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Mr. Bass of Arkansas Pro-Am Official Tournament Rules

Great effort, study and research have gone into the formulation of these rules. The following rules of this Tournament will remain unchanged. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to the Tournament Director.

PARTICIPANTS AND ELIGIBILITY: Participation in this tournament is by invitation only and open only to members of MBOA who are 16 years of age or older. Proof of age to the satisfaction of tournament officials is the responsibility of the prospective competitor. A properly completed and signed official application form and the entrance fee MUST BE RECEIVED AT MBOA PRO-AM HEADQUARTERS NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM THURSDAY, PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT DATE UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE DIRECTOR. The tournament official reserves the right to discontinue acceptance of applications prior to deadline and also the right to extend the acceptance date. Refund of entrance fee will be made only if PROPER notification is made to MBOA PRO-AM Headquarters prior to deadline. A sponsor may pay the entry fee. WHILE ON THE LAKE DURING THE TOURNAMENT, A COMPETITOR MAY NOT SOLICIT THE ADVICE OF ANYONE (other than another contestant). Each competitor agrees to the report to Tournament Officials any violation or infraction of these Tournament Rules. The failure to report violations or suggestion to violate these rules, or false verification of weigh-in forms will be cause for disqualification. EACH COMPETITOR AGREES TO SUBMIT BY HIS SIGNATURE ON THIS DOCUMENT, TO A POLYGRAPH TEST SHOULD HE BE ACCUSED OF ANY RULE VIOLATION. The administration and interpretation of a polygraph test shall be solely the responsibility of the tournament officials, and its agents.

REGISTRATION AND PAIRING OF CONTESTANTS: Each competitor must register in person at the time and place described on the schedule of events. Two contestants will be assigned to each boat by open draw. Amateurs signing with pro guarantee draw. All pro contestants must be present at the pre-tournament meeting on Saturday night. Only the tournament director may allow any change in this rule. (Amateur contestants, with permission from the tournament officials may be allowed to miss the pairings). It shall be the responsibility of each partner to appear at a mutually agreed upon location with sufficient time remaining to check out at the official checkpoint and start on time. Tournament officials shall have no responsibility for finding missing partners. It is suggested that a minimum of 30 minutes is required for the preparation to depart to the checkout point. When two contestants check out at the beginning of the day, they must stay together and within sight of each other's catch throughout the day until the weigh-in is completed. A contestant must not allow any bass caught by them to be counted on the score of another contestant. In such a case, both contestants shall be disqualified from this tournament and from all future tournaments conducted by MBOA PRO-AM.

SAFETY: Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. Each competitor is required to wear Coast Guard approved chest type life preservers. This preserver must be worn until the combustion engine is shut off. Violation of this rule shall be reason for immediate disqualification. Boats must be equipped with fire extinguisher and kill switch.

SPORTSMANSHIP: Competitors in MBOA PRO-AM tournaments are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Drunkenness by any competitor during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification for this and all other future MBOA PRO-AM tournaments. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor, which reflects unfavorably upon MBOA's effort to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy, shall be reason for immediate disqualification. No alcoholic beverages, stimulants, or depressants, prescription or otherwise, shall be allowed in the boats or at the weigh in. Every contestant must follow all local, state, federal, and game and fish laws and rules. Any contestant witnessing another contestant in violation may file a protest in writing to a tournament official. Must have valid fishing license.

TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or "prepared bait" will be permitted with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc.: Only ONE casting, spin casting, or spinning rod and reel, not to exceed eight feet in length, may be used at any one time. All other types are prohibited. Other rigs as specified above may be in the boat ready for use, however only ONE is permitted in use at any given time. All bass must be caught live in a conventional manner.

