



## CFC ABC 2019 Bass Fishing Tournament Official Rules and Guidelines

- All anglers must have a valid Florida freshwater fishing license
- There is no size requirement for boats, but all boats must be equipped with a functional kill switch and a live well with an aerator to keep caught fish alive
- Tournament hours will be from first safe light until 3:00 p.m.
- Tournament officials have the right to refuse entries from anyone
- Tournament launch will be determined by the sequence of registration
- All entry fees are non-refundable
- Any person under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a team partner over age 18 and must have the signature of his/her parent or legal guardian on the tournament entry form
- No live, preserved, or dried baits allowed; Lures/artificial baits only
- No culling at the ramp
- Life jackets must be worn when the boat is on plane - All state and federal boating fishing rules apply
- No fishing within 50 yards of another person fishing, whether they are anchored or not
- Only one-rod per person at a time may be used
- Limit is 5 fish per team. 12" minimum size (FWC Exemption) measured on a PRO Ruler. Short fish will result in disqualification. If there is any doubt, request a courtesy check prior to coming to the scales.
- All rankings, including Big Fish, are determined by weight only on what is caught
- A penalty of 4 oz. per dead fish weighed will apply, including Big Fish weight
- Any protest must be made in writing before the weigh-in begins
- Tournament officials' decisions are final
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, vulgarities and or extreme profanities will result in immediate disqualification
- If a boat is late, 1 lb. per minute will be deducted from the boat's total weigh in. In the event that a boat is more than 15 minutes late the boat's total weight will be disqualified.
- Any and all taxes are the sole responsibility of the winner of the prizes
- No boats with professional (person who participates in tournaments with \$1000 entry fee or more) fishermen are eligible to win
- Teams are limited to two fishermen per boat