

2018 Pete Mathews Region 3 Memorial Tournament

Hosted by: Portage Lakes Bass Masters

Rules

1. Day 1, Sat. June 2nd - Tourney will begin at 6am and end at 3pm. AM check-in for **each day** will begin at 4:30am and end at 5:40am. All contestants must be checked in **each day** at this time or may face DQ. This year there will be no formal meeting in the parking lot. When you check in, find your partner, get ready and get your boat in the water. Our goal is to start promptly at 6am.
2. Day 2, Sun. June 3rd - Tourney will begin at 6am and end at 1pm. Use same check in procedure as above. Non boater parking without trailers is **not permitted** at ramp area. NB meet and ride there with a boater or arrange to be picked up at the Oakes parking area (main park entrance, first road on right). There is a boat turn around here.
3. Contestants entering must commit to fishing both days and will be fishing with same partner each day. You may not enter event for 1 day. Boat numbers will be called in reverse order on day 2.
4. Boaters must supply a copy of current boat insurance with their entry. It must contain a min of \$300,000.00 liability. Deadline for entry and insurance is postmarked by May 12th. No exceptions.
5. A tournament limit of fish will be 5 bass pp, 12" or larger, measured mouth closed, tail pointed. Only 1 rod at a time may be used. Artificial bait only, pork permitted. No trolling with gas motor.
6. Courtesy, sportsmanship and ethics are required at all times. No fishing within 50 yds of another boat that is anchored and trolling motor up. Power poles are considered anchored if trolling motor is up. Rules and interpretation may be decided by tournament committee and final say by tournament directors. (TD) Tony Holzer, (TD) Mike Kinder, plus host club addition.
7. Boaters are responsible for all safety equipment required by law for their boat. Life jackets or PFD's must be out of compartment in plain sight during tournament. Must be worn if boat goes on plane. Non boaters are responsible for their own PFD's. Boater fees are handled in house within their own club. A suggested minimum would be \$25 to include both days. **Only official mesh weigh bags can be used to weigh in fish.** Partners must weigh together and each use their own bag.
8. There is an optional big bass pot (\$10.) It will be 50% of funds collected for day 1 big, and the other half for day 2 big. Big for both days receives the plaque. It will only be collected at day 1 check in.
9. No alcoholic beverages permitted during tournament hours including weigh in. Use of any public restrooms at state parks is permitted. Trailer boats, then weigh fish.
There will be an end of tournament check in boat at the mouth of channel leading to the ramp. It will be marked with a flag. Contestants must check in by boat only at their designated time. Plan accordingly. There is no grace period. If late, you're DQ'ed that day. **You may not check in at ramp or weigh area.** Exceptions may be illness or boat breakdowns deemed OK by director.
10. There will be 2 flights, **boats 1-20** will be due back day 1 starting at 2:45pm-3pm. **Boats 21** on, will be due back day 1 starting at 3pm – 3:15pm. **DAY 2 – Boats 21 on** will be due back starting at 12:45-1pm. **Boats 20-1** will be due back starting at 1pm-1:15pm. It will be continuous call, no waiting between flights to start. For initial start of tournament, there will be no passing boats.
11. The 2 designated speed zones are open on day 1, Sat; from noon to 5pm. To use them, life jackets must be on and kill switch attached. Boaters must drive in a counter clockwise direction inside buoys. You may not cut across speed zones during **off speed** times. You must drive around outside of buoys. Day 2, Sun; will be No Wake all day.