

Fountain Valley Bass Club Night Open Bass Tournament

RULES: The following rules will be used for the FVBC Night Open Bass Tournament.

It's each contestant's responsibility to read and fully understand these rules as entrants will be subject to disqualification for noncompliance and forfeit all prize money, prizes and entry fees. All entrants agree by signing this waiver/entry form that the decision of any presiding FVBC official will be the final in all respects. **THE FVBC HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY.**

TOURNAMENT FORMAT: Competition will begin at 7 p.m. on July 9, 2022 and continue until 7 a.m. on July 10, 2022. **Contestants must check in between 5:30**

p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at 3415 North Elizabeth Street North Side of the old Kmart). A combined total weight of each team will determine place, a five BLACK BASS (5) creel limit (NO MORE THAN FIVE BASS IN LIVEWELL AT A TIME PER TEAM) will exist with immediate culling (boats must have working livewells, weight will be deducted for dead fish).

PARTICIPANTS: Anyone 18 or older can participate in the FVBC night tournament. Contestants 18 years of age or older must read and fully understand and sign a waiver/entry form prior to participating. Contestants under 18 years of age may enter and fish as long as their legal parent/guardian has signed off on the official waiver/entry form. The tournament will not be limited to a particular number of teams. A "team" is defined as one or two participants with a fully paid entry. All participants must have a valid fishing licence covering tournament waters.

ENTRY FEE AND PAYBACK: Entry fee for the tournament is \$150 per team, and an extra \$50 per team for the optional big bass pot (60%-40% payout for 1st and 2nd big

bass). **ALL EARLY ENTRIES WILL BE PLACED IN A**

DRAWING FOR ADDITIONAL CASH AND PRIZES. You may

also register the day of the tournament. Day-of-tournament registration will take place at the required check in (5:30-6:30) on July 9, 2022. **Any entries done at the check in must be paid in cash with the entry form filled out and placed in a sealed envelope.**

There will be an 80-percent payout. There will be \$1,000 first place guaranteed, based

on a 25-boat field. The tournament will pay one in five. Payouts will go up based on the number of entries.

PROTEST: ALL PROTESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING NO MORE THAN 30 MINUTES AFTER THE OFFICIAL CHECK-IN TIME. All protest decisions will be made by the FVBC official on site. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO ANY GRIEVANCE OR LEGAL PROCEDURES. A verbal protest will not be heard; a protest must be in writing.

TACKLE, EQUIPMENT AND TROLLING: Only one rod and reel may be used by each contestant at any one time, and each cast must be completed before another is made. Only artificial baits may be used (pork trailers are the exception). Trolling with the combustion engine is not allowed. The use of lights as fish attractors is prohibited. All bass must be caught on a rod and reel. No tracking, bugging or other devices implanted in a bass may be used. All bass must be caught and reeled in from inside the boat. No two-way radios, cell phones or other electronic communication devices may be used to transmit fishing information during the tournament hours.

BOATS, MOTORS AND SAFETY: Any boat 14 feet or longer, if powered by a motor of 15 horsepower or more, may be utilized if it meets all state, federal and local legal requirements and laws. All boats must meet coast guard requirements. All boats must have a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance and the boater must be able to produce proof upon the tournament director's request. If the boater cannot produce the insurance, the entry fee will be forfeited and the team disqualified. The contestant is solely responsible for his or her actions, including situations due to inclement weather. It is your personal decision to travel to and/or fish in this tournament, regardless of weather conditions.

TOURNAMENT HOURS: Competition will begin at 7 p.m. on July 9, 2022, and continue until 7 a.m. on July 10, 2022. Contestants may be on the tournament waters after the 5:30 check in but are NOT allowed to make a cast until 7p.m. July 9. Livewell checks will be conducted at the check in by a FVBC member designated by the tournament director. You may not launch until your livewells have been checked and you have checked in at the above site.

