

## **2012 RULES**

### **GENERAL:**

1. The decision of the Tournament staff is final in all matters and is not subject to appeal. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament staff. All protest must be made in person before tournaments winnings are dispersed.
2. Anglers shall follow all federal, state and local laws and regulations at all times.
3. Only spotted or largemouth bass 14 inches or greater will be weighed.
4. No trolling under outboard power. No live bait. Only one rod per angler shall be used at a time.

### **FORMAT:**

5. Tournament is a 5 fish bag limit. Bag limit is per 2-man team/per boat.
6. Big Bass shall be awarded to the angler with the heaviest legal fish weighed.

### **PAYOUT:**

7. Payouts shall be per payout schedule posted at [www.plministries.org](http://www.plministries.org) and at Check-in
8. All ties for cash prizes will be split equally between contending parties.

### **CHECK-IN & TAKE-OFF:**

9. Check-in shall include live well checks on all boats and safety equipment checks at the discretion of tournament staff.
10. Check-in shall be conducted at Lakeside Park (aka Sandy Beach) Pavilion.
11. Boats that do not complete check-in will not be permitted to weigh-in.
12. Trailering is allowed. You will be able to leave check-in no more than sixty (60) minutes before start time, either by vehicle or boat, BUT you may not begin fishing until official start time.

### **WEIGH-IN:**

13. At least 1 angler from each team must be present at Weigh-in by scheduled time.
14. Late arrivals to weigh-in will be penalized 1/4lb per minute and disqualified after 15 minutes.
15. Iced or altered fish will not be weighed in and will result in disqualification from the tournament. Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated livewell. If you bring a dead fish to the scales, you will be penalized one-half (1/2) pound per fish off your team's total weight. Dead fish may not be culled

### **SAFETY:**

16. Life vests and kill switches must be worn when under outboard power.
17. No alcohol permitted prior to take-off, during tournament hours, or at weigh-in.
18. For event safety all teams which exit the tournament prior to weigh-in are requested to report to tournament officials before departing.

### **SCHEDULE:**

19. Registration and Check-In open at 5:30am, Start Time is 7am, and Weigh-in is 4pm.
20. Tournament shall be conducted regardless of weather conditions. Schedule changes, reschedules, or cancellations for inclement weather shall be made at the discretion of Tournament staff.
21. In the event of reschedule, tournament shall be conducted on the following available weekend. Refunds of entry fees will not be provided for a rescheduled event.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP:**

22. Polygraph test(s) will be administered as determined by tournament staff.
23. **Please remember, that this event is a fundraiser and conduct yourself with good sportsmanship at all times.**