

2020 Bradford Marine & ATV BIG BUZZ BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

Tournament Schedule

Saturday, June 13, 2020

- 1) All boats will launch from West Rock Landing on Lake Maumelle
- 2) Check- in begins at 4 a.m.
- 3) Fishing will begin on Lake Maumelle at 6:00 a.m
- 4) Weigh-in will take place at 2 p.m. at West Rock Landing on Lake Maumelle.

Tournament Rules

This event is sponsored by 103.7 The Buzz and Bradford Marine & ATV. Hereinafter, for the purpose of reference, they will be referred to as “sponsor.”

The Bradford Marine & ATV Big Buzz Bass Tournament will be held at Lake Maumelle.

1. All local, state, federal, Coast Guard, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and Central Arkansas Water regulations shall apply and must be observed at all times during the tournament.

Specifically:

- (a) All boats must have running lights if you are on the water before daylight.
- (b) All contestants must wear a securely fastened Coast Guard-approved life vest when the main internal combustion engine is in use.
- (c) All boats must have an operating kill switch attached to the operator while the main internal combustion engine is operating.
- (d) All boats must be equipped with an operating live well. (An aerator in an ice chest is acceptable.)
- (e) Contestants must have a valid Arkansas fishing license in their possession unless exempt.
- (f) All tournament boats must be inspected by tournament officials upon request.

2. All applications for entry, determination of winners, and rights to awards and prizes are subject to the approval of tournament officials.

3. If a contestant is disqualified for rules violations, all other contestants in his boat will also be disqualified.
4. Protests must be registered in writing with the tournament director within 30 minutes of the dispute. Decisions will be communicated to the parties involved by the tournament director.
5. The sponsor of this event expressly reserves the right to accept or reject any entry form.

Launching and Fishing Rules

6. All contestants must gain access to their fishing area on Lake Maumelle by launching their boats from the hard-surface ramps at West Rock Landing.
7. All contestants must display good judgment and be courteous to other contestants during the launch process in regards to the safety of all parties involved.
8. No casting or fishing allowed before 6 a.m. day of the event. Final weigh-in will be at 2 p.m.
9. Boats will be sent out in numbered order from the no-wake buoys near West Rock Landing. Boat numbers will be assigned based on order of registration for the tournament; each boat will be given a numbered stick upon launch. Check-in for weigh-in begins at 2 p.m. CDT. (Tournament officials reserve the right to implement a tiered take-off and check-in system to stagger boats by flights, depending on the total number of entries.) The numbered stick must be presented to a tournament official, who will be stationed at the covered deck at West Rock Landing, at the predetermined check-in time. Any boat reporting after the predetermined check-in time will be disqualified.
10. Fishing is not permitted in the Restricted Area, which is defined as those portions of the lake between the buoy line and the dam and between a second buoy line and the spillway and indicated as the Restricted Area on the Lake Maumelle map. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification. Furthermore, anglers must adhere to all regulations concerning Lake Maumelle as established by Central Arkansas Water and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.
11. Only largemouth and spotted bass (black bass) will be eligible to be weighed in, with the exception of one rough fish that may be weighed in only for consideration for the heaviest rough fish prize.
12. All fishing will be done with a rod and reel and artificial lures only. The use of pork rind and artificial baits made from deer hair or other animal fibers are acceptable. No trolling is permitted.

13. A non-contestant can ride in a boat with a contestant. However, the non-contestant cannot fish, drive the boat, or assist the contestant by netting a fish, etc.
14. No contestant is permitted to fish nearer than 50 yards to another contestant's boat that is anchored, unless permission is received.
15. Fish must be weighed the same day as caught. Dead fish will receive a 1(one) pound penalty.
16. No electronic tracking devices (implanted microchips) may be used to locate fish for tournament purposes. However, depth-finders and graph charts are acceptable.
17. The tournament limit is five black bass plus one rough fish. No competitor or team can possess more than five bass and one rough fish, unless during the normal culling process. Anglers/teams must cull upon catching their sixth bass or second rough fish before making the next cast. Anglers/teams are allowed to have only five black bass and one rough fish in their livewell at any time.
18. Any artificially weighted or preserved bass will be disqualified and that contestant will be subject to prosecution under state and federal law.
20. No largemouth or spotted bass less than 12 inches in length (measured on a flat board) will be weighed in.
21. All fish weighed in each day automatically become the property of the tournament committee and will, if possible, be returned alive and healthy to Lake Maumelle.

Rules Governing Tournament Integrity

22. Tournament integrity will be protected by polygraph tests. Contestants must pass these tests.
23. Each contestant, by signing the entry form, agrees to submit to polygraph testing and/or a drug scan.
25. Use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited. Any contestant determined by polygraph examination or by tournament officials to have consumed alcohol or illegal drugs, or to have an illegal substance in their possession or in their boat during tournament hours, is in violation of tournament rules and will be disqualified.
26. Any violations of rules are subject to prosecution under State and Federal law.
27. Unsportsmanlike conduct can be grounds for disqualification and will be at the discretion of tournament officials.

Legal Concerns

28. All tournament contestants, by their entry applications, shall grant permission to the tournament sponsors and to their agents the right to publicize and/or broadcast his/her name, character likeness or voice, and fact that he/she was a participant and/or prize winner and all other matters incidental thereto. If a participant is a minor (under age 18), a parent or legal guardian shall be required to grant such permission as part of the entry procedure for the minor.

29. The tournament sponsor, officers, employees, agents, etc., will not be responsible for boating or water accidents. Each tournament contestant shall be solely responsible for his/her actions with regard to inclement weather or any other potentially dangerous situation which may arise. The contestant or non-contestant expressly assumes the risk of any and all damage or injury of any nature which may result from any source whatsoever during the tournament. Should any contestant be a minor, a parent or legal guardian shall grant such release on the part of the minor.

30. All tournament contestants, by their entry applications, shall grant to the sponsor and its officers, employees, and agents, unconditional release of any liability of personal injury, death, damaged, lost or stolen property, or accidents.

31. Any property that is posted during normal water conditions cannot be entered during periods of high water.

32. Any changes to the tournament rules, including location changes, will be made within a reasonable time prior to the tournament. Such changes will be communicated via email by the Tournament Director, broadcast on 103.7 The Buzz, and posted on www.bigbuzzbass.com and the official social media accounts of 103.7 The Buzz.

33. All tournament contestants must read and sign the form entitled “Waiver and Release” which can be found online as part of the tournament signup process. Your signature on this form will constitute a certification that the contestant has read and understood the “Waiver and Release” form. All terms of the “Waiver and Release” form are hereby incorporated by reference into these rules in the same manner as if the terms of the “Waiver and Release” form were printed verbatim in these rules.

Weigh-In Site

Maumelle, Arkansas
WestRock Landing Marina 2 p.m.

Distribution of Prize Money – Format for 2020

1st - \$2,000
2nd - \$1,000

3rd - \$800
4th - \$550
5th - \$400
6th - \$350
7th - \$300
8th - \$250
9th - \$200
10th - \$150
11th - \$100 gift card to Sonic Drive-In
12th - \$100 gift card to Brewski's Grub & Pub
13th - \$100 gift card to Edward's Food Giant
14th - \$100 gift card to Elia's Mexican Grill
15th - Petit Jean Ham Gift Basket and free registration for the 2021 Big Buzz Bass Fishing Tournament

Biggest Bass – one winner will be awarded a \$250 gift card to Bradford Marine & ATV

- Each team will submit their largest largemouth or spotted bass during weigh-in
- Weight will be recorded and tracked
- Once all teams that have checked in and gone through weigh-in, the heaviest bass will win

Biggest Rough Fish – one winner will be awarded a \$250 gift card to Fish n Stuff

- Eligible fish include: Drum, Carp, Suckers, Gar, Bowfin (Grinnel), Chain Pickerel and Buffalo
- Each team will submit their largest rough fish during weigh-in
- Weight will be recorded and tracked
- Once all teams that have checked in and gone through weigh-in, the heaviest rough fish will win