

BILL GATTON CHEVROLET INVITATIONAL TEAM BASS TOURNAMENT TRAIL ENTRY FORM

Tournament Lake _____ Team Number _____
 Team Membership Fee \$50.00 _____
 Alternate Membership Fee \$25.00 _____
 Entry Fee \$60.00 _____

Total _____

ENTRY FEES will be accepted at the tournament site on the morning of the tournament until 15 minutes before take off. Both members will receive a tournament shirt & hat at the classic.

Please mark shirt sizes for both members.

1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Name (Print) _____

Mailing Address (Street) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (_____) _____

Email _____

Partner's Name (Print) _____

Mailing Address (Street) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (_____) _____

Email _____

Alternate's Name (Print) _____

Mailing Address (Street) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (_____) _____

Email _____

Having read and discussed the tournament rules with my partner, we have completed this application and further agree to abide by the rules and agree that the decisions of the Tournament Officials. The Tournament Officials have the right to refund this entry fee(s) if it chooses for any reason not to accept my application as a qualified entrant. We also agree to a polygraph screening if requested to do so by the Tournament Committee and understand if we fail the screening or refuse to take the screening we will not receive any payment or prizes awarded for this tournament.

In signing this application, we hereby waive and release all other Contestants, the Boone Lake Bass Club, Inc., Sponsors and Tournament Officials from claims or injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this Tournament/Tournaments. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH PARTNERS TO OFFICIALLY ENTER THE TOURNAMENT.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ALT. SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Make checks payable to Boone Lake Bass Club, Inc.

2010 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Lake	Ramp	Fishing Hours
March, 14, 2010	South Holston	421 Ramp	7:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.
March 28, 2010	Watauga	Rat Branch	7:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.
April 11, 2010	Boone	TVA Ramp	7:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.
May 2, 2010	South Holston	Observation Knob Ramp	7:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.
May 23, 2010	Boone	TVA Ramp	7:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.

CLASSIC

June 6, 2010 TBA by vote at the last qualifying event

All tournaments will be eight (8) hours long and boat checking areas and evening check-in locations will be announced at registration.

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. RULE CHANGES

The following rules will remain unchanged, and the interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the tournament committee. The decision of the tournament committee will be final in all matters. Any protest must be in writing within (15) minutes after the official check-in time at the end of the tournament.

2. PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY

Each contestant must pair with a partner of his/her choice throughout the five qualifying tournaments. Each team must be a member of the Bill Gatton Chevrolet Tournament Trail and pay a \$50 annual membership fee, and register for the qualifying tournament. Only one (1) alternate will be allowed. (This alternate must be a member, pay a one time \$25 membership fee, and can be used by his/her team as many times as needed., including the Classic. But cannot fish for another team.) A team member may fish two events by him/herself, after fishing at least one time with a team member.

3. REGISTRATION

Entry fees will be accepted at the tournament site on the morning of the event. Boat starting numbers will be assigned as entries are received.

4. SCORING

Scoring will be determined by the total pounds for each day's catch during the tournament. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth and Kentucky Bass will be weighed. The daily limit will be five (5) bass for each team. The official length for the bass will be twelve (12) inches or The Tennessee Legal size limit. Bass will be measured on the Official Golden Rule Measuring Board with their mouth closed and the tail may be swept by the measuring official. Short fish will not be weighed and will result in one pound being deducted from the team's total weight for each short fish. Any bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed or altered will be weighed only at the discretion of the tournament officials. An official measuring board will be available for the contestant at the weigh-in site. (*)Smallmouth Bass must be 20 inches in length at Douglas and the team can weigh one (1) per individual angler Twelve (12) inch spots are allowed on all lakes.

5. DEAD FISH PENALTY

Every effort must be made to keep the bass alive through the use of properly aerated live-wells. Fish must be brought to the scales in an official bag that has enough water to keep the fish alive. Failure to have enough water in bag will result in disqualification for the team's weight. A one (1) pound penalty will be deducted for each dead fish and will apply to the team's total weight.

