

**1. INSURANCE AND LIABILITY** It is the sole responsibility of the boat owner to carry and have proof of adequate public liability insurance covering them and passengers. All contestants are required to sign a waiver absolving the tournament, sponsors, co-sponsors, and their employees from any responsibility for any damage or personal injury sustained as a result of their participation in the tournament or related activities. Contestants are required to have in their possession and provide proof of insurance on demand by the tournament director.

**2. SAFETY** Boating safety must be observed at all times during practice and competition. A U.S. Coast Guard approved life preserver must be on and fastened anytime the combustible engine is operative and the kill switch lanyard must be attached to the driver during the competition day. It is suggested that this be practiced during any practice day, but will be enforced only on competition day. A violation during a competition will result in a disqualification.

**3. SPORTSMANSHIP** All teams are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any team who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules, or any Alabama Game and Fish, state or local laws, or bring unfavorable publicity to the sport or bass fishing will be disqualified. Specifically the use of obscene language or gestures is strictly forbidden at any time prior to, during, or after deemed cause for disqualification or other penalty.. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act or inflammatory statement by any contestant that, in the opinion of the Tournament Authority, is detrimental to the operation of tournament, damaging to organized bass fishing. Any act of a competitor, which reflects unfavorably upon the efforts of promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy, may be deemed reason for disqualification.

**4. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT** All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner. Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. Trolling with the aid of combustion or electric motors is not permitted. Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared bait is permitted with the exception of pork rinds. Liquid fish attractions are allowed. Only one (1) rod per angler may be used at any one time. Other rods may be in the boat ready for use, however, every cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is made. Rods may not exceed more than eight feet in length.

**5. PERMITTED FISHING WATERS** All fishing must be done from a previously inspected boat; no tube or wade fishing is allowed. Boats may not be trailered to and from weigh-in during tournament hours unless under the direction of the tournament director. No fishing is allowed within 25 yards of a non-anchored tournament boat without that boat's permission. No fishing is allowed within 50 yards of another anchored or tied tournament boat with the trolling motor out of the water without the anchored boat's permission. Both teams partners must fish from the same boat. Only contestants may be in the boat during the tournament hours. Having a non-contestant sit in a hole for you (save your spot) will not be tolerated. Contestants cannot leave a boat to land a fish. Navigable waters are the only waters to be fished during the tournament. Contestants must be able to drive the boat into the fishing area without getting out of the boat. The practice of restricting the natural movement of fish by any means such as, but not limited to, the use of nets, tanks, or dams will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification. Restricting the access to waters normally accessible by all anglers, by any means such as, but not limiting to the falling of trees or the construction of obstructions will not be allowed and will result in disqualification.

**6. WEIGH-IN** All boats must return to ramp by 3 p.m. 1 pound penalty for every minute late up to 15 minutes; after 15 minutes results in disqualification. At the weigh-ins, once the contestant has passed his sack of fish to the weigh-in master, the contestant cannot touch the fish again. Any angler may request a one-time immediate "re-weigh" of their fish before leaving the scale area with their sack of fish. Once a sack of fish has left the scale area, the angler loses his right to request a re-weigh and any request of that nature will be denied. Minimum of 12inch bass measured from closed mouth; under 12 inches will result in 1 pound penalty. All fish must be live at time of weigh in. 4 ounce penalty per dead fish. Five fish limit. Must follow all Alabama Boating and Fishing Rules and Regulations.

**7. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS** At no time during the tournament hours are the use of alcohol or drugs, other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a license physician, by any competitor during an official practice or during the tournament or to be consumed while on the water will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification for this and all future tournaments. All local, state and lake laws will be enforced.

**8. TIE BREAKERS** Big bass breaks all ties.

I hereby acknowledge and agree to abide by the above rules regarding the Autauga Academy Cheerleaders Fishing Tournament.

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Boater #1

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Boater #2