

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** All individuals 18 years of age or older are eligible to fish. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a signed form by their parent or legal guardian. A team may consist of one or two anglers per boat. Anglers in Action reserves the right to reject any entry that is not in the best interest of this tournament.
2. **ENTRY FEE:** Entry fee is \$200.00 per boat including Big Bass. Entries will be accepted by mail, online, or may be paid at the ramp. Take off positions are determined by date and time entry is received. A \$50 deposit may accompany the entry form to reserve your boat number. No refunds unless the tournament is canceled.
3. **BIG BASS:** Big Bass is included in the entry fee. Only 1 big bass will be allowed to be weighed in per team.
4. **CHECK-IN and PRE-MEETING:** One team member must check in with a tournament official the morning of the tournament. A pre-meeting will take place on the water approximately five minutes prior to the official start time. Live well checks may take place at any time either on or off the water.
5. **SCORING:** Largemouth, small mouth, and spotted bass will be scored, five (5) fish limit. 15 inch minimum length required on all fish. A short fish will result in a one pound penalty plus the loss of the fish. A dead fish will result in a one pound penalty per fish. If the dead fish is Big Bass, one pound penalty will be deducted from the Big Bass. No more than five (5) fish are allowed in live well at any time, unless it is during the culling process. Anyone bringing more than five fish to the weigh-in scales will not be allowed to weigh in any fish.
6. **QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING:** By contestants' signature on entry form and/or participation in these tournaments, the contestants agree to any quality assurance tests if required by the Tournament Director. They may include all or part of the following: CVSA, Polygraph Test, Urinalysis, or Blood Test. Refusing to submit to or failure of a test will result in immediate disqualification plus subsequent disqualification from future AiA tournaments. Quality assurance tests will be conducted as soon as possible at the conclusion of official tournament hours.
7. **SAFETY and SPORTSMANSHIP:** Safe boating must be observed at all times. Life jackets and kill switches must be used any time the combustion motor is running. All contestants are required to follow the highest degree of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, tournament days may be shortened or cancelled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. No alcohol or controlled substance can be used or allowed in the boat during tournament hours.
8. **PROTEST:** All protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament director within fifteen (15) minutes of the weigh-in completion. The appointed Tournament Advisory Board will handle all protests. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final in all matters.

9. **LATE PENALTY:** One pound per minute, up to ten (10) minutes, then disqualification.
10. **TIES:** All ties will be broken by 1)big bass, 2) most fish weighed in, 3) by earliest entry.
11. **TACKLE and EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures and pork style baits are allowed. All bass must be caught on a rod and reel. Only one rod and reel in use at any time by any one angler.
12. **BOATS and MOTORS:** Any boat, 14 feet or longer, meeting B.I.A. and Coast Guard requirements with a functional kill switch and functional bilge pump and properly aerated live well will be accepted. No over-powered boats.
13. **LOCATIONS:** Anywhere on tournament waters available to the public and accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by local, state, or federal officials or within 50 yards of a competitor's boat that was first anchored. Any additional off limits will be announced at the pre-meeting. There are no off-limit days. Contestants may not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat. No tournament boat may be loaded on the trailer before weigh-in except with the permission of the Tournament Director.
14. **INSURANCE:** Boat owners must have at least \$100,000 of Boating Liability Insurance. Proof of insurance may be asked for at any time and may be a question on the polygraph test.
15. **SPECIAL SITUATIONS: Breakdown:** In the event of a boat breakdown, the team may transfer their fish to another contestant's boat for transport to the weigh-in site, meeting the following conditions; The fish must be placed in a segregated livewell. One member of the breakdown team must accompany those fish at all times to the weigh-in site. The team broken down must stop fishing from the time of transfer. **Early Departure:** Any team departing prior to weigh in from the tournament lake must contact the tournament director or appointed staff member.
- Cell Phones:** We encourage all contestants to have a cell phone in their boat for emergency use only.
16. **SIGNATURES:** Every contestant must sign the release waiver along with a completed entry form and payment prior to the tournament.
17. **KNOWLEDGE OF THESE RULES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH CONTESTANT.** Failure to read these rules or ignorance of them is no excuse. The Director reserves the right to reject any entry if he feels that it is not in the best interest of the tournament. Any announcements made by the Tournament Director at the tournament site take precedent over written rules. The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final in all matters.

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LIABILITY RELEASE: Entry forms that are not completed in full will not be accepted. Check, credit card, cash, or money order must accompany this entry form to qualify for tournament entry. In signing this application, I verify that I have boating liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000. By my signature, I have read and understand the rules and the agreement provided by Anglers In Action Tournament Trail LLC & Midwest Fish Tournaments LLC. The undersigned acknowledge that there is a significant risk of injury from the activities involved in the Tournament including the potential for permanent injury and death. The undersigned agree that they are knowingly and freely assuming all risks of participation in the Tournament and assume full responsibility for their participation in the Tournament. I acknowledge & understand the Tournament Committee has the right to cancel the Tournament at any time. If I place for any prize I will submit to one of the quality assurance tests listed above and abide by such results. THE UNDERSIGNED BY AND FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND NEXT OF KIN DO HEREBY RELEASE FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY MIDWEST FISH TOURNAMENTS, LLC, ANGLERS IN ACTION, LLC, BIG BASS BASH, ITS OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE TOURNAMENT, ALL SPONSORING AGENCIES, SPONSORS, ADVERTISERS, AND IF APPLICABLE, THE OWNERS AND LESSORS OF THE PREMISES USED TO CONDUCT THE TOURNAMENT (COLLECTIVELY THE "RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY INCURRED BY THE UNDERSIGNED AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE. FURTHER, THE UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY ALL RELEASEES FROM ANY AND ALL LOSS, COST DAMAGE OR EXPENSE, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES ARISING OUT OF THE UNDERSIGNED'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT.

BOATER

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Cell: _____
 Sponsors: _____

BOATER SIGNATURE _____

PARTNER

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Cell: _____
 Sponsors: _____

PARTNER SIGNATURE _____

EVENT INFORMATION - 2017 Bass Challenge (11/25/17)

Tournament Date: _____
 Lake: _____

You may put down a \$50 deposit to reserve your boat number.

Deposit-Check here if you are submitting a \$50 deposit only

FORM OF PAYMENT CASH CHECK VISA MasterCard

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Credit Card # _____
 3 digit number on back of card: _____
 Name on Card: _____
 Exp. Date: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Signature: _____

I understand that a \$5.00 convenience fee will be charged on all credit card entries.

Mail To: Midwest Fish Tournaments PO BOX 803, High Ridge, MO 63049

Make checks payable to: Midwest Fish Tournaments