

# NITRO Logan Parks Fishing Foundation NSANE Tournament presented by Abu Garcia

## NSANE Itinerary:

- 10/02: Official Practice Day 1  
Lake Martin  
6:30 am - 6:30 pm
- 10/03: Official Practice Day 2  
Lake Martin  
6:30 am - 6:30 pm
- 10/04: Official Practice Day 3  
Lake Martin  
6:30 am - 12 pm central standard time  
12pm All anglers must be off the water
- 10/04: Draft Day - **(MANDATORY FOR ALL)**  
Auburn, AL - Jordan Hare Football Stadium  
2 - 2:30 pm College Angler Check In  
2:30 pm College Locker Room Recruitment Set Up  
2:30 - 3:00 pm High School Angler Check In  
3:00 - 4:30 pm Locker Room Recruiting Session  
4:30 pm group photo on football field  
5 - 6 pm Draft  
6 - 6:30 pm Rules Briefing
- 10/05: Official Team Practice Day - NSANE Scrimmage **(MANDATORY FOR ALL)**  
Lake Martin  
6:30 - 11 am  
12 pm All anglers must be off the water
- 10/05: Champions' Gala - **(MANDATORY FOR ALL)**  
Auburn, AL - Auburn University Indoor Practice Facility  
4:30 pm - 8 pm central standard time
- 10/06: Tournament Day  
3:30 - 5:30 am Check In Auburn, AL - Buc-ee's **(MANDATORY FOR ALL)**  
6:15 am Blast off from any public boat launch Lake Martin, AL  
6:30 am Round 1 Begins, start fishing  
9:40 am End Round 1  
9:40 - 10 am is a 20 minute intermission, no fishing  
10 am Begin Round 2  
12:40 pm End Round 2  
12:40 - 1 pm is a 20 minute intermission, no fishing  
1:00 pm Begin NSANE Round  
3 pm End of NSANE  
4:30pm Trophy Presentation Auburn, AL - Auburn University Indoor Practice Facility

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## NSANE Rules:

### A. Participation & Eligibility:

- A. Participation is open to both current high school and college anglers. Each team will consist of two contestants, one boater and one non-boater. The college angler will be the boater and the high school angler will be the non-boater. No exceptions.
- B. Participation in this tournament will be “invite only” for a period of time, and then opened up to the public on a first come first serve basis until the cap is reached.
- C. This tournament will be capped at 150 total teams and future registered anglers will be added to the waitlist. At any given time the cap may be extended by tournament officials to allow more competitors in the event.
- D. High school students must be currently in the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade during the 2024/2025 school year. High school seniors who graduated in May, 2024 will not be eligible to compete as a high school angler.
- E. **College anglers must be currently enrolled at their university as a full-time student or have graduated within 6 months of the event and must be in good standing with their fishing team. Anglers from schools without a fishing team are also eligible to participate as long as they are considered full-time students or have graduated within 6 months of the event.**
- F. During official practice and competition days of the tournament, no competitor may operate a boat unless that competitor has documented proof of a minimum of \$300,000 per occurrence boat owners’ liability insurance covering the boat being used in the tournament. Proof of insurance must always be easily accessible and stored within the boat. Tournament officials may ask to see a competitor’s insurance at any point throughout the event. Any competitor who does not have proper insurance will be disqualified.
- G. A properly completed waiver must be provided to tournament officials prior to the first day of official practice.
- H. **Entry fees are nonrefundable and non transferable regardless of date of cancellation once you have been confirmed in the tournament.** Anglers will become confirmed in the tournament one month before the first day of practice. At 12:00 am, September 2nd, 2024 anglers will become confirmed in the tournament. Anglers who are on the waitlist will be refunded the entry fee if they are not confirmed in the tournament for which they registered.
- I. **For anglers under 18 years of age and all High School anglers, parents or guardians must sign the consent form before the tournament begins. Consent forms will be collected online during registration. Failure to submit the form will result in disqualification.**
- J. Contestants must have in their possession a valid fishing license for the waters they fish. Proof of a valid fishing license must be presented within a reasonable amount of time, defined as within 30 minutes of request by tournament officials. If

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a license cannot be provided when requested this will result in disqualification for that day and any preceding days in which the license was required for the tournament.

