

## **Limit Out Performance Marine Tournaments**

### **2020 Big Bass & Shootout Rules**

**Participation/Eligibility** – All contestants must have a valid Washington State fishing license, boaters will carry their own insurance and boat drivers must have a valid boater's card in their possession. Registration for each event can be made by calling Limit Out Marine and paying over the phone, by mailing an entry form with payment, or by paying cash at the tournament site the Friday and Saturday morning the day before the event. No checks will be accepted for entry at the event unless prior arrangements have been made with the tournament director. Registration times at the event will be held on Friday from 5 to 7 PM and Saturday morning from 4:30 to 5:30 AM. Drivers Meeting will be held at 6 AM on day one only and on Day 2 boaters will blast off in reverse order. One team member must be present during the drivers meeting so he/she can receive their starting number for blast off, hear the rules regarding off-limits areas, and all information regarding that days event. Blast off will be at safe light shortly following the drivers meeting.

#### **Big Bass Tournament Format**

A team is made up of 1 or 2 persons only. Partners can be substituted in the event a partner becomes ill or has to work. Teams can only hold 3 fish in their live well at any given time and can only weigh one fish per hour. No dead fish will be allowed. In order for fish to be weighed a team member must cross the line between the two traffic cones set out in front of the weigh stand to declare to weigh in during the hour that is occurring at the time. Teams can put fish back in their live wells if they don't cross line between the two traffic cones declare/commit to weigh there catch and weigh in at a different time. Largemouth and Smallmouth bass are only to be weighed.

#### **Big Bass Tournament Weigh In Times for Day 1 and Day 2**

Day 1 Saturday Weigh Times – Total of 8 Hourly Weigh Times

8-9, 9-10, 10-11, 11-12, 12-1, 1-2, 2-3, 3-4PM

All contestants must be inside the host marina by 4PM Saturday.

Day 2 Sunday Weigh Times – Total of 6 Hourly Weigh Times

8-9, 9-10, 10-11, 11-12, 12-1, 1-2PM

All contestants must be inside the host marina by 2PM Sunday.

Awards ceremony will be held approximately 45 minutes after the last weigh in or 3PM on Sunday.

## **Restrictions & Safety**

During the official competition days, contestants may not solicit and/or receive fishing information from anyone except other contestants. Non – competitors are not allowed in the contestant's boat unless there is an emergency or engine failure. The purchasing or bartering of information or the hiring of guide services is not permitted after the start of the tournament. The use of mobile communication devices (two way radios, cell phones, marine radios, CB's) during tournament hours is strictly prohibited **except in the event of an emergency or severe weather.**

Safe boating must be observed at all times. Any time the internal combustion engine is running life jackets are required to be worn and attached to a fully operational kill switch. Your safety is important to us. Contestants are required to observe all no wake zones and the tournament director will notify contestants of those no wake zones. At the discretion of the tournament director, tournament days may be shortened or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions.

## **Sportsmanship**

All contestants are to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, their event sponsors, and the sport of fishing. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to the following: Violation or failure to comply with any of the official rules for the tournament, the consumption of alcohol or mind altering substance during any of the Big Bass/Shootout events are strictly prohibited, and any actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, and fair competition. In case of any conduct not complying with these standards of sportsmanship, the tournament director shall have the right to disqualify a team.

## **Boat and Horsepower Regulations**

All boats must be propeller driven and be a minimum of 14' in length. All boats must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. Boats must contain a properly aerated live well capable of maintaining alive a limit of fish. The horsepower of the outboard engine must not exceed the maximum horsepower capacity specified on the on the Coast Guard placard. By registering for the tournament, each contestant agrees to submit his or her boat and motor to an inspection by the tournament director. Fishing platforms must be factory installed equipment. No portable platforms may be used in tournament competition. All contestants are required to have a **contest banner** looped around the cowling of the outboard motor.

## **Permitted Fishing Methods**

Only one rod per contestant can be used at a time. All bass to be caught in a conventional sporting manner. No live bait can be used. Use of artificial baits only. Trolling, defined as moving the bait with the assistance of a combustion engine is not allowed. Continued.....

At no time can a contestant leave the boat to land a fish. Contestants may not fish within 50 yards of another boat unless permission is granted by the boat that was anchored first. If let one boat within 50 yards of another all are allowed. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. In the event of equipment failure or emergency, there will only be two permitted methods returning to the check point: By both team members being towed in by another contestant on the water or by one or two team members entering into another tournament contestant boat by water.

### **Official Checkpoint**

Tournament host marina will be the official checkpoint for all tournament activities as well as checking in at the end of the day. Big Bass & Shootout events to be held at Mardons Resort Marina on Potholes Reservoir and Coeur D' Alene at Harrison Resort.

### **Live Fish**

Every effort must be made to keep your fish alive through the use of a properly aerated live well. The use of live well additives is encouraged to promote the healthy return of bass to their natural habitat. Bass must be alive to be weighed in. No dead fish will be weighed at the tournament scales. Ties will be split equally.

### **Shootout Tournament**

This is a 5 fish, 2 day team tournament where the top 10 teams from day one move to day 2. On day 2 the weights from day one are zeroed and the top 10 teams compete for cash. All rules apply that are stated for Big Bass except for the weigh in times. Weigh in for Saturday will be at 3 PM and Sunday at 2 PM. \$300 entry fee. \$25 for biggest bass paid each day.

### **Late Penalty**

Late penalties will be assessed at 1 pound per minute and after 10 minutes the days catch will be disqualified.

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