

ABW LAKE GUNTERSVILLE TOURNAMENT

RULES

- 1. ALL STATE BOATING LAWS MUST BE FOLLOWED. ANYONE TICKETED FOR BOATING OR FISH AND WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- 2. A 15-INCH MINIMUM LENGTH IS REQUIRED (FROM TIP TO TIP), FOR LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH. 12-INCH MINIMUM SPOTTED BASS.**
- 3. IF AN UNDERSIZED FISH IS BROUGHT IN, A PENALTY OF 1 POUND WILL BE ENFORCED AND LOSS OF THAT FISH.**
- 4. TOTAL WEIGHT OF 5 FISH (LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH OR SPOTTED BASS ONLY).**
- 5. WHEN UNDER POWER (IN GEAR) OF MAIN ENGINE YOU MUST HAVE YOUR LIFE JACKET ON, AND YOU MUST NOT BE FISHING. YOU MUST ALSO HAVE THE KILL SWITCH CORD ATTACHED TO YOU.**
- 6. AMERICAN BAITWORKS LURES ONLY! LIMITED TO SCUM FROG, NETBAIT, SNAG PROOF, FREEDOM TACKLE, AND SET THE HOOK PRODUCTS**
- 7. LANDING NETS ARE ALLOWED.**
- 8. A FISH MUST BE ALIVE AND ABLE TO SWIM AWAY ON ITS OWN TO QUALIFY FOR THE BIG FISH PRIZE POOL. (WEIGH MASTER HAS FINAL CALL)**
- 9. ONLY 1 BIG FISH CAN BE WEIGHED, TEAMS MUST HAVE THE BIG FISH READY TO BE WEIGHED FIRST. ONLY 1 BIG FISH PRIZE CAN BE WON EACH EVENT.**
- 10. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST STAY IN THE BOAT DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS UNLESS THERE IS AN EMERGENCY.**
- 11. YOU MAY HAVE NO MORE THAN FIVE FISH IN YOUR LIVE WELL AT ANY TIME.**
- 12. THERE WILL BE A 1-POUND PENALTY FOR DEAD FISH. NO MORE THAN 1 DEAD FISH CAN BE WEIGHED PER BOAT.**
- 13. BOATS MAY BE INSPECTED AT ANY TIME FOR COMPLIANCE OF REGULATIONS BY ABW STAFF DURING THE TOURNAMENT.**
- 14. A 1-POUND PENALTY WILL BE ISSUED FOR EACH MINUTE THAT A TEAM ARRIVES LATER THAN FLIGHT SCHEDULE TIME AND YOU ARE ALSO DISQUALIFIED FROM THE BIG FISH PRIZES. NO EXCEPTIONS FOR BEING LATE (BREAKDOWN, OUT OF GAS, LOST ETC.)**
- 15. YOU CANNOT TRANSFER YOUR FISH TO ANOTHER BOAT IN THE EVENT OF A BREAKDOWN UNLESS THE TRANSFER IS FULLY APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR, INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**
- 16. ONLY LAKE GUNTERSVILLE WATERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE FISHED. NO TRAILERING/LOCKING TO OTHER BODIES OF WATER ARE PERMITTED.**
- 17. THE USE OF CELL PHONES IS PROHIBITED AND WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION. ALLOWABLE EXCEPTION IS A CALL TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR EMERGENCY SERVICES.**
- 18. THE WEIGH MASTER HAS TOTAL AUTHORIZATION OVER THE ENTIRE WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE.**
- 19. YOU MAY REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE REWEIGH AND THAT READING WILL BECOME YOUR OFFICIAL WEIGHT.**
- 20. YOU MAY NOT COME INTO CONTACT WITH ANY OTHER BOAT. EXCEPTION TO THIS RULE AS DEFINED IN THE BOATING REGULATIONS IS YOU MUST ASSIST A BOAT IN DISTRESS. IF POSSIBLE, CALL AND INFORM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR. LENDING REPAIR TOOLS OR GIVING WATER TO ANOTHER TEAM IS AN EXCEPTION TO ASSIST YOUR FELLOW ANGLERS.**
- 21. NO ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, OR ANY NON-PRESCRIBED MEDICATION SUBSTANCES TO BE CONSUMED BEFORE OR DURING ABW EVENTS. ZERO TOLERANCE! 100% DISQUALIFICATION AND BAN FROM ANY FUTURE EVENTS.**
- 22. AFTER WEIGHING IN, FISH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LAKE IMMEDIATELY IN A PRE-DETERMINED ABW RELEASE LOCATION**
- 23. UN-SPORTSMANSHIP BEHAVIOR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AND WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION AND POSSIBLE SUSPENSION FROM ALL OTHER ABW EVENTS.**
- 24. ALL PROTESTS WILL HAVE A DEPOSIT OF \$100. YOUR DEPOSIT WILL BE REFUNDED IF THE PROTEST IS SEEN IN YOUR FAVOR.**
- 25. YOU MAY COMPETE ALONE OR AS A TEAM OF 2 ANGLERS PER BOAT.**
- 26. LIVELINE IS MANDATORY AND MUST COMPLY WITH THE LOCAL STATE CATCH AND RELEASE RULES. (COOLERS AS LIVE WELLS ARE NOT PERMITTED)**
- 27. PRIZES SHALL BE AWARDED ON A PURE WEIGHT BASIS, MINUS PENALTIES. ALL PRIZES ARE AWARDED AS TEAM PRIZES.**
- 28. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE, THE PRIZE MONEY WILL BE POOLED TOGETHER WITH THE TYING POSITION AND SPLIT EQUALLY.**
- 29. IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER, TOURNAMENT HOURS MAY BE ALTERED/CANCELED/RESCHEDULED**
- 30. ANYTIME DURING THE TOURNAMENT SHOULD YOU NEED CLARIFICATION ON A RULE, OR A SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE ACTING TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR SEE TOP OF PAGE TO DISCUSS (IF CELL SERVICE IS AVAILABLE).**
- 31. THE ABW HAS A ZERO TOLERANCE RULE FOR ANY FORM OF ALTERCATIONS ON SITE. PLEASE WALK AWAY AND BRING ANY ISSUES TO A STAFF MEMBER TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL LEAD IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION AND SUSPENSION OF ALL TEAMS INVOLVED.**
- 32. EVERY COMPETITOR MUST SIGN OR COMPLETE ONLINE A WAIVER/REGISTRATION FORM TO COMPETE IN ABW EVENTS! FAILURE TO ENSURE A WAIVER HAS BEEN SIGNED RELEASES ABW FROM ANY DAMAGES, AND AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIES THE TEAM.**
- 33. A POLYGRAPH MAY BE ADMINISTERED AT ANY TIME WITHOUT QUESTION. REFUSAL TO TAKE THE POLYGRAPH WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION, LOSS OF ENTRY, AND SUSPENSION OF FUTURE EVENTS.**
- 34. ALL CONTEST/AWARDS/DRAWN ARE NONTRANSFERABLE, AND HOLD NO CASH VALUE**
- 35. ALL EVENTS ARE FULLY REFUNDABLE, OR TRANSFERABLE UP TO 48 HOURS BEFORE EACH EVENT. ABSOLUTELY ZERO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN WITHIN 48 HOURS BEFORE THE START OF ANY EVENT.**