of derby.
  3. Cash will be the only payment method accepted for registrations done the morning of the derby.
  4. All entries are non-refundable after 7 days before the event.
4. Morning Registration/Check-In
  1. Registration/Check-In will start 90 minutes prior to the event starting time.
  2. You must check-in, even if you have pre-registered.
  3. You must have your live well checked by a tournament official before starting.
5. Starting Positions
  1. Starting positions (Boat Numbers) will be assigned in the order of registration.
6. Starting Times
  1. The Tournament Director will start the event at his discretion (Safe Light).
  2. There will be no delay between flights during the blast-off sequence.
7. Afternoon Check-In / Return Times
  1. Afternoon Check-In / Return times will be announced before the start of each event.
  2. Official Time will be clearly communicated before blast off.
  3. Depending on the number of entries, different "Flight" return times may be designated and announced before the start of the event.

4. You must check-in with a tournament official before leaving, even if you are not weighing a fish. This is to ensure that everyone has returned safely and is off the water.
8. Scoring
  1. (5) Five fish limit per boat.
  2. All fish must be 14" minimum length.
  3. Any dead fish will receive a 0.55 lb (8 oz) penalty.
  4. Any short fish attempted to be weighed will receive a (1) One pound penalty plus the loss of that fish for scoring. There will be no "Courtesy Measurements".
  5. You will lose (1) One pound for every minute you are late for afternoon check-in. After (15) Fifteen minutes you will be disqualified.
  6. Final positions will be determined by total weigh of catch after all penalties.
  7. In the event of a tie, positions are decided by largest bass weighed. If for any reason big bass weight is not available, ties for positions will be split equally.
  8. In the event of a tie for Big Fish, the winner will be determined by total team bag weight.
9. Boat Requirements
  1. Can be either fiberglass or aluminum construction.
  2. Minimum Length is 15'.
  3. Must contain a livewell system.
  4. All boats must contain all required Coast Guard safety equipment including an engine shut-off device (Kill Switch).
  5. Life jackets and shut-off device must be used anytime the combustion engine is running.
10. Tackle and method of catch
  1. All bass must be caught in a legal and sporting manner.
  2. Only artificial lures are accepted.
  3. Contestants can use only one rod and reel at a time.
11. Sportsmanship
  1. The consumption and use of alcoholic beverages, stimulants, or depressants will not be tolerated and will be grounds for exemption in future events.
12. Approved Fishing Locations / Respect Of Other Competitors
  1. Any areas designated as open for public use is permitted within the body of water being used for each tournament event.
  2. Trailering is not permitted in any event.
  3. You may not fish within 50 yards of another competitor without permission from such competitor. Note: Once you grant permission for one boat to enter your 50 yard "no fish zone", you open that area up to any and all competitors. You cannot select who can and cannot fish within your 50 yard "no fish zone".
13. Break-downs
  1. In the event of a break-down you may only receive assistance from another competitor if you choose to transport you and your fish to weigh-in by use of the other competitor's boat. Your partner may stay behind to secure your disabled boat.
  2. You may receive a tow from anyone in order to arrive back at the launch/weigh-in area.
14. Off-Limits Period
  1. Tournament waters will be off-limits the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday prior to the event. (9/26-9/29)

2. During off limits periods, or the Friday pre-fish before the event, no participating anglers can bait any fishing locations or set out any type of fish attractants (live bait or otherwise) of any kind.

15. Mobile Communication Devices

1. Contestants may not use mobile devices to communicate with anyone except the tournament director or emergency medical services during tournament hours. Teams must gain prior approval from tournament directors to contact any other resources (outside of family or work for non-event items). Mobile devices include, but not limited to, cellular phones, tablets, marine radios, CB radios, etc.

16. Polygraph Test

1. Polygraph tests may be given any time based on the discretion of the Tournament Rules Committee.