

Alum Creek Youth Tournament Rules

1. This is a one-day event. Participation is open to any licensed angler in the State of Ohio who is 12-18 years of age, has agreed to waiver liability to all sponsoring agencies, and has completed registration through the Kokosing Valley Jr. Bass Anglers. Anglers may fish alone or with a partner.
2. All fishing must be done from a boat. Proof of liability insurance must be available at time of entry on water. All boats must be at least 14ft. in length, comply with US Coast guard HP rating and equipped with a working ignition kill switch. Coast Guard approved vests/preservers are to be worn anytime outboard engine is in gear. All local, state and federal laws are to be followed. Any citations during tournament hours and weigh-in will result in disqualification.
3. There will be one flight group for every 15 teams entered, 15 minutes added to finish time with each flight group. Teams will be released in sequential fashion identifying their position immediately when called and take off only upon official's acknowledgement. Unidentified teams when called will be disqualified.
4. Boat numbers are to be given at a first come first serve basis. As teams sign up, they will be given boat numbers.
5. Only Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Kentucky "Spotted Bass" will be weighed. A team limit will consist of FIVE largemouth, smallmouth or spotted bass that are 12" or longer.
6. Only artificial baits with the exception of pork trailers are permitted for use. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. During competition days, contestants may not place brush or other physical fish attractors, including "baitcloud"/chum of any kind, in tournament waters. Drifting is permitted. Only one casting or spinning rod may be in use for the purpose of catching fish, per individual. All bass must be caught in a live sporting manner with rod and reel while the participant remains inside the watercraft.
7. The tournament begins and ends at the ramp. The tournament director will have the official time. It is the responsibility of all participants to be at the ramp by the tournament ending time. Teams are to check-in with on the water officials by way of their team number. Check-in time determined when a team checks in with an official. Boats that arrive late are penalized ONE POUND per minute of total legal weight and disqualified after five minutes.
8. In the event of mechanical issues, a team's catch may be brought in on another boat. One team member must remain with the catch at all times. Please contact the tournament directors to inform them of the situation as it happens.

9. COURTESY BOARD available. Bringing short fish to the scales is a one pound penalty each. Short fish will not be weighed.
10. There is an 8-ounce penalty for dead fish; gill movement indicates a live fish. Dead fish may not be culled.
11. Tournament will be judged on heaviest final weight using the scales provided by The Bass Fishing Club at Ohio State.
12. Only five fish per boat at all times. If 6th fish is caught cull as quickly as possible within reason.
13. All fish become property of The Bass club of OSU once they hit the scales and will be released.
14. Anyone found to be in violation of the stated rules is subject to be disqualified
15. The use of alcohol or illicit substances during event hours and weigh-in is prohibited and grounds for disqualification.
16. Live wells MUST be checked & Team #'s recorded before launch. At registration, you will be issued a chip with your team/boat # on it. Your team/boat number is assigned based on registration.
17. The 30 Yard Courtesy Rule will apply at all times. When two boats approach each other from opposite directions on the same shore and are about 30 yards apart, STOP fishing until you have passed one another! Also should you find yourself fishing a shoreline and approaching another boat fishing in the same direction, DO NOT pass the other boat or pull in front of it and keep on fishing. Show respect & sportsmanship!
18. Tie Breakers = 1st the number of fish, 2nd your Biggest Bass, if still tied 3rd Flip of the Coin.
19. Scales will close (5) minutes after last call for fish. Air horn will indicate last call.
20. Anyone found to be in violation of the stated rules is subject to be disqualified
21. Being Disqualified for Any Reason Will Be an Automatic Forfeit of Any and All Entry and Prize Money.
22. Any unsportsmanlike conduct will result in a disqualification; depending on the severity a one-time warning may precede a disqualification.

23. The Bass Fishing Club as Ohio State reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry received.
24. All protests must be made in writing within 10 minutes of last call for fish the day the violation occurred. Written protests will result in a binding decision being made.
25. The Bass Fishing Club at Ohio State reserves the right to adjust tournament times or outright cancel/reschedule either day or the entire event due to emergency/severe/unforeseen conditions. It is each participant's responsibility to make individual decisions about their own safety in the event of severe weather.
26. Any rules, interpretation of the rules, or rules not covered will be governed by event officials only and those decisions will be binding. Verbal morning announcements may further govern specifics for the rules herein.