STARTING ORDER: This tournament does not have a pre describe launch order. After check in Contestants will be allowed to trailer to the ramp of their choice. Contestants are not allowed to cast until 7p.m.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: All areas that can be legally fished are open to contestants. All current, local, state and federal laws concerning allowable Colorado fishing locations will be followed. Anchored boats will be given a 25-yard clearance on all sides. An anchored boat is a boat that has its trolling motor in the stored position, its combustion engine turned off, a rope or other type of material to include all shallow-water anchors resting on the bottom of the lake. Contestants should use common courtesy and judgment when approaching or fishing around other boats. Any announcements made at the tournament site take precedence over written rules.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Anyone displaying poor sportsmanship, breaking local, state or federal laws, or violating any of the rules of this tournament will be subject to disqualification and a loss of any entry fees or prize money. The FVBC officials on site will make any decisions concerning disqualifications. **Hole sitting will not be tolerated.**

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES: Contestants must check in between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. even if they have pre-registered, for a mandatory livewell and lights check. In case of mechanical boat failure or other emergency situation, a team may transport their catch to the weigh-in site by way of another contestant's boat. One team member must remain with the fish until weigh-in. A late penalty of one (1) pound, per minute, will be used after the designated official tournament ending time. After 15 minutes, the team or teams will be disqualified, no excuses. The on-site FVBC official will make all decisions concerning any team that reports an emergency or other event that causes them not to follow the standard check-in procedures and remedies.

LIVEWELLS: All livewells must be capable of holding five (5) bass. FVBC encourages the constant use of the aeration system once bass are put in the livewell. A penalty of one-half (.5) pound per dead bass will be deducted from the total weight of the team's bass that are weighed in. If the deduction affects the team's big bass, the big bass weight will only be counted after the deduction. There will not be a courtesy bump board at the weigh-in. If a fish is brought to the scale and measured short, the team will be disqualified and all entry fees forfeited. **Weigh-in location is**

undetermined as of the writing of these rules.

Weigh-in location will be announced by the

tournament director no later than 5:30 check in on July 9th.

KILL SWITCHES: All boats that operate in this tournament must have a properly working kill switch. The kill switch cord must be attached to the driver whenever the combustion engine is gear.

LIFE JACKETS: Coast Guard approved life vests must be worn and fastened when the combustion engine is engaged.

ALCOHOL: All contestants are prohibited from consuming or using alcohol or drugs during the tournament. Consumption of alcohol or drugs after the official tournament ending time is the decision of each adult present. The staff of the FVBC does not recommend the use of any alcohol or drugs at the tournament site.

SCORING: Allowable tournament fish are Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted Bass, all defined in Colorado as Black Bass. The official length limit for Black Bass, as set by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, will be announced by the on-site FVBC official. The total weight of a team's bass weighed-in will determine finishing places. All ties will be broken by big bass, then by number of bass, then by flip of coin. The FVBC NIGHT OPEN BASS TOURNAMENT HAS A LIMIT OF FIVE (5) BLACK BASS PER TEAM. NO CULLING IS ALLOWED AT THE WEIGH-IN SITE, CULLING MUST BE DONE IMMEDIATELY UPON CATCHING THE 6TH BASS. All bass, will be measured with their mouth closed and on a Golden Rule measuring board. Every attempt will be made to obtain the longest measurement possible. Team members are not allowed to touch the fish once they are presented for weigh-in. It is your responsibility to make every effort to keep your bass alive. No frozen or iced fish will be allowed and any brought to the weigh-in will disqualify the team from the tournament. Each team presenting bass for weigh-in must have caught the bass being weighed-in. The FVBC invites the area CPW Enforcement Officer or Pueblo State Park Ranger to each tournament and contestants can be subject to penalties from a CPW Officer for state or State Park violations. ALL LIVE FISH WILL BE RELEASED.

FAILURE TO READ THESE RULES OR IGNORANCE OF THESE RULES IS NO EXCUSE. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION FROM ALL FVBC TOURNAMENTS. KNOWLEDGE OF THESE

RULES IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL FISHING AND BOATING LAWS WILL BE FOLLOWED. FVBC HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY.