

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1) Eligibility.** The tournament is open to all (two people) to fish as a team, providing the person operating the combustion engine is 18 years old or older. An adult choosing a minor as a partner will take full responsibility for that minor. Both members must hold a valid fishing license.
- 2) Applications.** Applications may be mailed in early, and may also be turned in at the Pre-Tournament Briefing. They will also be accepted the morning of the tournament at one of the official checkpoints but those entries received after the Pre-Tournament Briefing will be assessed a late fee of \$25. Boat numbers will be assigned in the order that the applications are received.
- 3) Pre-Tournament Briefing.** There will be Captain's Meeting on February 2, 2012 at 5:30 pm at Cabela's in Gonzales. All participants are encouraged to attend. This will be the early entry deadline for the tournament. Anyone entering the morning of the event will be assessed a late fee of \$25.
- 4) Check-in.** Angler Check-in will take place the morning of the tournament, Saturday February 4, 2012, at the before stated official check points. All teams must be checked in by 6:00 a.m. Boats will go through inspection, life jackets must be visible, running lights in and working, and live wells will be checked. Each tournament boat will receive a trolling motor ribbon indicating they have been checked and are fishing the tournament.
- 5) Fishing Hours.** Tournament will begin at 6:30 a.m. All fish weighed in must be caught the day of the tournament (during official hours). Weigh in will be at 3:00 p.m. at Cabelas in Gonzales at the front of the store. All teams must be checked in by 3:00 p.m. (see 14 Penalties for late penalty assessment)
- 6) Safety.** Safe boat conduct and all safety precautions must be observed at all times. Unsafe operation of a boat could disqualify the team. All boats must be equipped with USCG approved life jackets, which must be worn secured when combustible engine is in gear. In an emergency or when it dictates, one or both anglers may take their catch and get into another tournament boat. All boats must be equipped with approved running lights and working engine kill switch.
- 7) Sportsmanship.** All Competitors are expected to show courtesy to other competitors and non-competitors alike. **NO ALCOHOLIC** beverages or **ILLEGAL DRUGS** will be allowed in boats during tournament hours. Drunkenness will not be tolerated. Any contestant who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules, or violates the Fish and Game laws of the State of Louisiana can be disqualified.
- 8) Tackle.** Only artificial lures can be used. No prepared or live bait, other than pork rind strips may be used. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional manner using a rod and reel. No trolling will be permitted at any time during tournament hours. A contestant may use only one rod at any one time. Other rods may be in the boat for substitute purposes. Maximum rod length shall be eight (8) feet.
- 9) Boat Equipment.** Safety equipment adequate to pass Coast Guard regulation must be in boat at all times. All boats must be equipped with functional emergency kill switch and live well. Both the driver and the passenger who participate in boats that are equipped with motors that exceed the BIA horsepower rating accept full liability and responsibility for any and all personal injury or property damage that may occur. Carelessness or unsafe operation of any boat and motor shall not be tolerated and is grounds for disqualification. Each boat should have a functional bilge pump and attempts must be made to keep the fish alive.
- 10) Pre-Tournament Practice.** There is no off limit period before the tournament. Anglers are not permitted to catch bass anytime before the tournament and transport them to be released in another part of tournament waters, in the effort to establish a population of bass in a selected area.
- 11) Permitted Fishing Water.** Only PUBLIC Louisiana fishing waters. No fishing permitted within fifty (50) yards of another competitor's boat which was first anchored or secured in a fixed position. No such boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within a fifty (50) yard circle claimed by him, to the exclusion of any other competitor fishing the tournament. CB radio, walkie-talkie, fixed or portable phones cannot be used between competitor's during tournament hours to locate or acquire fish. No competitors shall have a non-competitor scout out a hole or hold a hole for him during tournament hours to obtain fish. Waters that are posted (off limits, no fishing, no trespassing and private property) by the State or Local authorities or any posted water where the public is not allowed and is off limits to all competitors. You cannot cross any of the above listed water to gain access to open or public fishing water.
- 12) Creel/Limit:** Limit of five (5) bass per team. Minimum length of bass is twelve (12) inches measured on straight / flat board. No culling at landing, only five (5) bass in boat at check-in. Any team weighing in more than five (5) bass will be disqualified. All **State and Federal laws** will be adhered to during tournament hours.
- 13) Ties:** Largest bass weighed shall decide a tie. Total weight will decide a tie for Big Bass.
- 14) Penalties.** Teams who have not checked in at the official check point on time at the conclusion of the tournament will be assessed a 1 pound penalty for each minute they are late up until 15 minutes when they will be disqualified. Minimum length of bass is twelve (12) inches measured on straight / flat board. Any team weighing in fish shorter than twelve (12) inches in length will be disqualified. There will be one (1) ounce deducted per dead fish. If dead fish is the largest, dead fish penalty will apply to that fish.

