

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Apr 11, 2015

Blastoff 6 a.m. (or safe light)

\$160 per boat/5-fish limit. (Entries must be paid or postmarked by midnight cst. on 4/4/15 without paying a \$25 per boat late fee.)

Maximum 2 people per boat

Optional \$20 per boat Big Bass Pot

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Partner Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Read Carefully

I am enclosing this completed application with the entry fee (non-refundable) payable to Tennessee State Bass Championship. I hereby waive and release Leadership Putnam and its employees, tournament officials, sponsors, and all other contestants from all claims, demands, or causes of action whatsoever resulting from my participation in this tournament. All applicants under the age of 18 must also have a parent's or guardian's signature. Competitors grant Leadership Putnam, tournament officials, and sponsors the unconditional right to use their names, voices, photographic likenesses and biographical information for video/audio production, promotions, and press releases, and shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use.

Signature _____

Partner's Signature _____

Parent's/Guardian Signature If Under 18 _____

Signature _____

Signature _____

Mall this entry form with check or money order to:
Tennessee State Bass Championship
P.O. Box 3724, Cookeville, TN 38502
or come by Cookeville Electric Department
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**SATURDAY,
APRIL 11, 2015**
6 AM - 3 PM
(OR SAFE LIGHT)

RAGLAND BOTTOM,
CENTER HILL LAKE
SMITHVILLE, TN

**\$4,000
GRAND
PRIZE!**

**\$12,000 IN
CASH & PRIZES**



RULES & INTERPRETATION

The Tournament Rules Committee shall have the complete and sole discretion to make all decisions concerning this tournament, including but not limited to the determination of prize winners, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee, rulings concerning protests, the disqualification of any entrant and the interpretation and application of any rule. Protests must be made in writing and turned in to a Tournament Rules Committee member 15 minutes prior to the first boat's check-in time.

SCORING

The winners will be determined by the team's total weight. The limit shall be 5 fish per team. If more than 5 fish are brought to the scales, the largest fish will be culled. Fish will be measured on a flat (golden rule) measuring device with mouth closed and by moving tail side to side. Largemouth must be at least 15 inches long, Smallmouth must be at least 18 inches long and Kentucky bass must be at least 12 inches long. There will be a 1-pound penalty assessed for short fish and the short fish removed from the creel. There will be an 8-ounce penalty deduction for each dead fish. The 8-ounce dead fish penalty will also apply to the big bass competition. Only one big bass prize awarded per team. All fish must be caught between the announced start and finish time in the permitted fishing locations by the partners of each boat. Fish caught by either partner in each boat will be combined for weigh-in. Individual boat totals will determine the order of finish. A maximum of two people may be in each boat. No individual who is not an official entrant in the tournament may be in any boat. Livewell check prior to the tournament is required. All boats must check in both before and after the tournament. For each minute competitors are late checking in, a 1-pound penalty will be deducted from the catch of that boat. Any boat more than fifteen (15) minutes late will be disqualified. **NO EXCUSES.** The Tournament Rules Committee will keep official time. Do not load boat on trailer until fish are weighed. Ties will be resolved by combining the awards and dividing them equally.

SAFETY

Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard-approved life preserver any time the combustion engine is running. All boats are required to have an emergency engine kill switch, which must be attached to the driver any time the gas engine is running. Running lights must be turned

on at time of checkout and during times required by State Regulations. At the discretion of the Tournament Directors, tournament days may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions, etc. If tournament is canceled, the entry fee will be refunded or applied to the next tournament at the Tournament Officials' discretion.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Competitors are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed reason for disqualification. Drunkenness by any competitor during the tournament will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times, especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters.

PERMITTED FISHING METHODS & LOCATIONS

All bass must be caught live in a conventional sporting manner. When fishing bedding fish, they must be hooked inside the mouth. Snatching fish is strictly forbidden. Only artificial lures may be used with the exception of pork trailers. Only one fishing rod (not to exceed 8 feet in length) may be used at a time. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. Fishing on tournament waters is permitted anywhere except within 50 yards of a refueling dock of a marina or within 50 yards of another competitor's boat anchored with the trolling motor up. No such anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within a 50-yard circle claimed by him/her to the exclusion of any other competitor. No fishing is allowed in areas that are designated as "Off Limits" or "No-Fishing" by local and state officials. Competitors must return to the official checkpoint by boat. Competitors must remain in boat at all times except in case of emergency or an act of nature.

POLYGRAPH TEST

Tournament officials reserve the right to require a polygraph test to be taken before any prizes are awarded. Competitors who have failed a polygraph screening in a previous tournament or been disqualified or barred from any fishing tournament may not compete.

Prize Money Breakdown

- 1st Place - \$4,000**
- 2nd Place - \$1,500**
- 3rd Place - \$750**
- 4th Place - \$650**
- 5th Place - \$550**
- 6th Place - \$450**
- 7th Place - \$400**
- 8th Place - \$300**
- 9th Place - \$250**
- 10th Place - \$225**
- 11th Place - \$200**
- 12th Place - \$185**



**\$20 per boat
Big Bass Pot
with 60%-40% Split
Door Prize Drawings
\$500 Draw Down
\$500 Pick Three**