

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA BASS TEAM FUNDRAISER TOURNAMENT RULES



General

All rules are said and written to allow for a fair field. It is important that all participants read and understand the rules. All Federal, State and local laws supersede any rules listed in this document.

Eligibility:

Any person age 17 or under must be with a parent or a person who is 18 or older.

Persons under 18 must have the signature of his/her parent or legal guardian on the tournament entry form. A participant may fish alone but is required to pay full tournament entry fees.

Insurance:

It is the participants responsibility to maintain insurance on their vessel. This insurance is to provide coverage for any damage, theft or injury that may occur. The UCF Bass Team is not responsible for any damage, injury or theft that occurs during the time of this event.

Entry:

The tournament entry fee is \$80. An additional fee of \$10 may be paid towards the Big Bass pot. You may pre-register by completing the tournament entry form and sending a check via mail. You may also register at the ramp on the morning of the event, but we will only accept CASH for payment at that time.

Fish limits/penalty:

All anglers must use care in handling and keeping fish alive for release after weigh-in. All fish will be measured on golden rule. A tournament limit will be (5) fish measured with mouth closed and tail compressed (pinched) in accordance with state law (12 inches). No culling at weigh-in. No culling of dead fish. Short fish that are brought to scale will result in a .5lb penalty. Dead fish penalty will be .25 lb. per dead fish. Exemptions will be provided. There must never be any more fish in live wells than a legal limit of five (5) at one time. Fish must be culled immediately.

Safety:

Life Jackets or Vest will be worn by both team members any time the outboard motor is in gear and running above IDLE. Kill switch will be connected to boat operator any time the outboard motor is running and in gear.

Sportsmanship:

It is imperative that anglers always carry themselves in a professional manner and respect other anglers as well as non-tournament anglers. Poor sportsmanship that is reported is can result in disqualification from the tournament. Poor sportsmanship that is reported will be reviewed by the UCF Bass Team President and Vice President.

Boat/Horsepower regulations:

Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment and properly operating live well systems. Live wells will be checked before launch. All boats must have a kill switch. All boats must have a U.S. Coast Guard plate. Motor horsepower will not exceed manufacturer recommendations.

Tackle and equipment:

Only artificial lures are permitted. There is no trolling or dragging. Only one rod is allowed at a time. All fish must be caught on primary rod in use. There is not to be any additional rods or baits in the water while fishing. Only one lure at a time. All bedding fish must be caught in the mouth. No snagging.

Permitted fishing areas:

Anglers may never leave their boats unless in an emergency situation. There will be no fishing outside of the boat. No fishing in any off-limits location from government or UCF Bass Team President. No fishing within 50 yards of an anchored boat (traditional or poles). There are no off-limits unless UCF Bass Team President notifies.

Tournament Hours:

Safe light until 3:00pm., this may be adjusted by UCF Bass Team President. Each angler will be assigned a boat number which must be turned in prior to check in time. Anglers will be deducted 1 lb. for each minute late. Anglers will be disqualified after 15 minutes late.

Emergency or Break down:

An angler may contact another angler if needed. However, UCF Bass Team President must be notified. Anglers must identify their fish with some sort of marker or separation system before entering rescue boat. Fishing from rescue boat is not permitted.

Reports:

Reports are to be directed to the UCF Bass Team President or Vice President prior to launch or during weigh-in. Once weigh-in concludes or monies are rewarded protest are null. Fee will be returned if protest is upheld by UCF Bass Team President. All reports will be reviewed by the UCF Bass Team President and Vice President.

Polygraph:

All angles are subject to polygraph.