- K. Contestants are required to follow all applicable federal, state and local regulations and laws. Any violation of such regulations and laws may result in disqualification.
- L. The Logan Parks Fishing Foundation reserves the right to reject any application to compete for any reason whatsoever, discontinue acceptance of applications prior to the deadline and extend the acceptance date if necessary.

## **B. Registration:**

- A. The top 10 teams in both the Bassmaster High School Series National Championship and the MLF High School National Championship will receive an invite to participate in this event. Each two man qualified team will be split up individually as “non-boaters” and paired to make a team with a college “boater”. The remaining places will open up to all high school anglers on a first come first serve basis. Once these have been filled a wait list will begin.
- B. In the event that an angler who has qualified is unable to participate, his/her invitation will work down the waitlist.
- C. In the event that registration is full before these events take place, qualified anglers will be invited to join the top of the waitlist.
- D. The top 25 colleges in the Collegiate Bass School of the Year Race points following the completion of the 2023 points race will be invited to nominate 3 college anglers from their team to participate in this event. There will be a three week registration period in which the top 25 college teams will have a chance to submit their three anglers for a combined total of 75 anglers. After this three week period, registration will open to all college anglers on a first come first serve basis until a full field size has been reached. In the event that a college fails to submit their 3 anglers by the end of the three week period their unfilled spots will move to the first come first serve category and they will lose their 3 boat guarantee.

## **C. Interpretation & Enforcement**

- A. Logan Parks Fishing Foundation will be responsible for interpretation and enforcement of these rules. The Tournament Director reserves the right to make all decisions regarding the event and his decisions are final in all matters and not subject to appeal.
- B. Contestants are responsible for reporting any and all rule violations to the tournament director upon realization of the violation. Failure to report any violation will result in disqualification.
- C. The violation of a tournament rule may result in, but is not limited to: weight loss, the loss of weight up to a particular time in the tournament day, the loss of weight for the entire day, the loss of a specific fish's weight, or disqualification from the event.

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- D. Protests/ rule violations are required to be documented in writing by the witness within 30 minutes of the check-in time of the tournament day.
- E. The Tournament Director reserves the right to consider any and all rule violations reported or discovered after a tournament has ended and assess penalties.

## D. Purchasing of Information

- A. The purchasing of, or bartering for, information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters, including but not limited to GPS waypoints (other than through commercially available sources) and the hiring of fishing guide services is not permitted by contestants, coaches, boat captains or anyone working on a team's behalf within 14 days of official practice, during official practice or during the tournament. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification.
- B. **No Paywall Information:** Anglers may not receive or use information obtained from behind a paywall, including subscription-based websites or services, such as fish tips websites within 14 days of official practice. All information used during the tournament must be freely accessible to all participants.
  - a. Competitors must not use paywall information during the no information period. Violation will result in disqualification.
- C. Contestants, coaches, boat captains, parents (anyone acting on a team's behalf) may not buy or barter a fishing location from anyone.

## E. Off-Limits, Practice & Competition

- A. **Starting September 18th and extending through competition, contestants, coaches, boat captains, family members or anyone else acting on a team's behalf may not solicit and/or receive information about locating or catching fish on tournament waters from anyone except other contestants confirmed in the tournament through publicly available sources.**
  - a. **No Commercially Available Source Exploitation:** Anglers may not use the term "commercially available sources" to their advantage by accessing information through public sources that are specifically designed to be difficult for other anglers to find. This includes using websites or platforms created solely for the purpose of providing information to one individual or a select group.
  - b. **No Indirect Information Exchange:** During the no information period, competitors are prohibited from discussing tournament strategies or tactics related to the tournament lake, even if disguised as a discussion about another lake. This includes, but is not limited to, engaging in conversations with friends, other anglers, or individuals knowledgeable about the lake where the tournament will take place, if such discussions are intended to gain insights or advantages for the tournament. All forms of indirect information exchange, where the intention is to benefit from knowledge about the tournament lake while avoiding direct mention of it, are strictly prohibited. Violations of this rule will be considered as

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breaching the no information rule and will result in penalties or disqualification.

