

SIGN-UP WILL BE AT STEVE'S OUTDOORS STARTING AT 9:00 am SAT. APRIL 19, 2025 TAKE  
OFF POSITION WILL BE DETERMINED BY ORDER OF SIGN-UP.

This is a Big Bass Tournament. Seven (7) hourly prizes will be awarded, plus the Grand Prize for the largest bass of the tournament. Tournament hours are Safelight till 2 PM on May 17, 2025. The first hourly Big Bass Award will be at 8AM and each following hour until 2 PM.

**Grand Prize guaranteed to be \$1000.** Hourly awards to be determined by participation - **if forty (40) entries, \$150, if over fifty-five (55) entries, \$250.** If no legal fish is weighed during an hour period, the prize money will be carried over to the next hour. No prizes will be awarded before 2:15 PM on the day of the tournament. **There will also be prizes awarded to kid's division winners.** To be eligible for the kid's division, participants must be 16 years of age or younger, accompanied by an adult. Participants in the kid's division are also eligible for the hourly and grand prize awards.

Tournament Headquarters will be at the North Shore Landing on Lake Columbia. All tournament activities (check-in, take-off, weigh-in, etc.) will be conducted from that location.

All boats must be checked in and launched at the North Shore Landing to be eligible to participate in the tournament. **BOATS MUST BE CHECKED IN BEFORE 6:00 AM ON THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT TO PARTICIPATE.** There will be **NO SHOTGUN STARTS.** Boats will leave the landing in single file by order of registration (B.A.S.S. style launch).

**Entry fee - \$100 per boat** with a maximum of 2 persons per boat. Entries will be accepted until eighty (80) entries have been received. Entry fees become non-refundable after May 16, 2025. After noon on May 16th, all registration must be made at the ramp.

There is no restriction on sex, race, or national origin. Participants must have a valid Arkansas fishing license in their possession. At least one entrant per boat must be 18 years of age or older. Entrants under the age of 18 must have written permission from parent or guardian to participate.

All state, federal, and local laws will be observed and enforced. Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation are expected from each participant. Especially, good sportsmanship and fair play should be evident as regards to non-contestant fishermen who might be fishing the lake during the event. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. The "NO WAKE" area at the landing will be enforced.

All contestants must wear a Coast Guard Approved life preserver while main engine is in gear. No alcoholic beverages allowed in boat during tournament hours. Any contestant judged by tournament officials to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be disqualified. **All boats must meet Coast Guard approved horsepower requirements. No overpowered boats allowed.**

All waters of Lake Columbia may be fished. Fish must be caught on Lake Columbia during tournament hours. Contestants may not accept fish from non-contestants. All tournament boats will be identified with ribbon attached to trolling motor.

Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait will be permitted with the exception of pork strips, rind, etc. Only casting, spin-casting, or spinning rods and reels may be used. Rods over eight (8) feet long are prohibited. Only one (1) rod and reel per person is permitted in use at any given time. However, other rigs as specified may be in boat ready for use. Trolling with the main engine is not allowed.

### **STRINGERS ARE PROHIBITED**

Only largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass will be eligible for tournament. **ALL FISH MUST BE WEIGHED ALIVE, NO EXCEPTIONS.** Any contestant that feels he has the big bass for that hour must check in at Tournament Headquarters before the start of the next hourly period to have his fish weighed. Any fish can be weighed for comparison purposes. If the contestant wishes to enter that fish in the tournament, the fish immediately becomes the property of the Tournament Committee and will be released into the lake. Each contestant must personally weigh in his own fish. Fish will be bumped on a flat belly board with mouth closed and tail pinched. **No more than one fish per person over 20 inches may be in possession.** (THE LENGTH LIMIT SET FORTH BY THE ARKANSAS GAME AND FISH COMMISSION WILL BE ENFORCED.) The possession of illegal fish can cause disqualification of that boat from the Tournament. If, in the judgment of the Tournament Committee, any bass presented for weigh in has been in any way altered, has been on a stringer, or is not alive, will be disqualified from the tournament.

When entering the contest, all winners acknowledge the right of the Tournament sponsors to publicize and/or broadcast his/her name, character likeness, voice, and the fact that he/she won the prize and all matters incidental thereof.

Winning contestants are responsible for all taxes (sales and income) on awards received from this tournament.

Protests must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Committee before 2:15 PM on tournament day.

Ties will be determined by the flip of a coin. The participant weighing first will call the toss.

The Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right to alter or add to these rules with the provision that any and all changes will be made clear to all contestants. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the rules Committee and decisions of the Committee shall be final in all matters.

All contestants must agree to take and pass a polygraph test if asked to do so by the Tournament Committee or be disqualified.