

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. These Rules apply to all entrants of this tournament. Violation of any of these rules will result in disqualification. Any protest must be received in writing and signed within ten minutes of final check-in deadline to be valid. Contestants are responsible for knowing and understanding all rules. State, Federal, and Local Laws must be obeyed. Tournament Director's decisions will be final. Tournament Hours are 6:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A pre-tournament meeting will be held at "The Point" at 6:15 a.m. and all teams must check in and attend. All boats must launch at the host ramp which will be "The Point" recreation area. This is a two man team tournament and team entry is free. Entry is either in advance on line or at the tournament site. **There is a \$4.00 per boat launched fee at the dock. You can pay by credit card or cash. The park asks that you place the receipt in your dashboard.**

2. Courtesy, Safe Boating, Sportsmanship and Conservation must be displayed at all times by contestants. A U.S. Coast Guard approved chest type PFD must be on and fastened anytime the boat is on plane. All boats must meet U.S. Coast Guard standards. Outboard motors may not exceed boat manufacturer's rating. All boats must have an emergency kill-switch and must be attached to the driver anytime the boat is on plane. Alcohol and narcotics will not be allowed in the possession of contestants during tournament hours, unless prescription medicine.

3. There will be no off limits period of the lake for pre fishing. All fishing must be done with artificial lures only. Pork is permitted. Only one rod and reel may be used at a time by contestants. No trolling allowed. All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner during tournament hours from tournament waters. Contestants may not use any communication or video device for the sole purpose of locating or catching bass during tournament hours.

4. Boats must have an operational live well with an aeration system. Teams may keep no more than five bass in the live well and fish must be culled immediately. If more than 5 five fish are brought in, that team's catch will be disqualified. Scoring will be by the total weight of five bass per team. **Arbuckle Lake is a slot lake which means that all bass brought to the scales must be under 13" or over 16"**. Black Bass, Spotted Bass and Smallmouth Bass are the only species allowed. Fish will be measured on measuring board with the tail closed. Ties for cash prizes will be settled by combining two cash awards and splitting the total between tied teams. No fishing is allowed within 25 yards of another tournament boat without mutual consent. No tube, bank, or wade fishing is allowed.

5. Penalties: There will be a 1 pound penalty deducted for each dead fish weighed in. There will be a 1 pound penalty deducted for any fish not meeting the size requirement brought to the scales, plus, a loss of same fish. Any contestant's weight will not be counted, if not checked-in by the designated check-in time of 12:30 p.m. **There will be no late check in.** Please use the weigh bags provided by the tournament.

6. Tournament can be cancelled or delayed by the tournament directors at any time due to hazardous weather or lake conditions. Tournaments can also be moved to other lakes if conditions are hazardous.

7. **Participants must be registered for the 2009 REWIRED Men's Retreat in order to participate at www.bgco.org/mensretreat.** Prize money per team is \$500.00 for first, \$300.00 for second, and \$200.00 for third and will be awarded at the Saturday General Session of the Men's Retreat. We ask that you mail in the release waiver and entry form by April 14th.

If questions, please email dstanley@bgco.org or call 405-942-3800 for Debra Stanley.