- c. If a competitor suspects they may have violated the no information exchange rules, they must immediately report the incident to the Tournament Director, cease any potentially infringing activities, and provide a detailed account of the situation for review.
- B. Lake Martin is open for official practice October 2-4. Lake Martin is open for official team practice October 5th.
- a. Anglers may practice 6:30am - 6:30pm central standard time October 2-3.
  - b. Anglers may practice 6:30 am - 12 pm central standard time October 4. All anglers must be off the water by 12 pm and return to Auburn, AL.
  - c. Anglers may practice 6:30 am - 12 pm central standard time October 5. All anglers must be off the water by 12 pm and return to Auburn, AL.
    - i. During Official Team Practice Day competitors will only be allowed on the water with their team partner. Anglers will not be allowed to practice solo unless prior approval from the Tournament Director.
    - ii. No one except a media representative or official approved by the Tournament Director, is allowed in the boat during Official Team Practice Day.
- C. Practice is permitted from sunrise to sunset. These times have been determined as 6:30 am and 6:30 pm for our 2024 event.
- D. No practice is permitted at night (defined as before official sunrise or after official sunset) during the official practice period.
- E. Only the angler that caught the fish is allowed to submit it towards their total. Anglers may not submit other people's fish as their own.
- F. High school anglers are encouraged to attend early and practice. High school anglers are allowed to practice with other high school anglers, family members, their boat captain that captained them during the qualifying event or a boat captain that has captained them in a tournament during their 2023 season, or another college angler.
  - a. High school anglers may only be in the boat with an adult that is not a parent if that adult has captained them at a tournament within 365 days of the first day of official practice.
  - b. High school boat captains are allowed to fish during practice as long as they are not allowing the high school angler to submit their fish.
- G. College anglers are allowed to practice with other competitors currently registered and confirmed in the tournament (**not on the waitlist**). This includes both college and high school anglers.
- H. Competitors on the waitlist may practice during the official practice period but this does not guarantee entry into the event. **Waitlist competitors may only practice with other waitlist competitors. They may not practice with anglers officially registered and confirmed in the tournament.**

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- I. No one else, except a media representative or official approved by the Tournament Director, is allowed in the boat during official practice or competition.
- J. All competitors are responsible for adhering to all posted signs on Private and Federal properties along Lake Martin Lake.
- K. The boat operator must be insured on the boat they are operating in the tournament and during official practice.
- L. **Non-Resident Boater Safety Certification Requirement:** Effective October 1, 2024: Nonresidents may operate a vessel upon the waters of this state only after obtaining a valid boater safety certification or vessel operator's certification issued in his or her home state or country, or after obtaining a Nonresident Alabama Boater Safety Certification upon examination and certification under the same terms and conditions as Alabama residents.
- M. **During the event, contestants are permitted to communicate with other teams. Unlike typical tournaments where communication is restricted, we encourage anglers to collaborate with their friends or teammates to enhance their fishing experience and enjoyment. However, please note that communication is strictly limited to interactions with other competitors during the competition.**
  - a. **No discussions or exchanges of information are allowed with individuals outside of the competing teams.**
- N. **Contestants are encouraged to use social media to share their tournament experiences and tag the Logan Parks Fishing Foundation. We welcome you to highlight your moments and engage with the community by posting updates and photos during the event. However, please note that while social media use is encouraged, contestants must not use these platforms to seek assistance or information from individuals outside of the competing teams. All communication and assistance must remain within the scope of the event and among the participants.**

## F. Logan Parks Fishing Foundation Safe Sports Policy

- A. Code of Conduct:
  - a. **All participants must conduct themselves in a manner that upholds the values of the Logan Parks Fishing Foundation. This includes respect, integrity, and sportsmanship.**
  - b. **Harassment, abuse, or unsportsmanlike conduct, whether verbal or physical, will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification from the event and further legal action if necessary.**
- B. Reporting and Handling Misconduct:
  - a. Any suspected rule violations or misconduct must be reported immediately to the Tournament Director.
  - b. Participants should provide a detailed account of the incident to facilitate a thorough and fair investigation.
  - c. The Foundation will ensure that all reports are handled confidentially and with the utmost seriousness.

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- C. Monitoring and Compliance:
  - a. The Tournament Director has the authority to review any evidence, including video footage and reports, to ensure compliance with all tournament rules.
  - b. Anglers must cooperate with tournament officials during any investigations or compliance checks.
- D. Safe Sport Authorization:
  - a. The Logan Parks Fishing Foundation is committed to ensuring a safe and fair environment for all participants. While it is not feasible to have three individuals in each boat at all times, the Foundation will implement stringent policies to maintain safety and integrity.
  - b. Measures include encouraging camera usage to provide continuous documentation of all activities on the water and adherence to all established rules and regulations.
- E. Review and Updates
  - a. The Safe Sport Policy will be reviewed regularly and updated as needed to comply with best practices and legal requirements. Participants will be informed of any changes to ensure ongoing compliance.

