

# Shimano Team Tournament – 2012 Rules

- 1. Eligibility:** Each team member must have purchased at least (1) out of the following Shimano products to be eligible to participate in the tournament.....Shimano Chronarch E series reel, Shimano Curado “G series” Reel ◊ Shimano Citica “G series” Reel ◊ Shimano Caenan series Reel Shimano Compre Rod ◊ Shimano Crucial Rod ◊ Shimano Cumara Rod  
Qualifying Shimano product must be purchased at a participating dealer and have been purchased on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 or later. (Borrowed equipment will not be allowed) Team members must have their Shimano Tournament qualifying rod or reel in their possession during the tournament.
- 2. Entry Forms:** Entry forms will only be available at participating dealers. Form must be fully completed and returned to dealer with *proof of purchase attached to entry form*. Entry forms will be accepted starting Monday, March. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 8:00am. (Eastern Standard Time)
- 3. Participation:** Must be at least 18 years of age or must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian.
- 4. Entry Fee:** FREE with purchase of qualifying Shimano product.
- 5. Take Off:** Teams will launch in the order that they sign up. All entry forms must include the date & time of sign-up. Boats will be released one at a time. Boats will return with their flight at the time designated on tournament day.
- 6. Limit:** Five (5) Fish per team - 12” Spotted Bass, 15” Largemouth Bass, 18” Smallmouth Bass  
Fish will be measured on a “Golden Rule” *Spotted Bass will be determined by jaw line, not by the patch.*  
All fish must be brought to scales in weigh-in bag furnished by the tournament.
- 7. Short Fish:** Short fish will be culled from your sack and the large fish will also be culled from the remaining fish. An area will be designated for use by teams to check fish with courtesy “golden rule”.
- 8. Dead Fish Penalty:** 4 ounces for a dead fish. Only (1) dead fish allowed per team.
- 9. Permitted Fishing Methods:** Trolling is prohibited. Only 1 rod may be used at a time. Artificial bait only.
- 10. Care of Fish:** Teams must use all reasonable care in handling and keeping fish alive and in good condition for release after weigh-in. All boats must have live-well capable of sustaining their catch. All culling must be done on the water not at the ramp.
- 11. Boat Inspection:** Each boat will be inspected prior to tournament take-off. Each angler must have appropriate safety equipment.
- 12. Big Bass:** ( Free ) There will be 3 categories... Largemouth – Smallmouth – Kentucky The person weighing in the largest Bass in each category will receive a **Shimano Cumulus Rod** that sells for **\$349.99!!**  
Ties for big bass will be broken by team’s total weight for the day.
- 13. Late Penalty:** Team will be disqualified if late.
- 14. Safety:** Life jackets must be worn when the main engine is running and the kill switch must be attached.
- 15. Cell Phones:** No radios or cell phones may be used during tournament hours for the purpose of exchanging or receiving fishing information.
- 16. Drugs:** The use of alcohol or illegal drugs is prohibited.
- 17. Protests:** Protests must be made in writing to the tournament director prior to the close of weigh-in. All decisions by the tournament committee are final.
- 18. Liability Release:** In signing the entry form, we understand and will abide by the rules set forth for this tournament. We hereby waive and release Shimano American Corp, the officials, sponsors, hosts, agents, and all other contestants from any and all claims of injury and or material and bodily damage incurred in connection with the tournament.
- 19. Liability Insurance:** Participants agree to maintain liability insurance on the boat they will be using in this tournament held at Lake Cumberland (Conley Bottom ramp) on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- 20. Polygraph Test:** Contestants contractually agree to submit to a polygraph test. All contestants receiving rewards will be subject to a polygraph test. Failure to pass the polygraph test will result in disqualification.