

## **Tournament Rules-**

1. It is the responsibility of the participant to read and understand all rules prior to tournament start! State fishing license required.
2. No one under 18 years of age unless accompanied by parent or guardian.
3. U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket must be worn while engine is running.
4. A working aerated live well is required, no stringer or baskets allowed.
5. Artificial lures only! Use only 1 rod at a time, no trolling. Casting only. No live or prepared bait.
6. Only largemouth, smallmouth and Kentucky bass are allowed. Minimum length will follow state regulations for that lake and there will be 2 slot fish per boat! Fish will be measured on Golden Rule!!
7. Maximum number of bass will be 5 per team. Any team attempting to weigh in a short fish will be disqualified unless a request for length check is made prior to weigh in.
8. Competitors who are not at the official weigh in site by designated quitting time will be disqualified. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
9. Any fish that appears to have been mutilated in any way will be weighed at discretion of the tournament officials at the weigh in and their decision is final.
10. Penalty of .50lbs. will be deducted for each dead fish weighed in. Tournament officials at weigh in site will determine live fish and their decision is final.
11. In case of a tie, the competitor with more eligible fish will be considered winner. In case of 2 or more competitors with the same number and weight of fish, the largest fish will be tie breaker.
12. All fish will become property of the WKU Bass Fishing Tournament, which will be returned back to tournament waters, with the exception of 1 trophy fish per tournament.
13. **INFRENGEMENT OF THESE RULES SHALL BE CONSIDERED CAUSE FOR DISQUALIFICATION. INTERPRETATION OF THESE RULES SHALL BE LEFT EXCLUSIVELY TO TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS.**
14. Any complaints or questions must be brought in writing and signed to the attention of the tournament officials either prior to the start of the tournament or the closing of the weigh-in. Complaints will not be accepted after that time and the decision of the tournament officials **WILL BE FINAL!!**
15. Anyone participating in the WKU Bass Fishing Tournament will be subject to a polygraph exam and or voice stress analysis if requested by the tournament officials. Examiner's decision must be accepted without appeal. Entrants understand that the failure of such test or refusal to take the test will disqualify them from the tournament.
16. Due to the stress and the mortality of the fish, those that are weighed in at the WKU Bass Fishing Tournament **MAY NOT BE USED IN ANY ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT.**
17. There will no culling of fish inside the buoys at the weigh-in site.
18. Absolutely no hole-setting or holding of a fishing spot by an alternate boater. *This will not be permitted!!*
19. Boat owner must have a minimum of \$100,000 liability insurance.
20. All boaters must obey State boating laws.
21. No alcoholic beverages allowed in boat or around immediate weigh-in area!
22. A contestant must stay in boat at all times. If a contestant leaves the boat for any reason, no fishing equipment will be allowed in possession.
23. No more than a 5 fish limit in your possession at any given time, also no more than 2 slots in your possession at any given time. You must cull not to exceed your 5 fish limit.
24. If a contestant fishes by his/herself during the WKU Bass Fishing Tournament, the director reserves the right to place an observer in the boat with them that day.
25. Registration can be brought to Port Oliver Ramp the morning of tournament.
26. Your signature below releases any and all liability from the WKU Bass Fishing Tournament, Western Kentucky University, and WKU Bass Fishing Program. Boat owner insurance must be obtained in order to compete in tournament.
27. Tournament will begin releasing boats at safe light with running lights working.
28. Additional Wavier Release must be signed in order to compete in tournament.

### **WKU Bass Fishing Tournament**

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Barren River Lake – Port Oliver Boat Ramp

Bring Entry Form at Sign-Up Table Morning of Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Phone: 270-702-0151

Boater Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

High School Anglers:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Name & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Name & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian/Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We have completed this application and we have submitted the entry fee for participation in the tournament. In consideration of the privileges of participating in this event, I/We waive and release the tournament officials and sponsoring organizations from all claims and damages incurred in connection with this event. I/We agree that the tournament sponsors and hosts shall have exclusive rights to take photographs, videos or audio recordings of ourselves/myself and use of such material in any lawful manner.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPANT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY – Team #**

**READ BEFORE SIGNING** In consideration for permission to voluntarily participate in tournaments, events, programs, and related activities conducted by The WKU Bass Fishing Program and/or Western Kentucky University, either jointly or separately, I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that: The risk of injury, disability, death, loss or damage to my person or property from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; AND, I have been advised by WKU Bass Fishing Program and/or Western Kentucky University, and have had the opportunity to seek legal counsel with respect to the legal effect of this document; AND, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS REFERRED TO ABOVE, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE WKU BASS FISHING PROGRAM AND/OR WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, THEIR OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, AGENTS, AND/OR EMPLOYEES, OTHER PARTICIPANTS, AND SPONSORING AGENCIES, SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, THEIR PARENT AND AFFILIATE COMPANIES AND, IF APPLICABLE, OWNERS AND LESSORS OF PREMISES AND PROPERTY USED TO CONDUCT THE EVENT (“RELEASEES”) OR OTHERS, AND ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RISKS ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION; AND, I willingly agree to comply with the terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the immediate attention of the nearest official; AND I, FOR MYSELF AND ON BEHALF OF MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NEXT OF KIN, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS RELEASEES, WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, WHICH I SUFFER OR WHICH I AM FOUND TO HAVE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY MY NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW. I agree to submit, by signature on this document, to a polygraph or voice stress analysis examination. Hereinafter known as a truth verification test, and abide by its conclusion. Truth verification test(s) will be used at WKU Bass Fishing Program’s sole discretion, and administered by WKU Bass Fishing Program or its agents. I understand that failure to pass the examination as determined by WKU Bass Fishing Program will result in disqualification. I certify that the number shown on these forms is my correct taxpayer identification number. Having fully acquainted myself with the tournament rules, I have completed this application and submit it for my entry. In signing this application, and by my presence at the event, I hereby agree to be bound by and comply with all tournament rules, participant release of liability and safety regulations. I expressly assume all risks associated with the tournament. If I am using a boat during the official practice or the event, I certify that I now have, or will obtain prior to the event, property damage\ watercraft liability insurance having a reasonable limit. Said insurance must cover injury and/or damage incurred in connection with the event. Upon request, I will provide satisfactory evidence of said insurance. I hereby waive my rights of privacy or publicity with regard to the unconditional right to use my name, voice, photographic likeness, video and biographical information and fishing tips and instructions in connection with any reproduction of same, video\audio productions and\or articles and press releases by WKU Bass Fishing Program, Western Kentucky University, their parent or affiliate companies, and those acting under their permission, anywhere at any time, through any medium or media. I shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use. I further understand and agree that the tournament officials reserve the right to reject my application for any reason whatsoever. (11.11.14) The Participant(s) signifies by their signature below that they have read and understands the foregoing provisions.

Angler A-      Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Angler B -      Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Captain - Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)** This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releases, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releases from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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X      A - PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE                      EMERG. PHONE # (s):                      Date Signed

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X      B - PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE                      EMERG. PHONE # (s):                      Date Signed