## **G. On-Site Check-In & Pre-Tournament Meeting**

- A. All anglers must complete a tournament pre-check prior to participating in the event. During this pre-check, anglers will be required to provide the following:
  - a. A valid fishing license for the state in which the competition is held.
  - b. College anglers must present proof of boaters insurance, with a minimum liability coverage of \$300,000, if required.
  - c. Failure to provide these documents in a timely manner will result in disqualification from the tournament.
- B. All documentation needing to be verified will happen prior to the Pre-Tournament Meeting.
- C. **On-Site Check-In will begin at 3:30 am the morning of the tournament at Buc-ee's in Auburn, AL.**
  - a. **All teams are required to check-in here before heading to competition waters.**
  - b. **Both competitors from each team must be present.**
  - c. **This is where High School anglers will meet their college angler and get in his truck and boat.**
- D. Teams will be required to show two U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation devices, a certified and functioning wireless ignition-shutoff device, and working navigation lights at the check-in.
- E. Teams will be provided with their official tournament scale at this on-site check-in.
- F. **Any team that does not attend the check-in will not be allowed to compete.**

## **H. Boat Assignments**

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- A. Teams will consist of two anglers per boat, a college “Boater” and a high school “Non-Boater”.
- B. Teams will be assigned via Draft Day in which the college angler picks his high school partner.
- C. High School anglers will be ranked for selection in the draft by the total weight of their best day of practice.
- D. Draft order for College anglers will be determined on how many days an angler practiced and submitted a fish through Fishing Chaos.
  - 1. College anglers that practiced and submitted a fish all three days of official practice will pick first in a random order.
  - 2. College anglers that practiced and submitted fish two of the three days of official practice will pick second in a random order.
  - 3. College anglers that practiced and submitted fish in only one of the three days of official practice will pick third in a random order.
  - 4. College anglers that did not practice or did not submit any fish during official practice will pick last in a random order.

## **I. Safety**

- A. Safe boating must always be observed. Each contestant is required to wear a fastened U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device any time the combustion engine is running.
- B. All boats must be equipped with a factory-installed emergency ignition-shutoff device that must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is running.
- C. Contestants may fish and charge batteries using an onboard charger by letting the combustion engine idle in neutral only if contestants are wearing their Coast Guard-approved personal floatation devices.
- D. All persons must be seated and a driver must be behind the steering wheel in full control of the boat whenever it is on plane or the combustion engine is running and in gear.
- E. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, tournament days may be shortened, postponed, or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. Competitors may leave their boat and seek shelter in bad weather or when danger is imminent.
  - a. Unsafe weather or water conditions include severe thunderstorms, high winds, flooding, fog, fire or any other conditions deemed unsafe by the Tournament Director. Tournament officials will communicate any changes or cancellations due to weather through Fishing Chaos and text message.
- F. Monitor local weather and be alert. Use caution and good judgment in the event of inclement weather.

## **J. Sportsmanship**

- A. All contestants are expected and required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation and to conduct themselves in a



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manner that will be a credit to themselves, the school the team is representing, the sport of fishing and efforts to promote the sport. Conduct not complying with these standards includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any kind of mind-altering substance during registration, the pre-tournament meeting or during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure.
  - Abuse of, or addiction to, mind altering substances.
  - Suspension/ disqualification probation or ban from any tournament or fishing organization.
  - Boat operation in an unsafe or unsportsmanlike manner.
  - Violation of a posted no-wake area.
  - Publicly criticizing or questioning the integrity of tournament officials, the event or rules/policies and procedures.
- B. Penalties for misconduct will be enforced as follows:
- a. Minor infractions: Warning or deduction of weight
  - b. Major infractions: Disqualification from the tournament
- C. Tournament officials will determine the severity of the misconduct.
- D. In case of any conduct not complying with the standards outlined above, the Tournament Director shall have the right to refuse an application to compete, to deny a confirmed application to compete, or to disqualify a contestant or impose any penalty outlined in paragraph 1.

