

# BULLFROG OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All entry fees must be paid before the tournament start and by the 5:00 PM meeting on the Friday preceding the tournament, meeting site to be determined before the tournament. All contestants must be 16 years of age or older.
2. **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.
3. **SAFE BOATING IS A NECESSITY.** Each contestant shall be required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest-type life vest any time the 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, and each boat will be inspected for the same. Any one operating their boat in an unsafe manner by the tournament director, will be disqualified.
4. 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 blast-off 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.
5. Live wells must be operable at all times on each competitive boat and each will be checked before launch time each tournament day.
6. All boats must meet BIA requirements and such safety equipment as may be required by law. The tournament director will have the right to prohibit any boat from competition, should they deem necessary.
7. There is no limit on length of boat or size of motor.
8. Any damage to 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. **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 thereof. 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.
10. Nets are allowed for this tournament.
11. Legal "flat" measurement board is to be used when measuring a fish. The fish must have a closed mouth and open tail (no pinching of the tail allowed).
12. No transmitting devices are allowed while contestants are on the water during tournament hours, except for an emergency.
13. Marker buoys are permitted and each fisherman should honor these buoys by allowing a 50-yard distance from a marker buoy.
14. 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.
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 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. 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.
19. All fish will be released alive, however a trophy bass may be kept if the competitor claims such at the fish weigh in. All fish must be dropped at least a quarter away from the Host Marina. No fish will be released inside the breakwater of the Host Marina ( **Bullfrog Marina** ).

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## 20. PENALTIES:

- a. Moving or transporting fish from one location to another, before the tournament start is not allowed (see #2).
- b. 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.
- c. Only artificial baits may be used, trolling is not permitted and rods may not exceed 8-feet in length. Only one rod is permitted in use at any one time.
- d. 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 under sized fish.
- e. No boats may touch, or appear to touch at any time during the tournament except in the event of a break down. In which case fish from the "down" boat may be transferred to another boat for weigh in, but the fish from the broken down boat must be accompanied by the non-boater.
- f. If a boat is late to the 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, both the boater and the non-boater fish for that day will be disallowed.
- g. A contestant will not be allowed to count or weigh in any fish caught by another person and any team attempting to weigh in more than **five (5) fish limit per day** will be disqualified.
- h. Fish weighed in, which are not alive, will have a penalty of two (2) ounces deducted from the weight of the fish.
- i. Fishing is not allowed inside the breakwater of the Bullfrog Marina. Also no culling of fish will be allowed inside the breakwater.

**SAFE BOATING AND GOOD LUCK  
THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING**