

# Kansas State University Fishing Club Big Bass Bash

**\$1,000 Guaranteed Big Bass Payout**

***\*OVER \$2,000 PAID OUT IN CASH AND PRIZES\****

*\*\$2,000 in payouts based on 50 entrant field\**

**Location:** Melvern Reservoir, Eisenhower State Park East Ramp

**Date:** Saturday, April 22nd, 2017 **Check-In begins:** 5:00 AM **First Cast:** 6:30 AM

**Participants must check in before launch**      **Entry Fee: \$75 per angler**

**Refer to our KSU Fishing Club Big Bass Bash Facebook page for updated list of sponsors**

- Big Bass Tournament Format: 4 different weigh in periods (7-9, 9-11, 11-1, 1-3)
- Each angler can weigh one fish per period, for all 4 periods.
- Top 3 fish weighed in per period guaranteed cash and or sponsor package (subject to increase)
- Free Will Donation Food (Suggested \$5)

**Entries must be received by March 22<sup>nd</sup> to receive free Tournament T-Shirt**

Angler Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

# Official Tournament Rules

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTS (POLYGRAPH TESTS) WILL BE ADMINISTERED AT THE KANSAS STATE FISHING CLUB BIG BASS BASH EVENT**

By contestant(s) signature on entry form and /or participation in this tournament, the contestant(s) agree to any quality assurance tests at any time, if required by the Tournament Director. Quality assurance will include a Polygraph test. **Refusal of an angler to submit to a test or failure of a test will result in loss of winnings, immediate disqualification, plus subsequent disqualification from future tournament.**

### **DECISIONS:**

The following rules for the Kansas State Fishing Club Big Bass Bash Tournament will be interpreted solely by the tournament director. The director reserves the right to reject any entry he feels is not in the best interest of the Tournament. Any announcements made by the tournament director at the tournament site take precedent over written rules. All decisions of the tournament director are final.

### **SAFETY:**

Safe boating must be observed at all times. Life jackets and kill switches must be used any time the combustion engine is running above idle speed. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, tournament days may be shortened, re-scheduled, or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. If the tournament would be cancelled, then the following day would be tournament day. During the event hours, no alcoholic beverages or drugs (other than those purchased over the counter or prescribed by a licensed physician) are allowed in the boat. You must use running lights if you get on the water before daylight. Boat owners must carry boating liability insurance. Proof of insurance may be asked for at any time.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Participants under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

Each boat may have up to 3 contestants. Only paid contestants are allowed in a boat. Non contestants are not allowed unless authorized by the Tournament Director.

We reserve the right to refuse any entry we feel is not in the best interest of the tournament.

Any person who has been disqualified from any prior tournament may be subject to being refused entry into tournament.

If a contestant is disqualified for rules violations, all other contestants in his/her boat will be disqualified.

Contestants must have a valid fishing license **and (an optional black bass pass)** for the tournament lake in their possession unless exempt. License and black bass pass may be asked for at the time of weigh-in.

### **REGISTRATION, ENTRY FEE, & RECEIVING PRIZES :**

Entry form with complete entry fee must be received before fishing. No refunds or substitution of entry fees will be allowed.

Checks **WILL NOT** be accepted at the boat ramp (**Cash Only**)

Pre-registration will end March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Payouts for Melvern Lake: Spring Kansas State Fishing Club Big Bass Bash - All bi-hourly payouts are guaranteed.

### **PERMITTED FISHING AREAS & HOURS:**

All boats must launch from Eisenhower East boat ramp

Permitted fishing areas are anywhere on tournament waters available to the public and accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by local, state, or federal officials, or within 50 yards of a competitor's boat that was first anchored. No fishing within 50 yards of a marina gas pump. No contestant may leave a boat to land a fish.

### **TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:**

#### **Alabama Rig Rules:**

All anglers must abide by the state regulations set for the number of hooks allowed. Anyone caught throwing an illegal Alabama (Umbrella) Rig will face disqualification. All fishing will be done with a rod and reel and artificial lures only. The use of pork rinds is acceptable. No trolling with the combustion engine. No electronic tracking device (implanted microchips) may be used to locate fish for tournament purposes. However, depth finders and graph charts are acceptable.

### **WEIGH IN RULES & REGULATIONS:**

**Anglers over 16 must show valid photo ID, fishing license, and black bass pass (if used).**

No trailering of boats to weigh-in. You must come to the weigh-in by water.

Each contestant must weigh their own fish. No contestant can have more than one (1) fish in their weigh-in bag when weighing in. Contestants cannot weigh-in more than one fish per weigh-in period. No sharing of fish is allowed.

Each contestant is allowed to have no more than 2 fish in their possession at any time during the tournament.

Fish entered into the bi-hourly contest do not carry over from time slot to time slot. Only the largest fish

per contestant is eligible to win an overall prize. A fish may only be weighed once. Once the fish has been weighed-in it becomes property of the tournament committee and will, if possible, be returned live and healthy to the lake.

All bass caught during the tournament hours must be weighed in on the day of the catch. All fish must be a minimum of 18 inches (**15 inches with optional Kansas Black Bass Pass**) in length at Melvern Lake. Only largemouth, smallmouth, and Kentucky spotted bass (Black bass) will be eligible to be weighed in. Tournament weigh-in bags will be provided, but you may use your own.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP & CONSERVATION:**

Participants are expected to show sportsmanship, safety, courtesy, and conservation during tournament hours.

Any artificially or preserved bass will be disqualified and that contestant will be subject to prosecution under federal law. All boats must be equipped with an operating live well. (An aerator in an ice chest is acceptable).

No bass allowed on ice. Bass must be alive when they are brought to the weigh-in. Dead fish will not be weighed-in.

No hole sitting allowed, which means you cannot have another angler/boat holding a fishing spot for you. Tournament boats may be inspected by tournament officials at any time.

### **TIES:**

All Bi-Hourly ties will be broken by the earliest weigh-in time for that time slot. If weigh-in times are the same a tie breaker will be determined by earliest application entry. Ties for the overall big bass will be determined by earliest weighed bass.

**PROTESTS:**

All protests must be submitted in writing to one of the tournament Directors within fifteen (15) minutes of the designated weigh-in.

**LEGAL CONCERNS:**

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

**If you have any questions, please call: Graham Howard, at 785-285-1613, or Grant Srajer, at 785-512-0061.**