## **K. Boat Operation**

- A. College anglers will supply their own boat and be the sole operator of the boat in competition.
- B. College anglers must be insured with a minimum of \$300,000 per occurrence boat owners' liability insurance covering the boat being used in the tournament.
- C. During the competition, no high school angler is permitted to operate the combustion engine except in the case of emergency.
  - a. Emergencies include situations where the primary angler is incapacitated or the boat is in immediate danger.
- D. Contestants may use smart phones and/or tablets during tournament hours for GPS, mapping, weather, power generation, barge traffic updates, tidal charts, personal fishing notes and related data.

## **L. Boat & Horsepower Regulation**

- A. All boats must be propeller-driven and a minimum of 16 feet in length. All boats must be equipped with wheel steering; no other steering device will be permitted. No barges or similarly cumbersome craft will be permitted. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.
- B. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition will be 250 horsepower, not to exceed the horsepower capacity set forth on the "Maximum Capacities" placard described below.

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- Each boat must have a clearly legible “Maximum Capacities” (or comparably titled) placard that includes a maximum horsepower rating affixed to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must not exceed the maximum horsepower capacity specified on this placard or the 250-horsepower maximum.
- C. By signing the entry form, contestants who provide their own boat agree to submit the boat and/or motor to an inspection by tournament personnel. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating placard will be cause for disqualification from the tournament and may result in ineligibility of the team and club they represent to compete in future tournaments. Fishing platforms must be factory-installed equipment or commercially available aftermarket equipment that is permanently installed in the boat. No portable platforms may be used in tournament competition. Fuel may be carried only in factory-installed (built-in) fuel tanks. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public and pumped through a hose with a nozzle. The use of generators, other than solar or wind-powered generators, is prohibited in contestant boats during tournament hours on competition day.

## **M. Permitted Fishing Methods**

- A. Fishing is defined as having a lure attached to a line and a rod and reel with the rod in hand. All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. All lures must adhere to state regulations.
- B. Only artificial lures may be used, except for pork trailers and biodegradable soft baits.
- C. Alabama rigs and similar umbrella-type rigs are limited to a maximum of five wires with a maximum of five spinners, five lures and five hooks (single or treble) unless state regulations are more restrictive, in which case state regulations prevail.
- D. Only ONE fishing rod may be used per angler at a time. Trolling as a method of fishing is strictly prohibited. Trolling is defined as operating the combustion engine to extend a cast or lengthen a retrieve. All bass caught while sight-fishing must be hooked inside the mouth.
- E. **NO NETS ALLOWED.**
- F. **NO FISH ALLOWED IN LIVEWELL WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.**

## **N. Permitted Fishing Locations & Boundaries**

- A. Teams may fish anywhere on tournament waters within the boundaries defined during the pre-tournament meeting that is available to the public and accessible by boat except areas posted or otherwise designated as “off-limits,” “no boats,” “keep out,” “restricted,” “no trespassing” or “no fishing” (or similar language or markings intended to restrict public access) by the Tournament Director, commercial property owners and/or local, state or federal officials, or within 50

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yards of a contestant's boat that was first anchored. An anchored boat is a boat held in a stable position by a line attached to a weight or by a Power-Pole, Talon or similar shallow water anchor with the trolling motor in the up position.

- B. All fishing 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.
- C. The cutting of trees, bushes and/or logs after the off-limits date and/or the removal of official commercial, local, state or federal barricades at any time to make an area more accessible by boat or gain access for fishing is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification from the tournament.
- D. The use of cables, ropes, chains or any type of block and tackle system to maneuver a boat into fishing waters is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification from the tournament.
- E. Contestants will be permitted to launch their boat at any public access of Lake Martin on tournament day but will not be allowed to leave the launch area until 6:15 am. Contestants may use the time from 6:15 - 6:30 am to get to their starting spot but no fishing must begin until 6:30 am.
- F. The boat must remain in the tournament waters during the tournament day. No tournament boat may be loaded on a trailer except with the permission of the tournament director.
- G. In the event of equipment failure or emergency, the tournament director must be notified as soon as it is safe to do so. There are then two permitted methods of returning to the check-in: (1) by both contestants remaining in their boat and being towed by water, or (2) with permission from the tournament director, by one or both contestants entering the boat of another tournament contestant. Under these two conditions the team's catch may be counted without a penalty.
- H. **In the event of a boat breakdown, teams are permitted to transfer to another competitor's boat for the remainder of the tournament. Teams may only switch to one other competitor's boat; once they have made this switch, it is final, and they must complete the competition in the new boat.**
  - a. **Prior to switching, the team must ensure their original boat is secured, either by passing it off to a parent or friend or by leaving a note with instructions. The team must also take necessary precautions to ensure their original boat is left in a safe condition.**
  - b. **Abandoning a boat and leaving it adrift without proper tie-off or anchoring after a mechanical failure may result in disqualification of that day's weight.**
- I. **Teammates must always remain together and within sight of each other until check-in. The momentary condition of being out of sight of each other for restroom breaks is permitted. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification.**

