

2019 Kerr Lake Bassanza Rules



1. MEMBERSHIP, ALTERNATES, REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEES:

Contestants must sign the waiver and release form before their entry will be accepted. One member of a team may fish by himself. Professional guides of the host lake are not eligible if they have guided on that lake within eight (8) days prior to the tournament. One member of each team must be eighteen (18) years of age or older and under age contestants must have the signature of his or her parent or legal guardian. Entry fees are \$175 per boat plus an optional \$25 per boat Big Bass pot.

Entry Fee's may be paid by mail (postmarked no later than Monday, September 23rd) to Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 251, Sallisaw, OK 74955 or delivered to the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce at the corner of Cherokee and Wheeler in Sallisaw, OK. Entry deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 27th. Contestants assume responsibility of launching on time. Entry fees are non-refundable once flight positions have been established. Returned checks will result in a \$25 per check service fee. Returned checks not cleared within ten (10) days of notification will result in disqualification. All proceeds from the tournament will go to support the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce. **T-Shirts will be given to all those entering by Friday, September 6th.**

2. FLIGHTS, OFFICIAL TIME & START FISHING TIMES: Each team when entering the tournament will be assigned a team number that will be used for check-in. Flight numbers assigned on a first come first served basis. The number of flights will be determined by the number of entries. Boats may be trailered one time during the tournament to a ramp that is accessible to the Arkansas River; one pool up or down from Kerr Lake. The official timekeeper for the tournament is the Tournament Director; using Altell satellite time. Flight times as follows:

1-35	7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
36-70	7:15 AM to 3:15 PM
71-100	7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

3. FISH SIZE, TYPE, LIMIT, CULLING, TACKLE, FISHING AREAS & OFF LIMITS: The limit is five (5) fish, and the minimum length will be (14) fourteen inches. Bass measurement will be with the mouth closed any way to get tail to hit mark. Only Large-Mouth, Spotted, and Small-Mouth Bass will be counted. Total stringer weight per team will determine place. Any bass not within legal limits will cause two pounds to be subtracted from total weight plus loss of short fish. Any frozen or iced fish presented for weigh-in will result in immediate disqualification. No dead fish will be weighed. Any team that checks in more than five (5) fish will be disqualified. All fish must be brought to the weigh-in line in the provided official bags. Ruling by Tournament Director will be final. Contestants may fish anywhere accessible by boat to the check-in site, except any area that has been designated off-limits by Federal, State, Local regulations or Tournament Officials. You must cull fish immediately and no more than five (5) fish total per team may be kept in live wells at any time. All fish must be caught by one of the team members during tournament hours. Restricting bass which disallows its natural movement or travel throughout the entire impoundment is prohibited. No seeding of bass within 21 days of tournament is allowed. This question will be on the lie detector test for cash winners. Only artificial bait or lures may be used. No trolling. All fish must be caught on rod and reel. Landing nets are allowed for netting hooked fish only. Underwater cameras are not allowed. Only one rod and reel per contestant is allowed in use at any one time. No fishing within fifty (50) feet of another contestant without their permission. Partners must stay together during tournament hours except in the case of emergency. Contestants may not leave the boat to fish, land fish, or make the boat more accessible to fishing waters.

4. BOATS, MOTORS, SAFETY & SPORTSMANSHIP: Boats must be at least sixteen (15) feet and powered by a gasoline engine of at least forty (30) H.P. and have properly working aerated live wells that operate in water and on trailer. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard and State regulations. **No jet powered boats will be allowed.** Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition must not exceed the U.S. Coast Guard or manufacturer's horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. **Life jackets must be worn and kill switch attached any time boat in on plane.** No alcoholic beverages in boat. Any contestant intoxicated or under the influence of drugs during tournament hours or before polygraph will be disqualified. Safe boating practices must be observed. All Local, State and Federal regulations and no wake zones must be obeyed. Be courteous of others. Unsafe operation of a boat or un-sportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and can result in disqualification.

5. CHECK-IN, WEIGH-IN & SCORING: There will be a polygraph test covering all rules pertaining to fishing. Each contestant must check in prior to the weigh-in time of their flight or be assessed a one (1) pound per minute penalty; up to ten

(10) minutes, after which they will be disqualified. Big Bass will be weighed at the discretion of the Weigh Master, Tournament Director or by request of the contestant. In the case of a tie, number of fish will decide and if still tied, tie will be broken by the flip of a coin. One member of the team must verify and sign their weigh-in slip for their weight to be official. In the event of an emergency team members may return to check-in in another contestant's boat as long as the team's fish are marked or kept separate and they check-in on time. The Tournament Director is to be notified immediately of such problems.

6. PROTESTS: Protests must be made in writing to Tournament Officials within fifteen (15) minutes after the last check-in time. Decisions on protests will be determined by evidence, interviews, and/or polygraph of both sides with the Tournament Officials decision being final.

7. RULE DECISIONS & POLYGRAPH EXAMS: Interpretation of rules is at the discretion of the Tournament Officials and is final. Failure to read or ignorance of rules or rule changes is no excuse. By signature on Waiver and Release form and participation in this tournament, contestants agree to a polygraph exam by a qualified polygraph examiner. Polygraph exams will be given and results are final. By participating in this event, each person agrees that all decisions made by Tournament Director are final and not subject to legal challenge.

8. NO MEETING: There is no Friday night meeting for this tournament. **Please make sure you read all rules carefully!**