



Albany Bass Club presents

# TEAM BASS TOURNAMENT

## MARCH 25, 2017

### LAKE EUFAULA LAKE POINT RESORT STATE PARK

### ENTRY FEE: \$150 PER BOAT

LAKE IS NO LONGER OFF LIMITS PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT.

YOU MAY REGISTER ON-SITE FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH FROM 5PM-6PM EST & THE MORNING OF THE TOURNAMENT.

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### SCHEDULE OF PRIZES

\$5000 CASH FIRST PRIZE

2ND TROPHY & \$2000

3RD TROPHY & \$1000

4TH TROPHY & \$800

5TH PLACE - \$500

6TH PLACE - \$350

7TH-10TH - \$300

11TH-20TH - \$200

21ST-30TH - \$150

LUNKER-TROPHY & \$500



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7AM EST OR SAFE LIGHT TAKE-OFF FIRST FLIGHT

3:30PM EST WEIGH-IN FIRST FLIGHT

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# BASS TOURNAMENT RULES OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS



**A properly completed and signed Official Application Form and the \$150.00 Entry Fee must be received by Tournament Officials by March 25, 2017.**

**Rule Changes:** The rules of this tournament will remain unchanged. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively with the Rules Committee. The decision of the Tournament Officials shall be final in all matters.

**Participants and Eligibility:** Participation in this tournament is open to all persons who are sixteen (16) years of age or older. Children under the age of sixteen (16) may participate with an authorized adult with a completed and signed waiver. **A properly completed and signed Official Application Form and the \$150 Entry Fee must be received by Tournament Officials by March 25, 2017.** This is a Team Tournament. The team must consist of two (2) anglers. Both male and female anglers are encouraged to participate.

**Polygraph Examination:** Any contestant in the Easter Seal Bass Tournament, if requested by the Tournament Officials, must agree to a contractual agreement for a polygraph examination by a polygraph operator selected solely by the Tournament Officials. The result of said polygraph examination will be the final determination as to whether the contestant will be eliminated as a recipient of any prize or award as a result of their participation in said tournament. The operator's decision must be accepted by all contestants without further appeal. In the event of no polygraph examination, Tournament Officials will make the final decision as to a contestant's eligibility. Failure to comply with this rule, if asked and so determined by polygraph examiner and/or Tournament Officials after a thorough investigation, will result in disqualification.

**Safety and Boat Equipment:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Carelessness or unsafe operation of any boat will be grounds for disqualification. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved life vest, securely fastened at all times when the combustion engine is in operation. Safety equipment adequate to pass Coast Guard regulations must be in the boat at all times. All boats are required to have a functional emergency cut-off device (kill switch). All kill-switches must be attached to the driver at all times when the combustion engine is in operation. Failure to abide by this rule will cause the team to be disqualified. All boats must meet BIA Horsepower rating and/or Coast Guard ratings, accepting full responsibility and liability for any and all personal injury or property damage (both personal and private) which may occur. Both the driver and passenger who participate in boats equipped with engines that do exceed the BIA Horsepower rating accept full responsibility and liability for any and all injury or property damage (both personal and private) which may occur. Each boat must be equipped with an aerated live well with space adequate to maintain a tournament limit of bass. A homemade device may be used, provided it meets the above standard. It is suggested that each boat have a functional bilge pump. For their own protection, participants should have liability insurance coverage on their boat.

**Sportsmanship:** All participants are expected to show courtesy and good sportsmanship to other participants and nonparticipants, alike. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed in any boats at any time during tournament hours. Anyone under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol during tournament hours will be disqualified. At no time "will firearms be permitted in the boat or weigh-in site; the only exception will be those persons affiliated with recognized law enforcement agencies. Boat numbers and weigh-in bags will be returned to Tournament Officials. Only official Tournament weigh-in bags will be allowed. No littering.

**Boat and Motor:** Fishing boats may be used that are fifteen (15) or more feet in length, with a minimum of a twenty five (25) horsepower engine. No barges or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted.

**Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, the tournament will be rescheduled for the following day. Further decisions will be made by the Tournament Committee.

**Tackle and Fishing Methods:** Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or cut bait. All bass must be caught in a legal, live, conventional manner, using a rod and reel. Each competitor may have only one rod in use at a time. Only the following methods of catching bass are recognized: casting and retrieving a lure in any form of flipping, such as "Dipping," "doodle-Socking," and/or "Pitching." Pork-type lures and add-ons may also be used. Length of rods will be limited to eight (8) feet. Fly rods are not permitted. Drifting is allowed only when it is "wind-aided" or "current-aided." Trolling motors may only be used to adjust a wind-aided or current-aided drift pattern. Trolling is not allowed.

**Permitted Fishing Locations:** Fishing on Tournament waters is permitted anywhere except within fifty (50) yards of any marina, or within fifty (50) yards of another competitor's boat which was first anchored with the trolling motor up. Tournament waters are defined on Lake Eufaula as: any water that can be reached by boat from the Tournament takeoff site. **No fishing will be permitted beyond the locks on Lake Eufaula.** Contestants must not depart boat to land fish. Boats must remain in Tournament waters at all times during the Tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to Official Checkpoint by boat. Trailering of boats during Tournament hours is prohibited. **Any team removing their boat from the water prior to weighing their catch will be disqualified, unless the tournament director had approved such action, based on weather, hazardous conditions, etc.** Both competitors must remain in boat at all times except in case of dire emergencies. If a competitor violates any of the above conditions his catch shall not be counted in the Tournament.

**Official Checkpoint:** There shall be only one official point of check-out in the morning and check-in in the afternoon. At the check-out, all competitors and their boats shall be in full compliance with all rules set forth by Tournament Officials. At the check-in, all boats must be identified by numbered cards and proceed to designated weigh-in. All live wells must be examined by Tournament Officials at check-out before beginning of Tournament participation. All protests shall be made to Tournament Officials before weigh-in scales are officially closed.

**Scoring:** Large mouth, small mouth, red-eye and spotted bass will be weighed in. The limit will be five (5) fish per boat. Culling will begin as soon as the sixth fish is caught, before making another cast. No culling baskets or drag lines (lines hanging over the side of the boat) will be allowed. Any team found to have more than the five (5) fish limit will be disqualified. All bass will be measured on a gator-grip golden Tournament board (flat) with the mouth closed and by moving the tail side-to-side. A penalty of three (3) pounds will be assessed per short fish brought to the scales. A .25 (1/4) pound penalty will be assessed for each dead fish brought to the scales. All live fish will be released. **There will be no courtesy length checks at weigh-in site.** In accordance with Georgia law, dead fish may not be culled. Any culling at weigh-in site will result in disqualification. **On Lake Eufaula, the Tournament length of all species of fish will be fourteen (14) inches.**

**Late Penalty:** At conclusion of Tournament, competitors who are not at the Official Check-In Point at the appointed time shall be penalized at a rate of sixteen (16) ounces per minute. Any competitor more than fifteen (15) minutes late shall be disqualified. There will be no excuses accepted. After proper check-in, competitors will be allowed ample time to proceed to the weigh-in site.

**NOTE: Official Tournament time on Lake Eufaula is Eastern Standard Time, even though Alabama is on Central Standard Time.**

Contestants will be permitted to enter Tournament at any time on Tournament Day with proper qualifying fees and other rules applying.