

Tournament Rules for 2007

NYBA

NYBA Rules & Regulations

By your participation in this tournament, you agree to comply with the following rules and agree to submit to and pass a POLYGRAPH TEST or similar truth test in order to qualify for the receipt of any prize. Test may be given at random. Your signature also releases NYBA, its members, committee, and its sponsors from any misfortune that you may encounter during our events. This is all volunteer work for the pleasure of fishing..

1. You may enter alone or with a partner of your choice, entry fee is \$25.00 per person. Practice is allowed until the day before the tournament. Only one to two anglers per boat at any given time.
2. Tournament waters shall be defined as areas open to all participants of the event and accessible by normal navigational means only. Fishing within 50 feet of a marina gas pump or within 50 feet of a competitors boat, that is first and anchored, is prohibited. (Trolling motor must be in up position and anchor rope visible to be considered anchored.) A safe and courteous distance should be maintained when trolling motors are in use. Any violation of off limit waters will result in disqualification. No trolling excepted.
3. A single angler may qualify for the classic if she/he only missing two events. A third event may be missed for emergency purposes, but angler must purchase this event and must be paid by the last regular season tournament(not the classic) .
4. Phone registration by credit cards are accepted with a \$10.00 processing fee. All other payments are Cash Only.
7. Teams must comply with all state fishing and boating regulations, including the use of P.F.D.'s and kill switches. Fishing and boating regulations and licenses are the responsibility of the team members.
8. Bass must be weighed at the official NYBA Team Tournament weigh in site. Both team members must be present at the time of weigh in to be eligible for prizes. Unless other plans had been made with tournament director.
9. A team can weigh in not more than 5 bass and those 5 bass must be alive. Dead fish will have a one pound penalty per dead fish..

10. All bass, including largemouth, smallmouth & spotted bass, presented for weigh in must meet state/lake length requirements for the lake in which they are being weighed. Any measured fish that is short, contestant will loose short fish plus biggest fish caught that day.
11. Big Fish entries are included in the entry fee. Only one Big Fish entry per team. Only one(1) big fish will be weighed in and contestants will have that fish marked and designated as his/her big fish at weigh in.
12. Blast off will be at 6AM. A chip with your boat number will be given to you. This is your blast off number and chip should be returned and in the can by designated time. If time is 2PM. can is taken up as soon as time hits 2PM. Chips are taken up after 2PM with a 1 pound penalty per minute late. Maximum of 10 minutes.
13. Any team having a member who has failed or refused to take a polygraph test or was on a team that was disqualified or denied a prize because either of that team failed or refused to take a polygraph or who has ever been denied a prize because he or she misrepresented compliance with tournament rule will be disqualified.
14. Any minor who participates (under 18) must make arrangements to have a parent or guardian present at the weigh in to sign a release form or have the release on the entry form signed prior to the tournament to allow a polygraph examination if required by the tournament director.
15. Protest must be made in writing to a committee member within 30 minutes following the end of the official weigh in. All protest must site the rule number(s) allegedly broken.
16. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed during NYBA Tournaments or at any given time of that event on tournament day.
17. During tournament hours no one may spot fish for you or mark fishing spots for you.
18. No hole sitting by competitor or non-competitor boat during the tournament will be allowed.
19. The use of mobile communication devices such as phones, cellular phones, marine radios, walkie talkies, and CB's to communicate fishing information during tournament hours is strictly prohibited. (If caught during or after will be grounds for disqualifications)