BOAT AND MOTOR: Fishing boats may be used that are fourteen feet or more in length. A small motor, gas or electric, may be used for slow maneuvering. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. No "Barges" or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted. It having been determined those boats equipped with "STOCK STEERING" PRESENT GREATER THAN NORMAL SAFETY HAZARDS, NO BOAT SO EQUIPPED SHALL BE PERMITTED TO BE USED DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS BY ANY COMPETITOR WITH ENGINES OF 40 H.P. OR LARGER. The definition of "stock steering" shall be made by tournament officials. The competitor may use his own boat and motor if it is allowed under these rules, or rent a boat and motor at the tournament site, such possible rental being the sole responsibility of the competitor. A competitor answering affirmatively "will you be entering as a pro?" will be expected to make that boat and motor available for tournament use by himself and his daily partner, if so requested by tournament officials. Those answering the same question negatively will be presumed not to have a boat and motor available and will be paired with one who does. Boat expenses are the responsibilities of the pro.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except within fifty yards of a marina gas pump, and within fifty yards of another competitor's boat which was first anchored. No such anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within the fifty-yard circle claimed by him to the exclusion of any other competitor. All angling must be done from the boat. Competitors wishing to change fish habitat by placing any object in the tournament waters may do so if such action does not violate state or federal regulations. Contestants must not depart the boat to land fish. Boat must remain in tournament waters during tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in boat at all times except in case of dire emergency (should a mechanical break down occur, another tournament contestant, and one member from the disabled boat, may bring disabled boat's catch in). In such an emergency, competitors may be removed from their boat to a boat operated by other competitors, or a rescue boat so designated by tournament officials. If a competitor must violate any of the above conditions, due to an emergency or any other reasons, his catch of the day shall not be counted in the tournament. Tailoring a boat during tournament hours is prohibited.

OFFICIAL CHECK POINT: There shall be only one official checkout in the morning and check-in in the afternoon, and this point shall be designated at the pairing of contestants. At the time of checkout, all competitors and their boats shall be in full conformance with all rules set forth by tournament committee.

SCORING: Tournament standings auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by the pound of each competitor's catch. Only large mouth, spotted, red eye, or small mouth bass will be weighed. The limit shall be five of the above species and varieties per day for the pro and five for the amateur. At no time shall a competitor have in his possession more than the limits described above. A contestant may not cull a dead fish. Tournament officials will conduct checks for violation of this provision. In the event a competitor has more than the above-described limits in their possession, he shall cull the largest bass first down to the limit described. Only bass as described above which meet lake, river, or state limits, measured on a FLAT BOARD shall be presented for weigh in. Any bass that appears to be mangled, mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered will be weighed and credited only at the discretion of tournament officials. Each competitor must present his catch to the weigh in officials and the signature of his partner of that day must certify the weight of his catch. After the competitor has delivered his catch to the weigh master, he may not touch said catch until weigh in procedure is completed. If the tournament waters have a slot limit present, MBOA PRO-AM will run the slot.

PRO-AM RULES: Contestants will be guaranteed entry in each tournament after being placed with a corresponding PRO or AMATEUR entrant. MBOA PRO-AM will only accept individual entries (i.e. pro only) and will guarantee entry when a corresponding entrant is found. Tournament officials may use "observers" in case of sickness, emergency, or disqualification in order to maintain an adequate number of PRO and AMATEUR. The PRO shall have complete control of boat operation and waters to be fished. However the PRO shall not operate the boat in such a manner as to deliberately handicap the AMATEUR. PROS MAY NOT ask the amateur not to fish an area in order that all AMATEUR entrants receive fair treatment, they will all fish from the back deck of the boat. They may move to the front deck for safety reasons or for movement of the boat but may not fish from the front of the boat. AMATEURS may not operate boat except in case of emergency. PRO entrants may not fish from the back deck of the boat. Other specific "PRO-AM" rules will be discussed at the tournament briefing.

LATE PENALTY: Any competitor who is not in the official checkpoint area at the appointed time, shall be penalized at the rate of one pound per minute to be deducted from the total weight of his catch that day for each one (1) minute he is late. Any competitors more than fifteen minutes late shall lose all credit for that day's catch. There shall be no excuse for tardiness and in no case shall a competitor be allowed to make up "lost" time. After proper recognition at the check in point competitors will be allowed ample time to proceed to the weigh in site; however all fishing must cease upon check in. After tournament begins, fishing is prohibited except during tournament hours. Exact starting and check in times will be announced when contestants are paired.

For tournament information and results, look up
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Name _____ Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Bus. Phone _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____

Expiration Date _____

Credit Card # _____

Signature _____

Date _____

By signing I agree to allow the Mr. Bass of Arkansas Tournaments to use my address, Email or phone numbers to promote sponsors products.

