

SUNRISE MARINE/SOARING WINGS RANCH TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **Rules:** The following rules for this tournament will be used. The Tournament Officials will interpret the rules, and all decisions are final. All participants will abide by all federal, state, and local regulations.
2. **Eligibility:** All individuals, 18 years of age or older unless participating with a consenting parent or legal guardian, and who have paid the proper entry fees. Both contestants must fill out entry form.
3. **Entry fees:** \$100 per boat. The \$500 Big Bass Prize is included in this entry fee.
4. **Team definition:** Not more than 2 participants per boat.
5. **Take-Off:** Order of take-off will be determined by order registrations are received. For example, the first team to register will be the first to take off, and the last to register will be the last to take off. Participants will be given a small wooden paddle at the check-in site before the tournament begins with a number on it showing their number for take-off. The take-off site will be the official check-in site for the tournament. Live wells and safety devices will be checked before take-off. No boat will leave until instructed to do so. This is a point of immediate disqualification.
6. **Boat & Motors:** All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and State water patrol regulations. Horsepower may not exceed the manufacturers rating for that boat. No over-powered boats.
7. **Prizes:** Cash prizes will be guaranteed to first through tenth places. A \$500 cash prize for the Big Bass is guaranteed.
8. **Tackle and Equipment:** All bass must be caught alive on a rod and reel during tournament hours from boat in a sporting manner. --NO LIVE BAIT-- 5 FISH LIMIT.
9. **Safety and Sportsmanship:** Safe boating and fishing practices must be observed at all times. Life jacket laws must be followed. Each contestant is expected to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, the tournament may be shortened or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. Any boat or participant may be checked at any time for any reason. Absolutely no alcohol or illegal drugs may be used during tournament hours. Anyone suspected of using or being impaired by alcohol or illegal drugs, immediately before or during tournament hours, will be disqualified.
10. **Permitted Fishing Locations:** Anywhere on Greer's Ferry Lake except within 50 yards of another contestant's anchored boat, or within 100 yards of take-off area and tournament pavilion. No fishing within 100 yards of weigh-in station.
11. **Dead Fish:** There will be a 1 (one) pound deduction per dead fish, and only 2 dead fish per boat.
12. **Culling:** No culling within 100 yards of take-off area and tournament pavilion.
13. **Weigh-In:** Only bass will be weighed. Large Mouth Bass must be 15" long, Small Mouth Bass and Kentucky/Spotted Bass must be 12" long. Weigh-in times will be determined by waves, with 25 boats per wave, starting at 3:00 PM. Weigh-in times for each boat will be written on the paddles participants receive at check-in. No fish will be weighed until then. One team member must be present to verify weight during weigh-in. After all fish that are present are weighed, there will be a final call made, then scales will be closed. No more weigh-ins after scales are closed.
14. **Protest:** Protests must be filed within 10 minutes in writing after weigh-in and signed by both participants. Tournament Officials will review all protests and make a ruling. All decisions of the Tournament Officials are final.
15. **Ties:** Ties for total weight will be broken by the biggest bass. Ties for biggest bass will be broken by total team weight. In the event they tie, it will be broken by a coin toss.
16. **Check-in Penalty:** All boats must check in. Any participants who have not checked in by the weigh-in time designated on their paddle (determined by wave) will not be able to weigh-in and will be disqualified. Check-in area will be the same as take-off area. No exceptions.
17. **Polygraph Test:** Each contestant agrees by their signature on their Entry Form to submit to a polygraph test. Anyone refusing to take the test will be disqualified. The polygraph may or may not be given on the day of the tournament.
18. **Entry Form:** In signing this Entry Form (or initialing the online Entry Form), I hereby waive and release all other contestants, tournament sponsors, tournament officials, and Devil's Den park from all claims of injury or damage incurred in connection with the Soaring Wings Bass Tournament in any way or form, and I will submit to a polygraph test if required. Ignorance or failure to understand any and all tournament rules will excuse no team from the rules of this tournament. The Tournament Officials will interpret the rules, and all decisions are final.