

1. RULE CHANGES: The following rules will remain unchanged after set by the Tournament Committee. Interpretation shall be exclusive to the Tournament Rules Committee. **THE DECISION OF THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS IS FINAL.** The Tournament Committee includes the Tournament Director, President, Vice-President and those designated by the Tournament Director.

2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:

1. Participation is open to military members, dependants, state employees of Ft. Pickett and to the general fishing public.

2. Anglers must be 16 years of age or older. Anglers under 18 years of age shall have the registration form co-signed by a parent or legal guardian.

3. Boaters must provide a certificate of insurance with liability coverage.

3. ENTRY FEES: Entry fees shall be \$40.00 per team Entry forms must be RECEIVED no later than 0700 20 October 2012. Make checks payable to CAFSA.

4. TAKE-OFF AND WEIGH-IN TIMES: These times are listed on the contestant entry forms.

5. SAFETY: Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all competitors. Each competitor is required to wear a Type III – Coast Guard approved chest type personal floatation device (PFD), **(must be snapped or zipped)**. If there is serious trouble with any boat/motor, or any type of condition that is a threat to the safety of the anglers which prevents the return by boat, competitors may return by whatever means are available as long as they stay in constant sight of each other. Tournament officials will rule on the validity of any such transfer and their ruling on such matters shall be final.

6. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are allowed during registration, or during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure.

7. LURES: Only artificial lures and pork style baits are allowed. Only one rod (8-foot maximum length from butt of handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time. Trolling as a method of fishing either by combustion motor or electric motor is prohibited. All bass must be caught alive and in a sporting manner.

8. BOATS AND MOTORS: All boats must be equipped with an operable ignition kill switch, which **MUST** be attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is operating. Fishing boats 14 feet or more in length will be accepted if powered by an engine of 10 to 250 horsepower. All tournament boats must have the required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment aboard and in working order. No boat will be allowed to participate in the tournament if it exceeds the horsepower limit stated on the B.I.A. rating plate attached to the boat. If no plate is attached, the N.M.M.A. rating formula, as stated in the U.S. Coast Guard handbook 33CFR, part 188, sub-part C, will be used to check conformity. All tournament boats must have properly aerated live-well space to maintain alive a limit of fish. **Use of telephones, CB's, or similar communication is to be for emergency use only.**

9. BOAT IDENTIFICATION: Each boat will be properly registered and tagged in accordance with State law. Dealer boats with proper tags and insurance may be used. Co-angler is responsible for checking live wells prior to take-off.

10. SPORTSMANSHIP: All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any team who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or any state or local laws or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will be disqualified.

11. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Anywhere on the tournament lake except within 25 yards of another contestant's boat that is previously at anchor, any areas marked off limits by the Corp of Engineers. All angling must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters.

12. BREAKDOWNS: Should a tournament boat become inoperable, one member of that boat's team may bring both contestants' fish to the weigh-in as long as he/she is picked up by another tournament boat. Both members of the second boat must verify the catch of the disabled boat's contestants, and sign their weigh-in slips. Each disabled contestant's fish must remain separate while in the second boat. Exchanging a disabled boat for a partner's operational boat is allowed only if the contestants stay within constant sight of each other and the operational boat has proper insurance documentation turned in to the Tournament Committee prior to the start of the tournament day. Every attempt will be made to contact a tournament official notifying them of the exchange during fishing hours. At a minimum, notifying the Tournament Director of the exchange must be done during weigh-in. No other exchange of a disabled boat is allowed.

13. SCORING: Only black bass can be scored. Only five fish per day will be weighed with NONE less than 12 inches in length, measured on a flat board, used by the weight committee, with the mouth closed and tail compressed. If anyone brings in more than five (5) bass, the largest bass will be rejected and receive a 4 oz. penalty. Dead bass will impose a 4 oz. penalty. Any team bringing a short fish to the scales will be assessed an 8 oz. penalty plus the loss of the illegal fish. Each team is required to leave from and return to a specified checkpoint. Any team returning to the checkpoint late will be penalized at the rate of 1 lb. per minute up to 10 minutes. After 10 minutes no weight will be allowed. . Tournament standings will be determined by the total stringer weight by pounds and ounces for the competition day of the tournament. Bass may not be handled by anyone other than tournament officials after being brought to the scales. Any contestant bringing more than five fish to the scales will have his/her largest bass removed from the stringer.

14. DETERMINATION OF STANDINGS: Final standings for each tournament day shall be determined by the total weight of each team's catch. If deemed necessary, the tournament committee may determine the break of ties, by means of 1) total number of legal fish weighed 2) total number of live fish weighed in, 3) largest single fish, 4) flip of the coin.

15. PROTEST: Protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director within 15 minutes after the weigh-in is closed. The Tournament Committee will make all final decisions.

16. PARTICIPANT RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK: In consideration for permission to voluntarily participate in tournaments, and related activities conducted by the Fort Pickett MWR Program, each angler so participating BY EXECUTING THE ENTRY FORM, acknowledges and agrees that: a) The risk of injury, disability, death, loss or damage to each person or their 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 b) EACH ANGLER KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUMES ALL RISKS REFERRED TO ABOVE, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, AND ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RISKS ARISING FROM THAT ANGLER'S PARTICIPATION; AND, d) Each angler willingly agrees to the terms and conditions for participation. If, however, any angler observes any unusual significant hazard during their presence or participation, they will temporarily remove themselves from participation and bring such to the immediate attention of the nearest

official, and, e) EACH ANGLER, FOR THEMSELVES AND ON BEHALF OF THEIR HEIRS, ASSIGNS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NEXT OF KIN, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS FORT PICKETT WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY, WHICH THEY SUFFER OR WHICH THEY ARE FOUND TO HAVE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THEIR NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, OR OTHERWISE, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW.