



Official Rules

Petit Jean / 1037 The Buzz Fishing Tournament

This tournament is for **amateur** anglers. If you consider yourself a professional fisherman, or if the majority or big portion of your annual income is received from prize money won in tournaments, income received from sponsors, and other fees and income derived from fishing, you are ineligible to fish this event.

Early Registration Incentive

Entries received before Saturday, July 14, will be \$100 per boat. Entries received on Saturday, July 14th will be \$125 per boat. The additional \$25 will be donated to Hooked on Heroes.

2018 Tournament Schedule

Saturday, July 14th

6 a.m. Fishermen, cast your lines

7 a.m. Deadline for registration.

3 p.m. Weigh-ins and lunch provided by petit Jean Meats. **Contestants must check-in by 3:00 PM at the Weigh-in Stage at the Downtown Riverside RV Park Pavilion or the boat will be disqualified.**

Location of weigh-in

North Little Rock: Downtown Riverside RV Park Pavilion

All tournament participants are invited to the awards ceremony located near the weigh-in site at the Downtown Riverside RV Park Pavilion..

To reach this site in North Little Rock, take the Broadway exit off I-30 and drive west to Cypress. Travel south on Cypress to Riverfront Drive. Enter site through an entrance in the seawall. Plenty of parking is available. Northshore Riverfront RV Park, NLR by weigh-in station for pool 3.

Tournament Rules

This event is sponsored by Petit Jean Meats, Signal Media of Arkansas, 1037 The Buzz, The Point 94.1, and 1067 The Ride. Hereinafter, for the purpose of reference, they will be referred to as "sponsor."

The 1037 The Buzz / Petit Jean Meats Bass Classic will be contested in separate pools. Eligible water will include nearly 100 miles on the Arkansas River, all within the boundaries of the state of Arkansas.

Tournament Boundaries

Downriver from Ormond Lock and Dam to the upriver side of Sanders Lock and Dam.

General Rules

1. All local, state, federal, Coast Guard and Arkansas Game and Fish 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 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 may 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. 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 the Arkansas River by launching their boats from:
- (a) a hard surface public ramp or marina slip on the Arkansas River.
 - (b) a designated Corps of Engineers camp ground or launching area.
 - (c) launching ramps on the Arkansas River which are maintained by state or local government agencies.

(d) private boat docks or hard surface ramps in Arkansas River backwater can be used by the property owner for launching.

7. Any backwater that can be accessed from the Arkansas River by floating your boat into the area without getting out of your boat is eligible water.

8. No casting or fishing allowed before 6 a.m. the day of the event. Final weigh-ins will be at 3 p.m. the day of the event.

9. You can fish all pools during the tournament. **However, to weigh your fish you will need to come to the North Little Rock weigh-in site.**

10. Official time shall be broadcast by 1037 The Buzz, The Point 94.1 and 1067 The Ride. At 6:00 AM to start fishing.

11. Only largemouth, smallmouth and Kentucky spotted bass (black bass) will be eligible to be weighed in.

12. All fishing will be done with a rod and reel and artificial lures only. The use of pork rind is acceptable. No trolling is permitted.

13. No contestant is permitted to fish nearer than 50 yards to another contestant's boat that is anchored, unless permission is received, or 50 yards either side of the Verizon ramp.

14. Dead fish will receive a half pound penalty.

15. Each team is allowed to have a total of five (5) fish per boat. When the sixth fish is caught the team must cull before making another cast.

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. Any artificially weighted or preserved bass will be disqualified and that contestant will be subject to prosecution under federal law.

18. Large mouth bass must be 14 inches in length Kentucky or Spotted bass must be 12 inches (measured on a flat board) to be weighed in.

19. All fish weighed in automatically become the property of the tournament committee and will, if possible, be returned live and healthy to the Arkansas River.

20. Boats may not be on the water from 12AM - 4:30AM the morning of the tournament.

Rules Governing Tournament Integrity

20. Tournament integrity will be protected by polygraph tests administered on a random basis. Contestants must pass these tests. All polygraph results are final.

21. Each contestant, by signing the entry form, agrees to submit to polygraph testing and/or a drug scan.

22. **Polygraph tests will be administered to the winners.**

23. **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.

Legal Concerns

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. 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.

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

28. All tournament contestants must read and sign the form entitled "Waiver and Release" that is printed on the back of the entry form. 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.

Distribution of Prize Money – Format for 2018

Prize money per Boat:

1st \$2,000
2nd \$1,000
3rd \$800
4th \$550
5th \$400
6th \$350
7th \$300
8th \$250
9th \$200
10th \$150

**Biggest Bass of the day contest wins a \$500 Bass Pro Shops Gift Card provided by Bradford Marine and ATV.
This is for the largest single bass only.**