

# Jack Emmitt Memorial Tournament Rules & Entry Form

1. PREFACE-RULES: These rules will remain unchanged during Jack Emmitt Memorial Bass Tournaments. Decisions of the Tournament Director and Tournament Officials shall be final in all matters. PROTESTS MUST BE MADE IN WRITING WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF THE OFFICIAL CLOSE OF WEIGH-IN SCALES.
2. ELIGIBILITY: Any Boater whose application has been accepted that is 18 years of age or older and paid the appropriate entry fee by the deadline date is eligible. Proof of age is the responsibility of the potential competitor. No competitor that has been convicted of a felony within the last 36 months is allowed to fish the tournament. Any angler who has failed a quality assurance test (i.e. polygraph) in any previous event in any circuit is not eligible to fish.
3. ENTRY FEE AND DEADLINE: The entry fee for Jack Emmitt Memorial Bass Tournaments will be \$110.00 includes \$10 Big Bass
4. OFF LIMITS/PRACTICE/COMPETITION PERIODS: THERE WILL BE NO OFF LIMITS PERIOD. Tournament Hours on competition days will begin at safe light
5. PARTNER RULES: Team Members must stay in sight of their partner during tournament hours, the only exceptions shall be in an emergency situation or if a restroom break is required. Tournament hours are over when a team's fish have been weighed in
6. SAFETY: Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by Webb Outdoors tournament competitors. Each contestant is required to wear a coast-guard approved life preserver, fully strapped, snapped or zipped securely anytime the combustion engine is operated above an idle speed.
7. SPORTSMANSHIP: contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, fisherman courtesy, safety and conservation. Examples of conduct to include but not be limited to the following: Conservation, care and courtesy must be observed at all times by all contestants. No alcoholic beverages may be allowed in the boat or used by the competitors during practice, during tournament hours or until a competitor's fish have been weighed in. Any competitor violating any rule will be disqualified
8. TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT: Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" or "prepared bait" will be permitted, with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc... Only ONE casting, spin-casting or spinning rod (10 foot maximum length from butt of handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time.. All bass must be caught live and in a conventional sporting manner. Gaffs may not be used nor be permitted in the boat at any time. Landing nets may be used.
9. BOAT, MOTOR, AND HORSEPOWER: Each boat must have all the required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. All boats must be equipped with an ignition "kill switch" device which must be attached to the driver anytime the combustion engine is above idle speed while practicing for or while fishing any Webb Outdoors tournament. Each boat is required to have an operational bilge pump and a properly aerated livewell adequate to maintain a limit of bass for both fishermen. No boat may exceed the horsepower limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard in their ruling of November 1, 1972. Each boat must display a maximum horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. All bladder tanks and any other type of auxiliary gas tanks that are not installed by the boat manufacturers are prohibited.
10. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS: Fishing on the tournament waters is permitted anywhere except: within 50 yards of another competitor's boat which was first anchored or secured in a fixed position (with the trolling motor out of the water), or within any area designated by state or federal agencies as a "no fishing" area or within the buoyed areas of the take-off cove. Corps of Engineer lakes in the White River Chain have specific off limits in and around "Concession Areas" (Marinas) Maps of "Off-Limits" areas are available on the Webb Outdoors website . Other specific off limits shall be addressed prior to take-off.
11. SPECIAL SITUATIONS: Contestants must not depart the boat to land fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. In such an emergency, one or both competitors may be removed from their boat to another boat operated by other competitors or a rescue boat. Anglers involved in any special situation must notify an official tournament staff member upon their arrival to weigh-in.
12. SCORING/POSSESSION: Largemouth bass, Kentucky (spotted) bass, Meanmouth bass and Smallmouth bass will be counted. There will be a five (5) fish weighed in. Bass presented for weigh-in which fail to measure the official length will result in disqualification. At no time during tournament hours shall team possess more than a 5-fish limit. Teams must stop fishing and cull down to their limit before continuing to fish.
13. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT: There shall be only one official check point for check-out in the morning, and check-in in the afternoon, and this check point shall be designated at the tournament briefing. Trailing will be allowed if contestants have launched at Mill Creek.
14. PENALTY POINTS: For each legal dead bass presented to weigh-in officials, the competitor shall be penalized 1.0 pounds which will be deducted from the total weight, including any weight to be counted toward the big bass award. Any short fish presented at the weigh in will result in the disqualification of the team's entire catch.
15. LATE PENALTY: Teams who are not in the official checkpoint area at the appointed time shall be disqualified. There shall be no excuse for tardiness, and in no case shall a competitor be allowed to make up "lost time".
16. TIES: All ties will be broken 1st by biggest bass, 2nd by most fish weighed in, 3rd by earliest team entry.
17. CULLING: No culling of dead fish is allowed. An angler must stop fishing and cull down to their limit before making another cast.
18. QUALITY ASSURANCE TEST: By his or her signature on this entry form and/or participation in this tournament, contestants agree to submit and pass quality assurance tests if required by the Tournament Director. These may include; polygraph test, urinalysis or blood test. Refusal to submit will result in immediate disqualification
19. COMMUNICATION DEVICES. The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, C.B.'s, etc., to communicate fishing locations or fishing information during tournament hours is strictly prohibited.
20. Any announcement made by Webb Outdoors directors or officials made at tournament sight may take precedence over written rules.

**Enter at the ramp the day of the tournament or Mail to: Webb Outdoors, 227 Prairie Hollow Rd., Ozark, MO**

**Boater:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. LIABILITY RELEASE. IN SIGNING THIS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM, I HEREBY AGREE TO BE BOUND BY AND COMPLY WITH ALL WEBB OUTDOORS TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS. I EXPRESSLY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOURNAMENT AND HEREBY RELEASE WEBB OUTDOORS, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, SPONSORS, AND HOSTS FROM ANY AND ALL DAMAGES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, COSTS OF EXPENSES RELATING TO INJURY OF ANY PERSONS OR DAMAGE TO ANY PROPERTY WHICH I MAY SUSTAIN OR WHICH I MAY CAUSE BY REASON OF PARTICIPATING IN OR CONNECTION WITH THE JACK EMMITT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT.

2. BOATERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF \$100,000 LIABILITY INSURANCE TO WEBB OUTDOORS OFFICERS PRIOR TO THE TOURNAMENT. FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF INSURANCE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT.

3. I AFFIRM I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND WILL ABIDE BY ALL RULES OF WEBB OUTDOORS TOURNAMENTS. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT VIOLATION OF ANY RULE CAN RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE TOURNAMENT.