## **O. Checkpoints**

- A. There will only be one checkpoint for boat check in the morning and one check-in point in the afternoon. This point will be located at Buc-ee's in Auburn, AL.

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- B. This checkpoint will be open starting at 3:30 the morning of the tournament and will be where college and high school teammates are instructed to meet.
- C. Failure to go through boat check in the morning will result in disqualification.

## **P. Fish Submissions**

- a. **Each catch must be weighed on a scale, the weight must be locked, and a clear picture of the angler holding the scale with the entire fish visible and weight visible and clearly readable must be submitted through the Fishing Chaos app in order for a fish to be counted towards a team's weight.**
  - i. **During official practice and official team practice ONLY, Anglers will be allowed to weigh their fish on their personal scales. This will only be allowed during practice.**
  - ii. **Official Tournament Scales will be distributed at Buc-ee's Check-In the morning of the Tournament Day.**
  - iii. **During the tournament, ONLY fish weighed on the Official Tournament Scales will be accepted.**
- b. **There is a 1 pound minimum for each scorable fish.**
- c. **All scales must be set in Pounds, Decimals. Pounds, ounces are not an accepted format.**
- d. **Only largemouth, spotted, and smallmouth bass will count.**
- e. **Selfie submissions will ONLY be accepted during official practice. During Official Team Practice and the Tournament Anglers must have their partner take the photo.**
  - i. **During official practice ONLY, Anglers will be allowed to weigh their fish and submit them by themselves. Fish submissions will only be accepted if the entire fish is visible in the photo with air beneath the tail.**
  - ii. **During official team practice and the tournament, self taken photos will not be accepted. The partner must take the photo.**
- f. **The entire fish must be visible in the photo. The tail must show air beneath it, with no part of the fish cut out of the frame.**
- g. **The angler must not obstruct the area between the scale and the fish. Do not touch the clip, this will result in a denied catch.**
- h. **During Official Team Practice and the Tournament:**
  - i. **A video of the release of each submitted fish is required to be taken. Teams may be asked by the tournament director to produce these videos. Failure to show video will result in disqualification of the fish in question and may result in disqualification from the tournament.**
  - ii. **Belly and Back pictures will not be accepted. We MUST be able to see identifiable markings on the side of the fish.**
- i. Contestants are not allowed to replace anything attached to a bass or regurgitated by a bass to be included as part of their catch.
- j. Bass submitted to Fishing Chaos that fail to weigh the official minimum weight, are not entirely visible in the submitted picture, or scale weights are not easily readable will be denied submission and not counted towards that team's total.

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- k. In the event that both anglers catch a fish at the same time during the tournament, anglers must pause fishing and may not resume fishing until at least one of the two fish has been photographed, submitted, and released.**
- l. Timestamp rule: Your photo submission must include a timestamp in order to be accepted. To ensure this happens give the Fishing Chaos app full access to your photos and have the most current updated version of the app.**
- m. In order for a fish to be eligible, it must be caught, properly photographed and submitted within the official rounds. **There will be a 5 minute grace period for last minute catch submissions.** To determine eligibility we will go based on the timestamp of the photo.
  - i. In the event of bad service, anglers may take their pictures and wait to submit. However, it is up to the anglers to allow themselves time to get to an area of the lake with better service and submit all of their fish in time before the round is over.
  - ii. In the event of a last minute fish catch in one of the three rounds, anglers will be given a spare 5 minute period upon completion of that round to submit that fish. The photo **MUST** be time stamped **BEFORE** that round ended.
    - 1. Example: A fish caught during the NSANE round can be submitted if the photograph is time stamped at or before 2:59:59 pm. A photo taken at 3:00:00 or later will not be accepted.
- n. The same fish may not be submitted towards the team's total more than once.**
- o. All fish must be submitted directly by the contestants themselves. Each team is responsible for catching, weighing, photographing, and submitting their own fish through the Fishing Chaos app. No third parties, including family members or friends, are permitted to submit fish on behalf of the contestants. This rule ensures that all submissions are managed directly by the competitors. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in disqualification from the tournament.**
- p. Any bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed, mauled or otherwise altered will be weighed and credited only at the discretion of tournament officials.
- q. The Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or deny any fish catch and has the final say in this matter. This decision is not subject to appeal.

