



## Dollar Energy Fund Fishing Tournament Rules

GRAND PRIZE of \$5,000\* will be awarded via random drawing. Each boat registered in the fishing tournament receives one entry into the drawing. Winner must be present to win. Winner must follow all other rules and guidelines set forth. Catching a fish is not required to win.

\*Grand prize will be calculated based on number of entrants to the tournament. For each boat entered into the tournament, \$50 will be awarded as the grand prize.

Example:

50 boats x \$50 = \$2,500 Grand Prize

100 boats x \$50 = \$5,000 Grand Prize

1st Place: \$3,000

Payback is one for every seven boats.

### 1. Participants:

Tournaments are open to anyone over 18 years of age. Anyone less than 18 years of age you must be accompanied in the boat by someone over 18 years of age.

DEF Tournament is open to all boat makes, models and motor sizes.

### 2. Membership:

Membership is free. Participants under the age of 16, not fishing with a parent or guardian must submit a written permission slip from parent or guardian.

### 3. Tournament Entry Fees:

Entry fee is \$100.00 per boat. There is a \$10 parking fee at the marina the day of the tournament.

### 4. Tournament Director:

DEF Tournament, tournament director decisions are final.

### 5. DEF Tournament Teams:

A team consists of two anglers. You can fish solo.

### 6. Ties:

Ties for all place finishes will be broken by big bass.

### 7. No Live Bait:

Only artificial lures can be used. The use of pork trailers is permitted.

### 8. Trolling:

Trolling with the use of a combustible engine as a method of fishing is prohibited. A team found to be doing this would be disqualified for that tournament.

### 9. Boat and Motor:

Boats must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment and must have a motor within rating limits. There is a maximum horsepower limit of 250.

10. Short Fish Penalties:

All fish brought to weigh-in must be 14 inches in length. Any fish not 14 inches in length will be culled from bag.

11. Limits:

This is a 5-fish limit (per team or when fishing alone) at each tournament. Eligible species consist of largemouth bass; smallmouth bass, spotted bass. Exceptions: State laws prevail when fishing on any body of water (size and limits). Anyone bringing in more than a 5-fish will have their sack culled to the 5-fish limit starting with their big fish first. All culling must be done on the water outside the off limits boundaries– Not on the bank.

12. Dead Fish Penalty:

For each dead fish a 1 pound penalty will be deducted from your total weight. A dead fish will not be weighed-in as big fish. Tournament director will make final decision if fish is dead or not. Fish that appears altered or mangled shall be the tournament director's decision to weigh or not to weigh the fish.

13. Late to Weigh-in:

Teams that are late will not be allowed to weigh fish. Teams must be inside the 'no wake' buoys at the mouth of Parkway Marina by the end of tournament time. Any team not inside the buoys by tournament ending time will not be allowed to weigh fish and disqualification will be given. Tournament Director decisions are final.

14. Registration:

Registrations will be taken at the ramp, the day of the event. Cash or credit card payment will be accepted.

Tournament take off positions will be determined when the tournament director receives your entry. All teams are required to be at the ramp 30 minutes prior to the start of the tournament. Any questions please call tournament director.

15. Weigh-in Procedures:

Each team must present his or her own catch to the weigh-in official. No other person shall then handle the fish except a weigh-in official. No person other than weigh-in officials may touch the scales; weigh-in basket or any part of the weigh-in equipment.

16. Live Well Inspection:

Boats must have a live well, either built into the boat or portable. Live wells must have some type of pump or circulator to keep fish alive. Prior to boat launch, a Tournament Official will check all live wells.

17. Life Preserver:

During the DEF Tournament, contestants are required to wear Coast Guard approved life preserver with kill switch lanyard attached any time combustion engine is running. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

18. Sportsmanship:

All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation. Fighting, arguing or drunkenness shall be cause for immediate disqualification. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be allowed in the boats during the tournament hours extending through the close of the weigh-in.

19. Off-Limits:

Straight line from buoy to buoy across the mouth of parkway marina, contestants not allowed to fish inside buoys. Any team fishing in the off-limits areas will be disqualified from the tournament. Teams may not fish closer than 50 yards to another competitor who is anchored with the trolling motor up unless given permission. If permission is given to one, then all may fish same water. Having a non-contestant sit on a hole for you shall be cause for disqualification.

20. Weigh In Check In:

All teams must be inside the 'no wake' buoys at the mouth of Parkway Marina by end of tournament time. Contestants not inside the no wake buoys by appointed time will not be allowed to weigh fish and will be disqualified. Tournament director will hold final decision on team being late.

21. Leaving Your Boat:

Competitors shall remain with their partners in the boat at all times during the tournament. Except in the event of sickness or brief excursions for "nature calling", a severe storm or other such hazards. If for any reason a team decides to leave the tournament waters early, competitors must try to contact the Tournament Director, prior to leaving the tournament. If you have boat trouble, one member must remain with the disabled boat. The other team member may board another competitor's boat with that day's catch and bring fish to weigh-in. Please contact the Tournament Director prior to doing so.

22. Polygraph:

Polygraph tests will be given at the tournament. All polygraph results are final and failure of a polygraph will result disqualification. All teams will be required to take a polygraph test upon request of Tournament Director. Refusal to do so will result in immediate disqualification and lifetime ban from fishing any BASSQUEST SML events in the future. Anyone caught cheating in any tournament event will be immediately barred from fishing in any BASSQUEST SML event. Tournament Director reserves the right to have a random truth verification test performed at any time. You may not use a cell phone to gain an advantage over the rest of the competitors.

23. Protest:

All protest must be submitted in writing to Tournament Director before the close of weigh-in. Verbal protest will not be accepted.

24. State Rules:

All State rules and regulations must be followed. The Tournament Director shall determine the penalty for breaking a state rule or regulations.

28. Insurance:

All members will carry liability insurance on any boat they might use during any DEF Tournament. Failure to do so or reporting of false information will result in disqualification. Participants must include the company name and either the policy number or the name of the agent binding the coverage on the registration form.

29. Rule Changes & Amendments

These rules can be amended or changed by the Tournament Director at any time.

30. Refusal of Membership:

DEF Tournament reserves the right to refuse membership or entry.