Enclosed is \$50.00 for MBOA Membership Fee for 2009.
 I will be fishing as Pro - \$150.00 Amateur - \$75.00

Enclosed is \$ for the tournament at _____

Having acquainted myself with the rules, I have completed this application and I am enclosing my entrance fee payable to MBOA PRO-AM. In signing this application, I hereby waive and release all other contestants, the Host, sponsors and Tournament Officials from all claims of injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this Tournament. I further understand and agree that the Tournament Officials reserve the right to refund the entrance fee if they shall choose for any reason not to accept my application. I am currently a member in good standing of the MBOA PRO-AM, or else membership is enclosed. I swear that the above facts are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

_____ E-mail _____

NOTE: All membership and entry fees must be received by 6:00 p.m. Thursday, prior to tournament dates.
 Pay entry fee at: Arkansas Rod and Reel • 8200 Cantrell Road • Little Rock, AR • (501) 568-6002
 or at Mr. Bass of Arkansas Tournaments • 2614 Millbrook Drive • Benton, AR 72015 • (501) 580-8484 • E-mail: Fulltrim@aol.com

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1st Place in the Pro division \$4025.00 - 21st Place \$200.00

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Over \$29,000 in total pay out at each Tournament
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During the 2008 season we paid over \$210,000.00 in cash and prizes to tournament fishermen in Arkansas. The 2009 Mr. Bass of Arkansas Classic will be a three-day event. Both Pro and Amateurs will fish the first two days. They will be paired together in a Pro / Am format. Only the top twelve (12) Pros will fish the third day.

The first place prize in both divisions will be awarded a New Ranger Boat powered by a Mercury Outboard and Minn Kota Trolling Motor.

Bonus Programs:

Landers Chevrolet / Hummer will pay a contingency award to both the Pro and Amateur division winner of each qualifying tournament. If 1st place owns a Landers vehicle that was purchased from any Landers dealership, since January 1st, 2006, they will receive \$500. If 1st place winner does not own a Landers vehicle, and 2nd place does, they receive \$300. If 1st or 2nd place winner does not own a Landers vehicle, and 3rd place does, they receive \$200. All Landers award money will be paid within one week of each tournament.

The fishermen placing the highest and fishing out of a Ranger Boat will receive \$250.00 in Ranger Cup money.

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Mr. Bass of Arkansas tournaments. Arkansas oldest Pro-Am tournament circuit will have everything a tournament angler wants.

- Pros have full control of the boat
- Amateurs get to learn while winning money
- Payback is unmatched in Arkansas
- 80% of entries paid back on the spot.

Everything you want in a tournament circuit.

On Saturday night preceding each tournament there will be a "pairing of partners" at **six o'clock p.m.** Here we will pair a pro with an amateur. The two will fish together during the tournament, although they are not competing against each other during the event. The pros will be competing against the other pros, and the amateurs will be competing against the other amateurs. Here you have two tournaments in one! If the number of pro entries is greater than the number of amateur entries, the pros that are drawn last will fish by themselves and will be subject to a polygraph.

Both divisions will realize an 80% payback on the spot. We will pay one place for every seven entries at qualifying tournament. The **Mr. Bass of Arkansas Tournament** circuit will consist of six qualifying events. At the conclusion of the six events, we will total each fisherman's points and invite the top thirty in each division to fish the 2009 **Mr. Bass Classic** that will be held in October at Lake Dardanelle. The Little Rock tournament will be a wild card event. The highest placing five contestants in the tournament that does not qualify for the classic in the regular standings will receive a wild card entry into the classic. **(YOU MUST HAVE FISHED AT LEAST FOUR OTHER MBOA TOURNAMENTS DURING THE 2009 SEASON TO QUALIFY FOR THE WILD CARD)** Once you switch from amateur to pro, you may not return to amateur status for the rest of the year. Points do not move over. The point system is easy. The first place person in the qualifying event receives 75 points, second place receives 74, and so on all the way

2009 Schedule

February 15th - Ouachita

Crystal Springs
 (501) 991-3361

March 22nd - DeGray

Iron Mountain Marina
 (870) 246-4310

April 5th - Greers Ferry

Sugar Maple
 (501) 825-8501

May 17th - Dardanelle

Best Western
 (479) 967-1000

July 19th - Dumas

Days Inn
 (870) 382-4449

August 9th - Little Rock

Landers Chevrolet
 (501) 315-2500

2009 Mr. Bass Classic

October 23rd, 24th & 25th
 Dardanelle

Best Western (479) 967-1000

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