## **Q. Scoring**

- A. Scoring will be determined by pounds and decimals and will be a total weight of each team's catch the day of the event. The minimum weight for a scorable fish will be 1 pound.
- B. Teams will be able to keep track of a live leaderboard on the Fishing Chaos app throughout the tournament to know where they stand.
- C. There will be three rounds on tournament day. Round 1 will run from 6:30 am until 9:40 am, Round 2 will run from 10 am until 12:40 pm, and the NSANE Round will run from 1 pm until 3 pm.**

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- D. There will be two 20 minute breaks, one between Round 1 & 2 and one between Round 2 & the NSANE Round. During these breaks all fishing must cease. Anglers may not move their boats to another fishing spot during this break. Anglers may only move their boats in the event to protect the boat from hitting something and must cease moving when the boat is safely out of harm's way.
- E. After Round 1 teams will be split. The top 75 teams will advance to the SURVIVAL group and the bottom 75 teams will advance to the SUDDEN DEATH group. Total weights will carry over from Round 1 and each team will continue to build on these weights, however they will only be competing against the other teams in their round during round 2.
- F. After Round 2 the top 20 teams from the SURVIVAL group will advance to the CHAMPIONSHIP group. The bottom 55 teams from the SURVIVAL group will advance to the CONSOLATION group. The top 5 teams from the SUDDEN DEATH group will advance to the CHAMPIONSHIP group. The bottom 70 teams from the SUDDEN DEATH group will advance to the LAST CHANCE group.
- G. At the start of round 3 (NSANE) all weights will be zeroed and teams will only compete against other teams in the same round (CHAMPIONSHIP group teams fishing against each other only, CONSOLATION group teams fishing against each other only, LAST CHANCE group teams fishing against each other only).
- H. **At the start of round 3 the live leaderboard will be disabled, weights will be zeroed, and teams will have a 2 hour shootout against the other teams in their respective bracket to determine a winner.**
- I. Only largemouth, spotted, or smallmouth bass are accepted species.
- J. The Tournament Director reserves the right to accept or deny any fish catch and has the final say in this matter. This decision is not subject to appeal.

## R. Ties

- A. All ties, except for the NSANE round, will be resolved in the following manner:  
(1) the first team to achieve the tied total weight wins the tiebreaker.
- B. Ties for any cut will be resolved in the same order explained above and, if the tie is not broken, will be awarded as determined by tournament officials.
- C. **If there are ties within the NSANE round, the total of round 1 and round 2 will determine the tiebreaker.**

## S. Alcohol & Tobacco

- A. During all days of competition any and all alcohol and tobacco logos are prohibited and may not be worn or displayed.
- B. The use of nicotine is strictly prohibited in the weigh-in line and on stage.

## T. Insurance

- A. Liability insurance with coverage in reasonable amounts is required of all contestants.
- B. Proof of \$300,000 liability insurance must be with the boat being used and must cover all passengers in the boat. Random checks will be conducted. Failure to

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provide proof of insurance when requested by the tournament director may result in disqualification.

## U. Payout

- A. Teams will split the winnings 50/50. It is recommended that high school anglers help their college boater out with a fair amount of gas money.
- B. College anglers will receive their winnings as a check.
- C. High school anglers will receive their winnings in the form of a scholarship towards tuition at the college they choose to attend.
  - If the high school angler chooses not to attend college he will forfeit his scholarship funds and they will be used to help fund expenses/ winnings for future tournaments.
- D. If a college team decides to give a scholarship at this event, the scholarship will be separate from this event's payout and will be given out at the discretion of that team, its president or coach.

## V. Extra Rules

- A. This section is reserved for anything I may have forgotten or left out.