

WV Bass Tournament Entry Form

Boater: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Shirt Size M L XL 2X 3X

Signature _____

Partner: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Shirt Size M L XL 2X 3X

Signature _____

Please check any that apply:

I am a Ranger Cup Member

I will be using a Stratos Boat

Must attach proof of \$300,000 liability insurance.

Send completed entry form with \$200 entry fee to:
 Pleasants Area Chamber of Commerce
 309 Second St., Suite IC
 St. Marys, WV 26170

Tournament Facts

- Maximum 125 Boat Field
- 80% Payback of Entry Fees for 2nd - 30th Places
- Biggest Bass of the Tournament receives Plaque
- Trophy and Plaques for the Top Three Finishers
- Weigh-In conducted by: West Virginia Bass Federation

GUARANTEED PAYOUT

1st Place	\$7,000
PAYOUT - BASED ON 125 BOAT FIELD	
2nd Place	\$3,500
3rd Place	\$2,200
4th Place	\$1,600
5th Place	\$1,250
6th Place	\$1,100
7th Place	\$950
8th Place	\$850
9th Place	\$700
10th Place	\$600
11th - 15th Places	\$500
16th - 20th Places	\$400
21st - 25th Places	\$300
26th - 30th Places	\$250

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Big Bass Prize Money

1st Place on June 12th	\$700
Guaranteed by Douglas Builders	
2nd Place on June 12th	\$300
Guaranteed by Backwater Baits	
3rd Place on June 12th	\$150
Guaranteed by Bill Mossor Surveying	
1st Place on June 13th	\$700
Guaranteed by Buster Owens with GSJ Construction	
2nd Place on June 13th	\$300
Guaranteed by Arvilla Oilfield Services, L.L.C.	
3rd Place on June 13th	\$150
Guaranteed by Bill Mossor Surveying	

Other Prizes

- *Top placing Ranger Cup Qualified \$1,000
- *Ranger Cup must have 2010 Membership Card, Patch on shirt and Decal on boat.
- Top placing Stratos Boat \$1,000



1st Place Guaranteed
\$7,000

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WEST VIRGINIA BASS FESTIVAL

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

IT IS YOUR TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THESE RULES. INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE RULES MAY BE ADDED IN THE MANDATORY PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RULES PLEASE ADDRESS THEM AT THIS MEETING.

This tournament event is open to all persons, both male and female to participate as a team. Teams will consist of no more than 2 persons to a boat. Any adult choosing a minor as a partner assumes full responsibility for the minor and must be the minor's legal guardian. A properly completed entry form and the \$200.00 entry fee per boat **must be paid by June 1, 2010**. Refund of entry fee will be made only if proper notification is made to the Tournament Committee ten (10) days prior to the date of the tournament. A \$50.00 (fifty dollar) administration fee will be assessed for any refund. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of applications prior to the deadline. The Tournament Committee reserves the right and may take precautionary measures to protect the West Virginia Bass Festival event by denying registration to the event or other measures as they deem necessary.

