

## **BROTHER BLUE BASS TOURNAMENT RULE**

**\*Anyone that has failed a polygraph or has been disqualified at any tournament is not eligible to enter\***

1. **Participation/Eligibility:** The GPPA tournament is open to all anglers and will be a team event. Teams will consist of no more than two contestants. No more than two contestants per boat. Only tournament contestants are allowed in boats, unless prior approval is granted by the Tournament Director. Anglers under the age of 18 must have the signature of their parent or guardian on the entry form and must be paired with an adult over the age of 18.
2. **Registrations:** Entry fee is \$100.00 per team, cash, check or credit card and must be paid before team starts fishing. An optional Big Bass Pot is \$5 per contestant. All entrants must check in at the registration/weigh-in site that is between boat ramp #1 and boat ramp #2 in Lynn Creek Park on Friday night from 6 PM to 9 PM or on Saturday from 5:30 AM and 7 AM.
3. **Tournament Times:** Fishing time/First cast starts at 6:00 AM and last cast is at 3 PM. All anglers/teams must be back at the weigh-in tanks no later than 4:00 PM for weigh-in. The weigh in line will open at 3 PM and will close at 4 PM. An official clock will be maintained at the registration/weigh-in site for time coordination.
4. **Laws:** All anglers will follow state and local laws. Joe Pool is a special regulation lake with a slot limit of 14 to 21 inches and five fish limit per person. Only one fish over 21 inches can be retained per person.
5. **Scoring:** Each team will be allowed to weigh in **four bass under 14 inches for total stringer weight**, and this will determine the winning position. This will be a 4 under bass tournament. A bass 21 inches and over can be weighed for Big Bass Pot only. ALL ILLEGAL FISH WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. Only Black Bass may be weighed. All ties will be decided by a coin flip. All final decisions will be made by the Tournament Director.
6. All Participants should use any means available to keep fish alive. Any dead fish brought in will be disqualified and will not be weighed. All live fish brought in will be collected by the Tournament Director for live release in Joe Pool. Trophy fish may be retained by the contestant if he or she wishes.
7. Trailering is allowed. Contestants may launch from any location. Wading, tube fishing, use of pirogues or canoes is acceptable.
8. Fish must be caught from the tournament waters of Joe Pool in water that is NOT designated as "off limits" and must be caught with a rod and reel, artificial lures only.
9. **Safety:** Any boat may be used if it meets all state and local requirements. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices must be worn anytime the combustion engine is in operation.
10. Contestants in boats should not be closer than 100 feet of any boat, unless they are invited by the occupants of the other boat.
11. Tournament times may be changed or the tournament may be cancelled if any unsafe conditions develop, as determined by the Tournament Director.
12. Tournament officials or sponsors will not be held liable for any claims of injury, accident, damage, or lost or stolen property incurred in connection with this event.
13. The Grand Prairie Police Association shall have the right to publish photographs, video, and voice recordings taken by Tournament Officials, Staff, Sponsors, Affiliates, or Volunteers.