

BULLFROG OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All **entry fees** must be paid before (pre registration mail-ins) or on registration day at registration meeting on the Friday preceding the tournament, Tournament Director may make exceptions but must be pre approved. Registration meeting site will be determined before the tournament. **All contestants under the age of 18 years must have a signed release form from their parents to participate in fishing tournament.** Each Team will consist of 1 or 2 team members and only team members will be allowed to be in a registered boat on tournament days.(dogs are allowed but they must have a life jacket on board for their safety also). A contestant may fish alone without a designated partner and accumulate weights. However they must pay the full team entry fee to enter. The individual contestant will be allowed to weigh-in five (5) fish per day including a big fish.
2. **Utah Fishing License,** All contestants must have a current Utah State fishing License and have it in their possession by the launch on Day 1
3. **Pre-fishing** – There is not an **OFF LIMITS** time before the start of the Bullfrog Open. Other words the lake is not closed for a period of time before the start of the tournament. Catching fish and putting them in the live well then transporting them to another spot for the purpose of stocking a specific area during pre-fish is illegal. (Check # 22 A)
4. **Boat Requirements,** A Tournament Boat must have current registration and up to date insurance policy. Boat length allowed will be between 16' & 25'. Tournament Boat must be deemed sea worthy for all types of weather conditions and with the following proper working equipment. A main motor, and secondary motor (electric)(contestant may be allowed to fish without one of the motors not working properly if agreed on by Tournament Director before blast off), running lights, live wells, kill switch for main motor, life jackets and seats for each contestant.
5. **SAFE BOATING IS A NECESSITY.** Each contestant shall be required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest-type **life vest** any time the Main combustible engine is in operation. Each contestant will be responsible for his or her own life vest. Each boater is required to have a working **Kill-Switch** that shall be connected to operator's life jacket at all times. Boater must have on board all safety equipment required by the State Of Utah. Including a type 4 throw able, Fire extinguisher, Horn or whistle, working bilge pump and a boat 21 ft or less need a paddle. Constants must come off plain anytime they are with in 150' of any boat or boats not on plain. Any one determined to be operating their boat in an unsafe manner by the Tournament Director will be disqualified from tournament and all entry fees and or prize money will be forfeited.
6. All **Running Lights** must be on and operating at the time of check-in at the launch ramp. Any boat without lights operating properly will lose their Flight placement and must blast-off last. They will not be allowed to blast-off until the tournament director deems that travel without running lights is safe. At a minimum, running lights must be left on until arrival at the boater's first fishing stop.
7. **Live wells** must be operable at all times on each competitive boat and each will be checked before launch time each tournament day.
8. Any **Damage to Tournament Boats** and equipment are the sole responsibility of the owner of the boat. Bullfrog Resort and Marina, ARAMARK, and the Upper Lake Powell Bass Club will not be responsible for any damages/injuries incurred during the tournament.
9. **Launch (Blast-off) Requirements,** All boats must check-in with Tournament Director before the start of the days launch. Tournament Director will check running lights, live wells and for all prescribed safety equipment required. Once in the water, Team boat will wait in designated area waiting for their boat number to be called. Then the boats will file out in single file threw the breakwater and where it is safe to come up on plane. Any team boat that can not answer the call of their boat number due for any reason included of being late, not paying attention or boat problems will lose their place in line and will have to wait until all the boats in their Flight group have launch off.
10. **Weigh-in, Check-In:** All Tournament boats are required to check-in at the end of the day to the check-in boat, normally at the breakwater tires for the designated area for the weigh -in whether or not the team is weighing in fish that day. This way T.D. will have ideal if there are boats still on the lake after the weigh in. Boats that are late go to the penalties section, # 21 F.
11. **SCORING:** Each team will be allowed to weigh in five (5) fish per boat, of either Large Mouth or Small Mouth Bass, or any combination there of. The total weight for two (2) days will determine the winners of the tournament, in descending order of weights. In case of a tie, the biggest fish of those tying contestants will decide who wins or placement.
12. **Culling Fish,** is allowed during the tournament, but no more than 5 fish should be in a teams live wells at one time. If a fish dies in the act of being caught or after being placed in the live well of the Tournament boat the fish can not be culled, it shall be weighed as one of the five fish by the team. **NO DEAD FISH MAY BE CULLED.** Anyone culling a dead fish will have their days weight nullified
13. **Landing Nets** are allowed to use in this tournament. Casting or gill nets are **not** to be used at any time during the tournament or when pre fishing for the tournament..

