

"Battle for the Bass"

Student Angler Competition Rules & Regulations

"Battle for the Bass" is a category for students (grades 7-12) to compete in teams representing their school for a big trophy and bragging rights. The trophy will be taken back to the winning team's school for display for one year. This trophy will be transferred each year to the respective school's winning team.

Registration:

- Online pre-registration is \$5 per student February 15th thru 5pm March 23rd at: www.bigbassfishingrodeo.com.
- On-site registration is \$10 per team member. On-site registration is 6am – 8am.
- Each team member will be given a wristband and must be wearing wristband to have their fish weighed at Weigh Station.
- At least one member from each team MUST check in to receive wristbands, raffle tickets, guidelines, and goody bags. Teams can check in starting at 6am in front of Morning Call.

Rules & Regulations:

- Teams may consist of up to 5 anglers. Anglers must be students' in grades 7-12. A school can have more than one team.
- Separate teams from the same school may not combine their fish in order to beat another school.
- The teams with the best combined weight of 2 live bass will be recognized for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The 1st place team will take the big trophy back to their school for one year. All winners will receive an award to take home. The big 1st place trophy must be returned to the Tournament Director or LDWF by March 15, 2018.
- Students registered for *Battle of the Bass* may register to fish in both the *Big Bass Rodeo* and the *Battle for the Bass* divisions but fees for each division must be paid. Students registered for *Battle for the Bass* may not participate in *Boats on the Bayou*. Team members will be eligible for the Catch-a-Cat or Gar BONUS where one prize is awarded for the heaviest weight gar or catfish.
- Student must be present and participate in the *Battle for the Bass* competition to receive any award, prize, give-away, or other items distributed at the event.
- By submitting a registration form, a registrant agrees to abide by the rules and regulations listed and will accept the decision of the Weigh Master as final. Students, 16 and older, must have a valid state fishing license. Anglers are expected to exercise courtesy at all times toward fellow anglers. Evidence of poor sportsmanship will be cause for disqualification. All participants 15 and under must be under the supervision of an adult.
- All fish entered must be caught in the park on rodeo day and within the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Anglers may not catch fish or weigh in fish that have been caged or confined in an area prior to the tournament. Any fish that appears to have been iced, penned, mangled, mashed, mauled or otherwise altered will not be weighed at the discretion of the Weigh Master. Those starting before 6:30 a.m. will automatically be disqualified. All fish entered in the rodeo must be brought to the Weigh Master's station no later than 11:00 a.m. No fish will be accepted after this time. Time will go by the OFFICIAL CLOCK at the Weigh Master station.
- Weigh Station is located in the bandstand area.
- This is a bank fishing only event. Any angler fishing from a boat will be disqualified. No fishing on North Golf course, Golf Course under construction, Sculpture Garden or any posted restricted area.