

Healing Place Fundraiser Tournament  
Partnered with Red Warrior  
At McFarland Boat Ramp  
October 24, 2020

## **Tournament Rules**

### **INTERPRETATION & ENFORCEMENT**

- Interpretation and enforcement of these rules will be left exclusively to the tournament director and final decisions are not subject to appeal.
- Each contestant and coach agrees to report any rule violations to the tournament director immediately upon discovery of the violation.
- The violation of a tournament rule may result in weight loss or disqualification from the entire tournament.

### **REGISTRATION**

- **Check(s) should be made payable to The Healing Place with fishing tournament on “memo” line. (50\$/Boat)**
- Everyone must check-in at the designated registration site (beside the boat ramp) the morning of the tournament.
- Boat numbers will be assigned based upon order of entry.
- Registration will be open through morning of event.

### **SAFETY**

- All participants must use a U.S. Coast Guard-approved and state approved personal flotation device anytime the outboard is operated.
- All PFD (Life Jackets) must be worn within 800 feet of all dams.
- Kill-switches must be attached while the outboard motor is in operation.
- All participants shall remain properly seated while the outboard is in operation.
- There must be at least one 21-year-old in every boat.
- Contestants may operate the trolling motor with an Alabama boating license.
- **Always call **911** ***FIRST*** during an **emergency**.**

### **BOAT AND HORSEPOWER REGULATION**

- All boats must be propeller-driven and a minimum of 16 feet in length with a maximum of 23 feet in length.
- Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.
- Boats must contain a properly aerated live-well space to maintain a limit catch of bass.
- Maximum horsepower for all outboards is 250.
- Minimum horsepower for all outboards is 40.

### **INSURANCE**

- Liability insurance with coverage in \$100,000 to \$300,000 is required on all boats used in the tournament. Proof of insurance must be with the boat being used and must cover all passengers in the boat.
- All participants must sign the waiver form and turn-in the tournament day.

## **Tournament Day Rules**

- Time: Visible-light (changes according to sunrise)
- Each boat consists of no more than three participants. **MUST** have at least one participant of age 21 or older.
- Entry fee of \$50 per boat.
- Angler(s) will be given their boat number at registration, and it **MUST** be turned in at the scales in order to have their fish weighed.
- Fish will be weighed per boat, and there will be a **4-fish limit per boat**.
- Tournament waters are open to Pickwick Lake only. No locking through!
- No off-limits on the lakes (wait until after launch before fishing in the marina).
- Penalty of 1 pound per-minute for being late; 1/2 pound for dead fish.
- All bass must be caught alive in a conventional sporting manner. **No Trolling!**
- Only artificial lures may be used.
- Only ONE fishing rod per contestant may be used at a time.
- All fishing must be conducted from the boat.
- Only the **FIRST** big-fish chosen will be counted toward big fish (no weighing multiple fish).
- Largest fish caught will break ties. The next method used will be total number of bass.
- Coin flips are the final method for breaking all ties.
- *Largemouth – 15”; Smallmouth – 15”; Spotted – 12” (minimum length)*
- **Awards –**
  - Top 3 Boats – Cash; Hardware
  - Big Fish – Cash
  - Top finishing boat with a participant under 21 – Cash; Hardware
- **Tiebreakers –** Biggest Bass/Number of Bass/Team’s Finish for Tournament

## **Participants Under 21**

- Must have at least one 21-year-old in the boat at all times.
- Can compete for the “highest finishing boat with a participant under 21” award.
- This award is designed to help younger participants compete.
- It is possible to finish first in the tournament overall and win this award.

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