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14. **Length of Fish**, A Legal "flat" measurement board (ruler) is to be used when measuring a fish. The fish must have a closed mouth and open tail (no pinching of the tail allowed). The fish must measure 12" at the time of the catch to be put in the teams live well
15. **All grievances** or suspected violations must be reported to the Tournament Director within one hour of the complainant's weigh in time. A statement will be taken from all parties and a judgment by the tournament director will follow as quickly as possible.
16. Tournament Officials may alter or change these rules if circumstances deem necessary, and the Tournament Director shall make all decisions.
17. **Tournament fishing hours & # of Flights** will be announced at the Friday night meeting and no contestants will be allowed in the water during any hours other than prescribed tournament hours.
18. **Testing of Teams boats** after weigh in is allowed with **prior approval** from the **Tournament Director**. This test is due to a possible problem with the operation of such boat. Use of fishing poles is not allowed during or after the test while on the lake.
19. The Tournament Director has the right to hold blast-off due to **unsafe weather conditions**, including but not limited to fog, high wind, rain, snow, etc. Launch may be held until that time that is deemed safe travel as determined by the Tournament Director.
20. **Care of Fish**; Teams will due everything possible to take safe & proper care of all fish in their possession and to keep their fish alive. **(NO DEAD FISH MAY BE CULLED**; see rule # 12) All alive fish will be released back into the lake after being weighed at tournament weigh-in scale; any fish classified as dead at the time of weigh in, will be disposed of by the fisherman and won't be left in the lake. All alive fish must be put back in the lake after being weighed at least a quarter of a mile away from the Host Marina. No fish will be released inside the breakwater of the Host Marina (**Bullfrog Marina**).
21. **Taking of fish**; Fish may only be caught with a rod and reel set up, with the use of **artificial lures only**. A contestant is permitted to only use one rod and reel combo at a time and trolling for fish is not permitted (use of down rigger equipment). Fishing rods may not exceed 8' in length. The use of live or preserved baits is not permitted at any time.
22. **PENALTIES**:
 - a. **Moving or transporting fish** from one location to another, for the purpose of stocking a hole during pre-fish is not allowed. Team found practicing this will be **disqualified from the tournament**.
 - b. **Use of Alcohol or Drugs**; At no time during tournament hours are any alcoholic beverages or drugs other than prescription drugs allowed in the boat or to be consumed while on the water during the tournament. Anyone found using either will be **disqualified from the tournament**.
 - c. **Live baits, Preserved baits** , The use of Live baits of minnows, crawfish or ant other live or preserve species is prohibited and will result in **disqualification** of such team from the tournament
 - d. **Trolling with downriggers**; trolling on a gas motor is not permitted. Can result in disqualification from tournament.
 - e. **Number of fishing rods**; **only 1 rod** is permitted to be in use (in the water) at any one time per contestant. Any team found using more than one per person will be **disqualified from the tournament**.
 - f. **Fish Lengths**, All bass must be a minimum of 12-inches in length. Anyone attempting to weigh in a **fish less than 12-inches** will be assessed a **one pound penalty** as well as not being able to weigh in the under sized fish. " See rules # 14
 - g. **Boat late for weigh in**, there will be a **one-pound penalty** assessed for **each minute the boat is late**, up to the time of **15 minutes**. After 15 minutes, team's fish for that day will be disallowed.
 - h. **Transferring of Fish**, A Tournament Team will not be allowed to weigh in any fish caught by another Tournament Team or person not in the tournament, any team caught doing so will be **disqualified from the tournament**.
 - i. **Five (5) fish limit per day**; Any team attempting to weigh more than 5 fish at weigh-in will have their weight **disqualified for that day**.
 - j. **Dead Fish**, Fish weighed in, which are not alive, will have a **penalty** of two (2) ounces deducted from the weight of the fish. **(CAN NOT CULL A DEAD FISH**; see rule #12)
 - k. **Off Limit Areas**, Fishing is not allowed inside the breakwater of the Bullfrog Marina or any other areas designated as off limits by Tournament Director. Any team found fishing inside or casting inside of any **off limit areas** will have their weigh **disqualified** for that day.

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