

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2011

AVID BASS ANGLERS OF MICHIGAN

CASS LAKE OPEN

TEAM BASS TOURNAMENT

**All participants must meet first at O'Tooles Parking lot,
Located at 4000 Cass Elizabeth Road.**

Do not go directly to the launch, you must register at O'Tooles !!!

Launch Site: DODGE #4 State Park

Pre - Entry Deadline - MAY 18, 2011

Check In Time: 5:30 AM TO 6:30 AM

Tournament Hours: 7:15 AM TO 3:00 PM

8 Fish Limit per Team

**ALL TOURNAMENT WATERS OFF - LIMITS
72 HOURS PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT ! ! ! !**

**Direct all Inquiries to: David McGlaughlin (810) 908-0820
Please make checks payable to: Avid Bass Anglers of Michigan**

**MAIL ENTRIES TO:
Tournament Director, 11411 Main Road, Fenton, Michigan 48430**

(NOTICE – CASH ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED AT REGISTRATION SITE)

ENTRY FEE : \$100.00 PER TEAM

(INCLUDES 2 - BIG BASS POTS)

<p>1st Place - \$1,046 Plus Trophies 2nd Place - \$587 Plus Trophies 3rd Place - \$281 Plus Trophies (Based on 30 entries)</p>

**DRAWING AT REGISTRATION SITE FOR BLAST OFF POSITION FOR PRE - ENTRIES ONLY!
(ALL NON PRE - ENTRIES WILL BE ASSIGNED POSITIONS ON A FIRST COME BASIS)**

AVID BASS ANGLERS OF MICHIGAN OPEN TEAM TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1) Rules: Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the tournament rules committee with the decision of the tournament committee being final. Protests: Must be filed with the tournament director at check in time, in writing, and signed. None of these rules shall prohibit a properly designated tournament official from approaching or boarding any competitor's boat at any time during the tournament.
- 2) Participants and eligibility: Participation in this tournament is open to any Sportspersons 18 years or older. Any Sportspersons 17 years old or younger must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. A properly completed and signed official application form and the entrance fee must be received at Tournament Headquarters, postmarked no later than midnight of the deadline. The tournament committee reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of applications prior to deadline, and also the right to extend the acceptance date. If you have been a guide on the tournaments waters in the past 12 months before starting date of tournament, you are not eligible to fish.
- 3) Legal Fish: Largemouth, smallmouth bass, minimum length 14 inches or more on the longest straight line with mouth closed and tail pinched.
- 4) Scoring: Tournament standings, auxiliary awards and final winners will be determined by the pound-and-ounce weight of each team's catch during the tournament. The limit shall be 8 of the above species per team and varieties per day of state limit. Tournament officials will conduct checks for violation. In the event a competitor has more than the above described limit in possession, they will be immediately disqualified. Each bass presented for weigh-in that fails to measure 14 inches will be removed with the largest bass and will not count toward the total score. Each competitor is expected to keep his bass alive by use of a proper live well. No stringers. No white colored, mangled, iced or stiff fish allowed. A penalty of .5 pound will be assessed for each dead fish weighed.
- 5) Tackle and Equipment: Artificial lures may only be used; no trolling will be allowed. Only one casting, spin-casting or spinning rod and reel may be used at any one time. All other types prohibited. Any rod over 8 feet in length is prohibited.
- 6) Official check-in and fishing location: Official check-in will start 1 hour 45 minutes before tournament starts and will be completed by 6:30 a.m. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in the boat at all times except in case of dire emergency. Partners must remain together at all times, in sight of each other and each other's catch, in order for their catch of the day to be scored in the tournament. Fishing on the tournaments' waters is permitted any where except within 50 yards of another competitor's boat that was first anchored.
- 7) Safety: Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver. This preserver must be worn any time the combustion engine is in operation. The preserver must be strapped, snapped or zippered securely and maintained in this condition until the competitor reaches their fishing location and combustion engine is shutoff. Violation of this rule shall be reason for immediate disqualification. Boats equipped with kill switches must use them.
- 8) Boat and motor: Fishing boats must be used that are 12 FEET OR MORE IN LENGTH. A small motor, gas or electric, may be used for slow maneuvering; no "barges" or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted. Every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment. In addition, it must have live-well space, to adequately maintain a live limit catch of bass by both fishermen using the boat. No canoes will be allowed.
- 9) Horsepower regulations: Maximum horsepower for all outboard motorboats, used in tournament competition must NOT exceed the rating specified on the rating plate on the boat. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower rating numbers on the motor also would be cause for immediate disqualification.
- 10) Boat identification: Each boat must be given prior to the start, an inspection check by a tournament official, also a numbered card which must remain with your boat until turned in at weigh-in. This card must be displayed upon the request of tournament officials.
- 11) NO alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the boat, or the weigh-in site. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification!!!!
- 12) Official checkpoint: There will be only one official checkout in the morning and check-in in the afternoon. When checking in at the end of the tournament, check in with tournament officials by team number.
- 13) Pairing of contestants: Two contestants per team. It shall be the responsibility of each partner to appear at a mutually agreed-upon location. Tournament officials have no responsibility for finding missing teams.
- 14) Ties: Any ties will be broken by A) weight of largest fish, B) number of live fish weighed in, C) flip of a coin. (Each team is responsible for requesting a big fish to be weighed from their catch prior to the completion of their weigh-in.)
- 15) Observance of no wake zones (A MUST): Any violation of this rule will be cause for immediate disqualification.
- 16) Weigh In: A) if you will be weighing fish, your boat must remain in the water. B) Weigh in will be conducted in order of team blast-off number. C) You must use our weigh-in bags.
- 17) Courtesy Bump: Only ONE courtesy bump will be allowed, if requested.
- 18) Pre-Tournament Practice: All tournament waters are off limits 72 hours prior to the tournament.

KEEP THIS ABOVE PORTION FOR REFERENCE

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DETACH AND SEND THIS PORTION IN FOR ENTRY
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR CASS LAKE OPEN TOURNAMENT

BoatOwnersName _____ Partner'sName _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Boat Registration # _____ Make & Horsepower of Motor _____ Boats Horsepower Rating _____

We signify by our signatures below that we maintain current liability insurance on the boat we will use in this tournament. In addition, we hereby waive and release all other contestants, the host, sponsors, and tournament officials from all claims of injury and/or damage we may sustain or which we may cause by reason of participation in or in connection with this tournament and accept all liability from such. We further understand and agree that the tournament committee reserves the right to refund this entrance fee if it shall choose for any reason not to accept my application.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____