



Ouachita RiverFest Big Bass Classic

Rules and Regulations

Legal Fishing Waters:

You may fish all water that is publicly accessible on the Ouachita River from the Arkansas State Line to the Riverton Lock and Dam.

Entry Fee and Registration:

Entry fee is \$150 and may be paid at **The Honey Hole in West Monroe until 5 PM Friday, May 12**. All entries after that deadline must be paid at Lazarre Park from 4 AM-6 AM on Saturday, May 13. Entry must be paid before fishing.

You must have, in your possession, a legal Louisiana fishing license, boat and motor title and registration while on the water.

It is your responsibility to know and observe the legal no wake zones on the river and D'Arbonne Bayou. Area that display Posted Property signs should be avoided.

Launch and Tournament Hours:

Launch anywhere on tournament waters after 4:00 AM. First cast is at 6 AM. There are 4 weigh-in periods: **6 AM - 9 AM, 9 AM - 11 AM, 11 AM - 1 PM, 1 PM - 3 PM**.

Hourly Updates:

Updates will be sent out two times per period by group text. If you want to receive the hourly updates, you must include your cell phone number on the application. We will give previous hours results and present hour leaders.

Off Limits:

No fishing on tournament waters after 12:00 midnight on Thursday, May 11.

Scoring and Weigh-Ins:

No fish under 12 inches in length may be weighed in. Only largemouth and spotted bass may be weighed in. No contestant may have more than 3 bass in their possession at any time during the event. The tournament director reserves the right to inspect your boat at any time. **No dead fish will be weighed in.** The tournament director will determine whether a fish is alive or dead.



Scoring and Weigh-Ins (cont.)

Contestants may weigh-in as many fish as they like during the event. Contestants may weigh-in as many fish as they like per hour, however, individual contestants can only win one place per hour. Fish weights will not be carried ahead to later hourly weigh-ins. Contestants can win only 1 overall big bass prize. The official weigh-in site from 6 AM - 1PM is Lazarre Park. The weigh in site for 3PM is **Downtown West Monroe.**

Tackle and Equipment:

No trolling with combustion engine is allowed. Artificial lures only may be used. All equipment that falls under **U.S. Coast Guard rules must be in proper working order.**

Eligibility:

Entry fee must be paid before fishing. Entrants 16 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult with written permission to participate in this event. Contestants may fish alone or with another contestant. All occupants of a boat must be paid contestants.

Disqualifications:

Failure to obey all Federal, State, and Local laws will be grounds for disqualification. Displaying poor sportsmanship will be grounds for DQ. Coast Guard approved floatation devices must be worn while boat is on plane. You may not leave boat to land fish or access water. All fish must be caught in a legal manner during tournament hours and from tournament waters. No fishing within 25 yards of another boat that is anchored or tied and with trolling motor in the water.

Protests:

All protests must be submitted to the director in writing.

Polygraph:

Polygraph test may be given randomly and must be passed. By signing the entry form contestants agree to submit to a polygraph test if requested by the tournament director.