

RELEASES/RULES INTERPRETATION:

1. INTERPERTATION OF THESE RULES: Will be exclusively to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director's decision will be final on all matters.
2. ENTRY FEES: Early Entry is \$65 dollars per contestant. After Feb. 19th entry is \$75 dollars per contestant. There may be up to three (3) paid entry contestants per boat. Each person on the boat must be a paid contestant of the BIG BASS OPEN.
3. EARLY ENTRY: February 19, 2018 will be the final date we will accept mail in or internet entries by pay pal. All entries will be \$75 dollars and must be paid in cash.
4. REGISTRATION: All contestants must submit a signed entry form with entry fee. Competitors must read and sign official release on this flyer. TNB is not is not liable for any damages incurred by any contestant in this tournament. Those who fail to sign Release form WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO FISH!
5. SAFETY: Safe boating must be observed always. Each competitor is required to wear a Coastguard approved P.F.D any time the combustion engine is running! All boats must have an ignition shutoff device and be fastened to the driver when the engine is running! At checkout time, running lights must be on, and times prior to morning takeoff. Any fog or weather-related delay will not be added to the tournament hours.
6. SPORTSMANSHIP: Competitors of this tournament will be expected follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation! NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR ILLEGAL DRUGS DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS WILL BE PERMITTED! VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION!
7. PERMITTED FISHING METHODS: All bass must be caught in a conventional manner. Only artificial baits may be used; prepared pork trailers are the only exemption. No trolling is allowed; only one rod can be used at a time and cannot exceed 8 feet in length.
8. SCORING: Largemouth and spotted bass must be 15 inches and smallmouth must be 18 inches on Percy Priest Lake. The Official ruler used is the "GOLDEN RULE". Each contestant may weigh in ONE (1) bass each session. Anglers will not be allowed to bring 3 basses to the scales at the end of the tournament. There may be no more than two (2) bass per contestant in the boat at any time. Officials will be checking live wells for any violations. Culling is permitted. Dead fish will not be subject for weigh in.
9. BOATS AND MOTORS: All boats must have a live well large enough to hold and keep a limit of 4 live Bass with proper aeration during tournament hours. All motors must not exceed the maximum horse power rating designated by capacities placard attached to the boat used.
10. FISHING SESSIONS & OFFICIAL TIME: The first weigh in session will begin at 9:30 a.m. Scales will be open for only thirty (30) minutes per session and so on for each session. See front of flyer on weigh- in times. You must be in line before the end of each session to weigh in your fish. Scales will remain open until all fish from each session are weighed in. Contestants may only launch from the ramp at Fate Sanders Marina. The official time will be Verizon Wireless time. Official tournament hours are 7 a.m.-3 p.m. All contestants must be in by 3:00 p.m. Those who fail to make the deadline, WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WEIGH THEIR FISH.
11. CLOSING OF SCALES: The closing of the scales will be announced at 3:00 p.m. You must be in line with your final fish to meet that deadline. After that, no one will be able to weigh in fish.
12. PAYOUTS, PLACES & TIES: Any payouts or places listed on the official brochure or other communications associated with tournament may change at the discretion of the tournament committee. All Payouts and Places shown are based on a 100-angler entry for BIG BASS OPEN. Prizes will be adjusted per the number of entries. The only exception will be if the tournament offers any GUARANTEE PAYOUTS. Ties will be determined by a coin flip.
13. INTERPRETATION OF PRIZES: FATE SANDERS SMALL BASS: The angler that weighs in the smallest measured Bass will win a Guarantee \$200.00 prize. Fate Sanders Marina donated \$100 dollars and TNB will match that donation making the total \$200.00.
14. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Percy Priest Lake and its tributaries. Any off limits must be observed at marina gas pumps and state designative locations and keep a minimum radius of 50 yards from another competitor.
15. ASSUMPTION OF RISK, LIABILITY, PICTURES AND POLYGRAPH RELEASE:
 - **Assumption of Risk:** TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH that may be sustained by me (or my child/other co-anglers), or any loss or damage to property owned by me (or my child/other co-anglers), as a result of participating in this Event. I acknowledge that this Event involves certain risks and hazards, including the risk of accidental injury or death, or loss or damage to property, resulting from wild animals, inclement weather, accidents, equipment malfunctions, collisions, falls, drowning, equipment and gear, related injuries or other causes known or unknown to Team Nashville BassMasters and Fate Sanders Marina. I also acknowledge that I carry the minimum levels of state mandated liability insurance for any vessel or vehicle that I may operate as a participant in this event, and I have obtained all permits or licenses necessary for participating in the Event.
 - **Liability Release:** On behalf of myself and my heirs, successors, servants, assigns, executors, administrators, guardians, and conservators, I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, CANCEL, WAIVE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, ACQUIT, AND HOLD HARMLESS to Team Nashville BassMasters and its tournament directors, partners, employees, consultants, principals, agents, servants, heirs, administrators, shareholders, successors, directors, officers, representatives, attorneys, and assigns as well as any governmental entity where the event is held, and agree to hold them free and harmless for, from, and against any and all claims, judgments, appeals, rights, demands, costs, expenses, liabilities, obligations, actions, and causes of actions of any character or form whatsoever, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, arising from their negligence or otherwise, including, but not limited to, all liabilities for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death caused by such negligence or otherwise resulting from participation in the event
 - **PICTURES:** In consideration of possible taking of pictures or images in connection with this event(s), the undersigned grants Team Nashville Bassmasters the irrevocable right to use, record, and distribute without further obligation or payment to the undersigned or the undersigned's family, the undersigned's name, likeness, and/ or statements for any and all purposes at any time in any and all media now known or later developed including without limitation television, radio, print and print media, videotape, audiotape, the Internet, social media, on-line services and other telecommunications, wire, and/or computer drive media.
I also give full permission for use of my child's name and photograph in connection with this event.
 - **POLYGRAPH:** Each contestant agrees to submit, by signature on the tournament entry form, to a polygraph examination and to abide by its conclusion. The TNB Tournament Director or TNB President shall have the discretion to determine the need for a polygraph examination. Failure to pass an examination will result in disqualification from the tournament. Truth verification tests will be used at TNB' sole discretion and the determination of the meaning of the results will be made solely by TNB.

Pay online at tnbassmasters.com or MAIL ENTRIES PAYABLE TO:

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