

Rules

1. It is the responsibility of the participant to read and understand all rules prior to tournament start. State fishing license required.
2. No one under 18 years of age unless accompanied by parent or guardian.
3. U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket must be worn while engine is above idle speed.
4. All boaters must obey State boating laws.
5. Director reserves the right to refuse participant's entry into tournament.
6. If a contestant fishes by his/her self during the tournament, the director reserves the right to place an observer in the boat with them that day.
7. A working aerated live well is required, no stringer or baskets allowed.
8. Artificial lures only. Use only 1 rod at a time, no trolling. Casting only. No live prepared bait.
9. Only largemouth, smallmouth and KY bass are allowed. Minimum length will follow state regulations for that lake and there will be 1 slot fish per boat. Fish will be measured on Golden rule.
10. Maximum number of bass will be 3 per team. Any team attempting to weigh in a short fish will be disqualified unless a request for length check is made prior to weigh in.
11. Competitors who are not at the official weigh in site by the designated quitting time will be disqualified. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
12. No more than 3 fish limit in your possession at any given time. Also, no more than 1 slot in your possession at any given time. You must cull not to exceed your 3 fish limit.
13. **NO DEAD FISH** will be weighed.
14. Any fish that appears to have been mutilated in any way will be weighed at the discretion of the tournament officials at the weigh in and their decision is final.
15. In case of a tie, the competitor with the more eligible fish will be considered winner. In case of 2 or more competitors with the same number and weight of fish, the largest fish will be the tie breaker.
16. All fish will become property of Hooked on Life Tournament, which will be returned back to tournament waters, with the exceptions of 1 trophy fish.
17. Infringement of these rules shall be considered cause for disqualification. Interpretation of these rules shall be left exclusively to tournament officials.
18. Any complaints or questions must be brought in writing and signed to the attention of the tournament officials either prior to the start of the tournament or the closing of the weigh-in. Complaints will not be accepted after that time and the decision of the tournament officials will be final!
19. Anyone participating in Hooked on Life Tournament will be subject to a polygraph exam or voice stress analysis if requested by the tournament officials. Examiner's decision must be accepted without appeal. Entrants understand that the failure of such test or refusal to take the test will disqualify them from the tournament.
20. There will be no culling of fish inside the buoys at the weigh-in area.
21. Absolutely no hole-setting or holding of a fishing spot by an alternate boater. This will not be permitted.
22. No alcoholic beverages allowed in boat or around immediate weigh-in area.
23. A contestant must stay in boat at all times. If contestant leaves boat for any reason, no fishing equipment will be allowed in possession.
24. No sharing of fishing information during tournament hours by cell phone, verbal or texting. No help in locating fish or methods from outside folks during tournament hours. **PERIOD!**