



Cabot Area Home Builders Association Scholarship Bass Tournament

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Devil's Fork Ramp, Greers Ferry Lake

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. CLOSING OF SCALES & LATE PENALTY** All fishing is to cease at 2pm. All anglers are to be at the weigh-in checkpoint no later than 2:30pm. 1 lb penalty per minute late. Any angler more than 15 minutes late (2:45pm) will forfeit their catch.
- 2. ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION** CAHBA Scholarship Bass Tournament is open to anglers who are 18 years old and older. Any angler wanting to enter the CAHBA Scholarship Bass Tournament under the age of 18 years must be paired with a partner 18 years of age or older AND also have the signature of their parent or legal guardian on the registration form below. If in the event you are a member of a High School Fishing Team, then you may be accompanied by a boat captain. In this situation, the rules for the boat captain remain the same as if this were a High School Fishing Tournament. The boat captain is not permitted to assist the angler in any way nor is the boat captain allowed to fish. If you are not a high school angler then the maximum participants per boat is two (2). If you are a high school angler then the maximum participants per boat is two (2) anglers and one (1) boat captain. Each member of each team must check in at the designated registration area Saturday morning prior to launch for the tournament. **EVERY PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN A LIABILITY RELEASE AT REGISTRATION.**
- 3. LICENSE** All anglers must have a valid fishing license and are required to obey federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- 4. FISHING INFORMATION** No fishing information may be purchased, bartered, solicited, or otherwise received from any person who entered official tournament waters two (2) months prior to the tournament date.
- 5. REGISTRATION** Boat numbers will be determined by the order in which each team completes the onsite registration the day of the tournament. All information for registration will be done during the pre-registration, the purpose for the onsite registration is for official signatures and obtaining boat numbers. Anyone not pre-registered may register at the onsite registration area the day of the tournament. .
- 6. INSURANCE** A minimum of \$100,000 liability insurance is required of all contestants utilizing their boats in the CAHBA Scholarship Bass Tournament.
- 7. PRACTICE** The CAHBA Scholarship Bass Tournament has no official pre-tournament practice, however, any angler competing in this tournament must be off the tournament waters no later than 5:00pm the day preceding the tournament.
- 8. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATION** Anglers may fish anywhere on the tournament waters accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off limits", "no boats", "keep out", "restricted", or "no fishing" (or similar language or markings intended to restrict public access) by state or federal officials, or within 50 yards of another boat, which was first anchored. (Use of power poles is considered anchored as well.) The act of moving bass from one area of the lake to another confined area of the lake at any time is not permitted.
- 9. SCORING** Scoring will be determined by the official weight of each angler's catch during the tournament. Only largemouth, spotted, red eye, and smallmouth bass are accepted species.
- 10. LIMIT** Limit is 5 fish per team. The minimum length for all bass will be 13 inches. Bass presented for weigh-in, which fail to measure at least 13 inches, will result in loss of that particular fish and a one (1) pound penalty to the weight of the remaining fish. Bass will be measured with mouth closed, tail compressed to achieve overall greatest length.



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11. **LIVE FISH** Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated live well. The use of chemical live well additives which promote the healthy return of bass to their natural habitat are recommended. A half pound (0.5) penalty will be deducted for each dead bass presented for weigh-in. Culling of dead bass is prohibited. If for any reason a team decides to weigh-in early, the entire catch will be weighed and fishing will cease.
12. **CHECK POINTS** There will be one official check point for boat inspection in the morning and one official check-in point in the afternoon. Failure to go through these checkpoints will result in disqualification.
13. **SAFETY** Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each angler is required to wear a fastened (fully zipped and/or all clips fastened), US Coast Guard approved, personal floatation device anytime the combustion engine is in operation from boat check-in to weigh-in. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition shut-off device, which must be securely attached to the driver's body any time the combustion engine is in operation. The driver must be seated in the driver's seat any time the combustion engine is engaged in gear. The tournament time may be shortened or cancelled if unsafe weather or any conditions that would endanger the safety of the anglers at the tournament committees sole and absolute discretion. Competitors will be allowed to leave the boat and seek shelter in bad weather, at which time no fishing is allowed.
14. **PERMITTED FISHING METHODS** Only artificial lures may be used. Only one fishing rod per angler may be used at any one time. Additional rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, each cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is attempted or rod is used. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited.
15. **SPORTSMANSHIP** All anglers are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principals may be deemed cause for disqualification. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regards to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on the tournament waters. Anglers and family members of anglers shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a professional manner that demonstrates integrity, honor, and respect toward fellow competitors, tournament volunteers, and the general public and does not reflect unfavorability on the CAHBA, its members, officers or representatives, or sponsors.
16. **ASSISTANCE** During the tournament competition hours, no angler may follow a non-competitors boat or participate in the placing of markers by non-competitors, or participate in the practice of "hole sitting" by anyone. The use of mobile communication devices such as cell phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, cbs, pagers, or any other electronic device to obtain and use fishing information from anyone during tournament hours is strictly prohibited. In the event of an emergency situation, anglers should call 911 first and then notify the tournament committee.
17. **HORSEPOWER REGULATIONS** Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in this tournament may not exceed the horsepower limitations as set by the US Coast Guard for such vessel. Fuel may be carried only in factory installed (built-in) fuel tanks. Any additional fuel used during the tournament must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public and pumped through a hose with nozzle.
18. All entry fees are non-refundable. **No Exceptions.**