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- 15) Official Boats.** Officials will be on the waters during tournament hours and can approach or observe any contestant's boat. Each contestant is requested to cooperate with all reasonable requests.
- 16) Damage.** Damage of any nature to a contestant's vehicle, boat, equipment or fishing tackle is the responsibility of the tournament contestant.
- 17) Rule Changes.** Rules will remain unchanged throughout the event. Tournament Director may acquire assistance of Tournament Officials.
- 18) Launch Fees.** All launch fees are assumed by the contestant.
- 19) Protest.** Complaints or protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within fifteen (15) minutes after scales are closed.
- 20) Tournament Director's Decision is final.**

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NAME 1: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

BOAT: _____ MOTOR: _____ HP: _____
AUTO MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____ YEAR: _____

NAME 2: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

Having acquainted myself with the rules, I have completed this application and am enclosing my entry fees. In signing this application, I hereby waive the host, sponsor, tournament officials, or any other authorized agents from all claims or injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. I further understand that the Tournament Director reserves the right to reject my entry fee if he / she shall choose for any good reason. I certify that the above facts are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Also, in signing this application I do agree to take a *polygraph examination*, if deemed necessary and understand I must pass before receiving my awards.

SIGNATURE 1: _____
SIGNATURE 2: _____

CASH or CHECK ONLY (CASH only on morning of tournament)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
ASCENSION AREA ANGLERS

MAIL CHECK AND/OR CASH TO:
Fishing For Tucker
43141 Earl Bercegeay Road
Gonzales, LA 70737

There will be a \$25 service charge on all NSF checks.

Entry Fee (per Team): \$100

Participants mailing entries need to have them postmarked by January 23, 2012.

Entries will be accepted at each Check-In Point the morning of the Tournament with a late fee of \$25 (CASH Only)

Tournament Information

Captain's Meeting will be held at Cabela's on February 2, 2012 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. All anglers must be registered by 6:30 pm when our rules briefing will begin. Any Entries received after 6:30 pm on February 2nd will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

Tournament Waters will be any **PUBLIC** Louisiana Waterway
Weigh-In to be held at Cabela's in Gonzales

Check in will begin **February 4th at 3:00am**
All boats must be Checked-in by 6:00am at one of the following locations:

Cabela's in Gonzales
Pierre Part Store in Pierre Part
Cracker Barrel on False River Road
Laplace Travel Center, I-10/Hwy 51

Official Start Time is **6:30am**

All boats must check in by 3:00pm at Cabela's prior to weighing in.

Food will be provided to all Fishermen who participate.
There will be plenty of door prizes from our great sponsors.

The 1st Place team will receive a free entry for our 2013 event.
(Team must remain the same to receive free entry.)

Payout Information

Payout will be based upon participation:
\$1,000 First Place Based on 50 Boat Field
\$2,000 First Place Based on 100 Boat Field
\$500 First Place Big Bass

The Story of Tucker Townsend

Tucker Townsend, son of Christopher and Leigh Townsend, is a 5-year-old boy with Mitochondrial Disorder. He was born at 27 weeks gestation, weighing just 1 pound and 11 ounces. Tucker spent over 8 months in the NICU at Woman's Hospital, and his parents took him home with a tracheotomy tube and ventilator. He had home nursing for 12 hours a day until he was 3 years old. Tucker said good-bye to the ventilator at age 3 and 6 months later got his trach out. Tucker also has a feeding tube for nutrition as he eats less than 1% of his food by mouth. Tucker's development has soared since his trach came out; He has gone from saying only one or two words to now saying 3- and 4-word sentences. This summer he attended a special needs preschool 5 days a week, and he participated in 3 speech therapy sessions per week, one swimming Physical Therapy session per week, one gymnastics Physical Therapy session per week, and two Occupational Therapy sessions per week to help with feeding. Tucker has many health problems that cannot be explained by his prematurity, such as developmental delay, autistic characteristics, GI issues, and microcephaly (small head). These issues led his parents to seek out mitochondrial testing, which led to a diagnosis of a Mitochondrial Depletion Syndrome in July 2010. This means that at a basic cellular level, Tucker's body does not work the way it is supposed to, and his cells do not have enough energy to perform many functions. Tucker's Mito has manifested in his neurological symptoms, but there is a chance that it could affect his heart, liver, kidneys, or other systems in the future. Even though Tucker appears healthy and energetic to many, Mitochondrial Disorder is considered life-threatening and his prognosis is uncertain. Tucker recently began full-day preschool at Lake Elementary in a special needs classroom, and so far he loves it. Tucker loves trucks and trains, as well as Mickey Mouse and playing outside, especially with his Daddy. Tucker loves life and brings joy to everyone he meets.