

"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 the Battle for the Bass 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 and ends at 5pm March 24th at: www.bigbassfishingrodeo.com.
- On-site registration is \$10 per student. 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 the Weigh Station.
- At least one member from each team MUST check in to receive wristbands and guidelines.
- Teams can check in starting at 6am at the Popp's Bandstand.
- Team names must be appropriate and family friendly. If deemed inappropriate by committee, the team will be asked to change their name.

Rules & Regulations:

- Teams may consist of up to 5 anglers. Anglers must be students in grades 7-12. A school may have more than one team.
- All fish weighed in must be caught by a team member. Fish weighed must be brought to the weigh station by a member of the same team.
- Multiple teams from the same school may not combine their fish in order to beat another school.
- The teams with the heaviest combined weights of 2 live black bass (largemouth, spotted, and hybrids) will be recognized for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. The 1st place team will take the Battle for the Bass trophy back to their school for one year. All winners will receive an award to take home. The Battle for the Bass trophy must be returned to the Tournament Director or LDWF by March 15, 2023.
- 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.
- Only artificial bait is allowed. Natural bait (live bait such as worms, crickets, etc.) is not permitted.
- Weigh Station is located at Popp's Bandstand.
- 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, within the Louisiana Children's Museum campus, or any posted restricted area.
- Students registered for *Battle of the Bass* may register to fish in both the *Big Bass Rodeo* and the *Battle for the Bass* divisions. However, fees for each division must be paid and a separate registration must be submitted. 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 prizes are awarded for the heaviest weight gar and 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.
- Extreme inclement weather may cause for cancellation of the tournament. Cancellation is at discretion of rodeo committee. There is no refund for registration fees in the event of a cancellation.