6. SAFETY

Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a chest type life preserver or jacket anytime that an outboard motor is powering the boat. Contestant must be 16 years of age to operate a boat during a tournament except under emergency conditions. Motors that exceed the BIA rating are not condoned by the Bill Gatton Tournament Trail or its sponsors. Excessive HP may deem disqualification. Tournament Officials reserve the right to refuse any team whose rig is extremely overpowered or deemed dangerous.

7. BOATS AND MOTORS

Each boat must have all the required Coast Guard safety equipment, be equipped with an engine kill switch that will be attached to the driver's body anytime the boat is on plane, have live-wells equipped with aeration systems capable of keeping five bass alive and be at least fourteen (14) feet in length or more.

8. SPORTSMANSHIP

Contestants are expected to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conversation at all times during the tournaments. Any contestant that shows poor sportsmanship such as breaking county, state or federal laws, of the possession of / and consumption of any alcoholic beverages, and / or illegal drugs during a tournament shall be disqualified.

9. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT

Boat check point and afternoon check in will be announced during the registration, and it is the team's responsibility to know where these points are. Teams will be released at the discretion of the tournament committee. There will be a 15 minute interval between flights. **THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WILL WEIGH-IN FIRST.**

10. BOAT CHECK

Each team must go through a boat check on the morning of the tournament. Failure to go through the boat check will result in disqualification. Teams are encouraged to launch at the tournament headquarters. If they choose to launch at another ramp they must go through the morning boat check, afternoon check in and are not allowed to trailer before weighing their fish at the afternoon weigh-in.

11. LATE PENALTY

Contestants which do not check in with the official check-in person at the check point on time (end of tournament will be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute. **(IT IS THE TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITY TO LOCATE AND CHECK IN WITH THE CHECK-IN PERSON.)**

12. TACKLES & EQUIPMENT

Only artificial lures with the exception of pork may be used. Only one casting, spinning or spincasting rod may be used at one time. All bass must be caught alive and in conventional sporting manner. No trolling allowed. Contestants cannot leave the boat to fish or land bass.

13. TIES

In case of a tie, total prizes for positions will be added together and divided equally between the tied teams.

14. PAYBACK

- (a) \$35 from each purse will be paid at that tournament and \$10 will be kept back for Classic Pot. One place per seven entries, min. 3 places
- (b) \$5 big fish pot, 100% paid back at each event
- (c) Top Team Of The Year which will include the classic weight will receive two (2) top team trophies.
- (d) Team with biggest bass for the year will receive (1) trophy.
- (e) Big Bass For The Year purse is \$2.50 from each entry (Teams must have fish or paid for all big fish entries.) Classic Big Bass purse is \$2.50 from each entry

15. CLASSIC

The Classic will be a one day event. The lake will be determined by vote of the qualified teams at the March 2, Cherokee event.

CLASSIC QUALIFICATION

To qualify for the Classic, the teams must meet at least one of the following:

1. Fish or paid to fish all five (5) qualifying tournaments and pay a \$25 entry fee.
2. Fish or pay to fish at least three (3) qualifying tournaments and pay a \$25 entry fee plus a \$15 fee for the tournaments missed.
(Teams cannot miss more than two tournaments and qualify for the Classic.)

CLASSIC PAYBACK

The Classic purse will include the total of \$10 held back from each entry taken during the qualifying tournaments: plus a \$25 Classic entry fee from each team

NOTE: IT IS THE TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE A TEAM MEMBER PRESENT TO CLAIM WINNINGS AND/OR PRIZES AT EACH WEIGH-IN. WINNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL TAXES ON ANY MONEY/PRIZES RECEIVED.

CLASSIC STARTING POSITIONS

Team starting positions for the Classic will be determined by team standing by the end of the Fifth tournament. **INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP TO FISH ALL SIX (6) EVENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$150.00 DISCOUNT ON ANY VEHICLE PURCHASED AT BILL GATTON CHEVROLET-CADILLAC DEALERSHIP DURING THE CURRENT YEAR.**

Note: Check tournament results at www.billgatton.com
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