

# Chattahoochee Baptist Church Benefit Bass Tournament

## RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Contestant/Entrant agrees to procure a reasonable property and personal liability insurance for all activities related to Contestant/Entrant's participation in the tournament. Contestant/Entrant shall assume all risk of injury or death and loss of personal property which may result from participation in the Tournament and hereby releases and discharges Chattahoochee Baptist Church, the Chattahoochee Baptist Church Benefit Bass Tournament, event sponsors, event organizers, other participants and their respective officers, directors, officials, representatives, agents, employees, volunteers and all other associated with this event from any and all liability, obligation, loss, damages, claims, or causes of action in any way resulting from or arising out of the Tournament or related activities. Contestant/Entrant grants this release and discharge with full knowledge and awareness of the inherent danger associated with competitive fishing events such as this Tournament.
2. To participate and be eligible for this Tournament, a properly completed and signed application is required for each entry to the Tournament. This is a team event and a team shall consist of a maximum of two (2) people. Any person entering the Tournament that is not 16 years of age must fish with an adult and have written permission to fish. The written permission must be from the Contestant's parent or legal guardian and submitted with the under-aged Contestant's application. All Contestants must comply with the State of Georgia fishing license requirements.
3. All boats and motors must meet all United States Coast Guard requirements. Safe boating will be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a fastened, Coast Guard approved, personal flotation device any time the combustion engine is in operation. All boats must be equipped with an emergency shutoff device, and must be attached to the driver's body when the combustion engine is in operation. This will be examined during the boat examination process.
4. Tournament day may be shortened or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. The decision to shorten or cancel will be at the full discretion of the Tournament officials.
5. All Contestants/Entrants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, to the Tournament organization and sponsors, and to Chattahoochee Baptist Church. Absolutely No Alcoholic Beverages or mind-altering substances are allowed during Tournament hours; this includes pre-Tournament and all Tournament-related activities.
6. In consideration for permission to participate in the Tournament, I ("Contestant/Entrant") hereby grant to the Tournament and Chattahoochee Baptist Church the unconditional right to use my name, voice, and photograph likeness in the presentation and promotion of future tournaments and other events and activities which benefit Chattahoochee Baptist Church. I understand that I will not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use.
7. **Take-off positions will be given out on the day of the tournament.** Take-off position is determined by the order of registration beginning with the first preregistered Contestant/Entrant.
8. Tournament hours will be from 6:00 A.M. (safelight) to 3:00 P.M. for first flight unless otherwise stated prior to the Tournament start. Flights will be limited to 15 boats.
9. Fishing on Tournament waters is permitted except within fifty (50) yards of a marina gas dock or another competitor's boat, which is anchored, and its trolling motor is up.
10. Protests must be filed in writing to the Tournament director prior to weigh-in. Tournament committee will rule on all protests and their decision is final.
11. Only artificial lures may be used. NO live bait, NO trolling. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional manner with a rod and reel while fishing in the boat. Fishing must cease if angler is out of the boat for any reason.
12. The limit shall be five (5) bass per boat. All bass must be a minimum of twelve (12) inches in length, measured on a "Golden Rule" flat board with the mouth closed and moving the tail side to side. **The team whose fish weigh the most in aggregate wins the Tournament.** "Big Bass" is determined by weight, not size.
13. There will be a one-quarter (0.25) pound penalty per fish for bringing dead fish to the scales. A short fish brought to weigh-in will result in the loss of the team's big bass. At no time shall a team have more than five (5) fish in their possession (livewell). Provisions for a courtesy measurement will be available so a Contestant/Entrant may measure their fish prior to turning them over to the weigh-in committee.
14. **There shall be one Official Checkpoint for boat checkout in the morning and check-in in the afternoon. Failure to go through boat checks will result in disqualification.**
15. Teams who are not in the official weigh-in area at the appointed times will be penalized one (1) pound for each minute that they are late starting with their big bass. Any team more than five (5) minutes late will be disqualified.
16. There will be no official practice period and no off-limits period prior to the event.
17. As a Contestant in this Tournament, I hereby consent to a polygraph examination by an operator selected by Tournament officials, and I agree that the results of said examination will be the final decision. The decision to require a polygraph examination is solely at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
18. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament officials. The decision of the Tournament director shall be final in all matters. Infraction of these rules may be grounds for disqualification for this and future events. **Tournament officials reserve the right to refuse any applicant without cause. For early registration, please make checks payable to: CBC (Chattahoochee Baptist Church).**

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*Please detach and return with your entry fee to: CBC---431 Rose Creek Place---Woodstock, GA 30189*  
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Circle the tournament(s) you would like to fish: March 6<sup>th</sup>-Lanier April 3<sup>rd</sup>-Lanier April 17<sup>th</sup>-Allatoona

### Boater

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Partner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your signature indicates your agreement to comply with the rules and regulations of this tournament as indicated above.*