- 1. Rules Interpretation:** The Tournament committee/directors decisions in any and all matters pertaining to the operation, execution, and rules interpretation of this tournament is final. Interpretation of these rules shall be left to the Tournament Committee.
- 2. Off-Limits Period: NO OFF LIMITS. ALL TOURNAMENT WATERS WILL BE OPEN FOR PRE-FISHING.**
- 3. Polygraph Test:** Any team participating in this event can be requested to take a polygraph examination. Refusal to do so will result in any and all prize forfeiture and loss of entry fee. **There will be a mandatory polygraph given to at least one team.**
- 4. Scoring:** Only largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass will be weighed that are 12 inches in length and greater on a golden rule with mouth closed. Six fish meeting the above requirements will be considered a limit. Culling must be done at the time the 7th fish is caught. Any team with more than 6 fish in their live well will be disqualified. Any fish presented for weigh-in will be released. The only exception to this rule is in the event of a possible state record. All competitors are bound by the prevailing statutes and regulations of the various states in which they fish. Winners will be determined by the total pounds and hundreds of an ounce of a teams' catch.
- 5. Dead Fish & Short Fish:** A penalty of 8 (eight) ounces per dead fish will be assessed to a teams' total weight. A penalty of 1 (one) pound will be assessed to any fish failing to measure 12 (twelve) inches **on the golden rule on our weigh-in table. NO COURTESY BOARD**
- 6. Tackle & Fishing Methods:** Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or cut baits may be used. All bass must be caught in a legal live, conventional manner using a rod and reel. Each competitor may only have one rod in use at a time. The following methods are recognized: The flipping, pitching or casting of artificial baits and lures using a bait caster or spinning rod & reel. Length of rods cannot exceed **8 feet** and Fly Rods are NOT permitted. The trolling or strolling methods of catching bass are not allowed.
- 7. Boat Operation:** All teams are expected to abide by state, federal and local regulations and laws. Any team failing to meet all such regulations will be disqualified. Lifejackets must be on and securely fastened when under power of the outboard engine, even at idle speeds.
- 8. Arrival Time:** Any team showing up late will be required to first sign in at the weigh-in trailer and will be held until the last boat is out before being allowed to start.
- 9. Boat Identification:** Prior to the start of the tournament, each boat will be given a number. This number must be in the boat at all times.
- 10. Permitted Fishing Locations:** Fishing on designated tournament waters is permitted, except any waters within these boundaries posted as off-limits or "No Fishing" by state or federal agencies will be **OFF-LIMITS**. All angling must be done from the boat. Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in the boat at all times except in case of an emergency. In such an emergency, competitors may be removed from their boat, placed in a boat operated by other competitors, or a rescue boat so designated by tournament officials. Partners must remain together at all times in sight of each other catch, under the conditions cited above, in order for their catch to be scored in the tournament. If a competitor violates any of the above conditions, his catch shall not be counted in the tournament. Trailering of boats during tournament hours for the purpose of moving from one location to another is prohibited. **Tournament waters will be the Ohio River and tributaries to the first lock or riffle. Fishing inside the long walls or buoys above and below dam sites is PROHIBITED.**
- 11. Return Times & Procedures:** Each team will be issued a card with their boat number on it. Times will be announced during the pre-tournament meeting. The card must be turned in to tournament officials by the assigned time. Teams that fail to return the card by the assigned time will not be permitted to weigh-in and will forfeit any and all prizes, including random drawings.
- 12. Sportsmanship/Conduct:** Any infraction of fundamental sporting principles may be deemed as cause for disqualification. **NO DRINKING OR DRUGS!** Any form of poor conduct should be reported to the tournament director as soon as possible. **Stocking is unsportsmanlike conduct.**
- 13. Ties:** In the event of a tie, the tournament director will have three means of solution: (1) total number of fish caught, (2) earliest entry date and (3) flip of a coin.
- 14. Safety:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times. Life jackets—snapped, zipped or strapped—are to be worn any time the combustion engine is running. All boats must be equipped with a workable kill switch. Mechanical latches on anchor mates or similar devices shall not be depended upon for holding anchors. Every boat must have all Coast Guard safety equipment on board such as life jackets, fire extinguishers, etc. Violations of these safety rules will result in disqualification.
- 15. Breakdowns:** In the event your team has a problem that prohibits you from returning to the weigh-in, we will allow one partner to bring fish in another competitors' boat as long as the fish are separated in different live wells or by other means.
- 16. Boat Requirements:** A competitor answering affirmatively to the question "Will you bring a boat and motor?" will be expected to make that boat and motor available for use by himself and his partner. Boat Requirements: Minimum 14' 0" and 25 H.P. Motor. No motors exceeding the B.I.A. rating of the boat. All boats must be factory rigged bass boats with through hull aerator systems and kill switch.
- 17. Contestants:** Team members must stay together and within sight of each other throughout the day until the weigh-in is completed except in the case of emergency or breakdown as noted above.
- 18. Acknowledgement:** Payment of entry to fish this tournament shall be interpreted as acknowledgement that you have read and understand the conditions set forth in these rules.
- 19. Partnership or Unit Change:** Payment of entry fee shall be considered a commitment. However, partnership or even a boat change will be permitted with proper notification being made to the tournament Director. This may require completion and signing of a new entry form.
- 20. Early Weigh-ins:** Permissible after 2:00 p.m. Weigh-in with your flight only.
- 21. Mandatory Meeting:** A pre-tournament meeting will be conducted on Friday evening. It is required that at least one member from each team attend this meeting. Any team failing to attend this meeting will forfeit their entry fee and will not be permitted to fish. The meeting will be held at Pleasants County Middle School located in Belmont at 7:00 p.m.
- 22. Starting Position:** Contestants' boat number will be assigned at the pre-tournament meeting by drawing your own number. Boats will start in reverse order on Sunday.



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