

2019 Bradford Marine Big Buzz Bass Tournament Rules

Saturday, June 15, 2019

1. Fishing will begin on Lake Maumelle at 6 a.m.
2. Weigh-in will take place at 2 p.m. at West Rock Landing at Lake Maumelle.

Tournament Rules

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

The Bradford Marine Big Buzz Bass Tournament will be contested on Lake Maumelle.

1. All local, state, federal, Coast Guard and Arkansas Game and Fish Commission 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 combustion engine is in use.
- (c) All boats must have an operating kill switch attached to the operator while the main combustion engine is in use.
- (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. (Electronic licenses on mobile devices are acceptable.)
- (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. No casting or fishing allowed before 6 a.m. Final weigh-in will be at 2 p.m.
8. 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. The numbered stick must be presented to a tournament official, who will be stationed at the covered deck at West Rock Landing, before 2 p.m. CDT. Any boat reporting after 2 p.m. will be disqualified.
9. 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.
10. Only largemouth and spotted bass (black bass) will be eligible to be weighed in.
11. 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.
12. 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 or in any other manner.
13. No contestant is permitted to fish nearer than 50 yards to another contestant's boat that is anchored, unless permission is received.
14. Dead fish will result in a one-pound penalty for each dead fish presented for weigh-in.
15. No electronic tracking devices (implanted microchips) may be used to locate fish for tournament purposes. However, depth-finders and graph charts are acceptable.
16. The tournament limit is five black bass. No competitor or team can possess more than five fish, unless during the normal culling process. Anglers/teams must cull upon catching their sixth fish before making the next cast.
17. Any artificially weighted or preserved bass will be disqualified and that contestant will be subject to prosecution under state and federal law.
18. No largemouth or spotted bass less than 12 inches in length (measured on a flat board) will be weighed in.

19. All fish presented for weigh in will become the property of the tournament committee and will, if possible, be returned alive and healthy to Lake Maumelle.

Rules Governing Tournament Integrity

20. Tournament integrity will be protected by polygraph tests. Contestants must pass these tests.

21. Each contestant, by signing the entry form, agrees to submit to polygraph testing.

22. 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.

23. Any violations of rules are subject to prosecution under state and federal law.

24. Unsportsmanlike conduct can be grounds for disqualification and will be at the discretion of tournament officials.

Legal Concerns

25. 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 the 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.

26. 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.

27. 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.

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

29. 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 2019

1st Place: \$3,000

2nd Place: \$1,500

3rd Place: \$1,000

4th Place: \$650

5th Place: \$500