



Ohio Bass Federation

2017 State Youth Championship



1. USCG Type III Approved Life vest must be worn at all times while Motor running.
2. **Anglers:** Are not allowed to idle back to ramp area to fish.
3. **2 Anglers** per boat and will be paired with an adult boat captain.
4. Anglers will be respectful to their co-angler at all times while on the water (Do not cast on top of or in the same area as your co-angler.)
5. **Anglers** will share equal time between the front and rear of the boat, **3 hours each only!** Determined between the members fishing together prior to launch.
6. **Anglers** may not fish within 50 yards of another anchored club member with trolling motor down.
7. **Anglers** must be in a seated position when boat motor running.
8. During the tournament blast off, a boat will be on plane before the next boat is allowed to start.
9. **Equipment:** Up to Five (5) rod and reel combinations with one 370-tackle bag will be allowed per tournament for each angler. Only one rod and reel combination may be used at a time.
10. **Baits:** Only Artificial bait / lures are permitted. No Live Bait. Pork trailers are permitted.
11. **Scoring:** There will be a 5 fish limit per member in each tournament. Approved fish lengths will be determined based on the body of water being fished. All fish caught must be measured by Golden Ruler.
12. **Sight Fishing:** A sight or bedding fish is defined as one that can be seen and is watched as it approaches the lure. Fish being caught under these conditions must be caught by hook and line and by the fish ingesting the lure. Any bass that is caught that is either a "sight" or "bed" fish must be caught "hook in mouth with the hook point entering from inside the mouth". This catch must be verified as a legal catch by the angler's in-boat partner. Any "sight" or "bed" fish caught by snagging or with the hook starting outside the mouth shall be deemed an illegally caught fish and

must be released. This same fish may be caught again by legal method – with the hook starting from inside the mouth.

13. **Dead Fish:** A ½ pound (8 ounce) penalty will be assessed for each dead fish weighed in.
14. **Short Fish:** Any angler bringing a fish to the scales which is shorter than the approved length will have an 8-ounce penalty and the short fish will not be weighed.
15. **Ties:** Any ties will be broken as follows: (1) Largest Single Bass Caught (Big Bass) (2) Total Number of live fish caught (3) Flip of the coin.
16. Each Angler must be at the launch ramp at the designed quitting time. A 1 ounce penalty will be assessed for each minute late. (The State Director will determine emergency situation.)
17. **All Anglers:** Required to offer boat captain \$20.00 for gas funds at the beginning of the state event.
18. When restroom breaks are needed, anglers must use park restroom facilities.
19. **Anglers:** are expected to show good sportsmanship and respect at all times to other anglers, sponsors, parents and the organization at all times!
20. **Anglers** are expected to respect Boat Captains requests regarding safety while on the boat. Including, keeping fishing equipment in an orderly and neat fashion, showing respect for co-anglers ability to fish and adhering to safety requests.
21. No cell phones may be used by anglers while the tournament is in process. Anglers may not notify or communicate fishing information to other competitors via cell phone during tournaments. Parents are allowed to contact boat captain(s) only if needed for safety reasons.

Any Angler failing to follow the tournament rules may be disqualified from the state championship!

Emergency Contact: State Director

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