



Veterans of **F**oreign **W**ars



POST 2214

7th ANNUAL SMITH LAKE BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER APRIL 4TH 2020

GUARANTEED \$2000.00 FIRST PLACE

ENTRY FEE \$125.00 per boat PLUS OPTIONAL BIG FISH POT \$10.00 (big fish 70% 1st and 30% 2nd place)
1 in 10 PLACES PAID

Top finishing Veterans 1st pl \$300, 2nd pl \$200 3rd pl \$100, Top parent/child (under 18) team \$200.00,
top couples team \$200.00, top college team \$200



Leon's Marine, Mary Carter, Ken Brown, Van's Sporting Good, Bill Floyd, Basch Bros. Diamond Plaza Properties,
Wescoast Free, DR Schendel, DR Barnes, Mr Ralph Bryson

ENTRY FORM AND LIABILITY RELEASE (2 anglers per boat)

1. Boater (Team Captain) PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____
Address _____ City _____
Zip _____ Phone () _____
Email _____

Phone _____

2. Non-Boater PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____
Address _____ City _____
Zip _____ Phone () _____
Email _____

Phone _____

Circle one if applicable (Veteran, parent/child team, couples team, college team)
ENTRY FEE PAID _____ BIG FISH PAID _____ TOTAL PAID _____

- a. in signing this agreement, I hereby release VFW post 2214, its officers, agents, employees and sponsors (herein referred to as VFW) from any and all damages, claims, demands, cost or expenses relating to injury of any person(s) or any property, which I may sustain or which I may cause by reason of participating in or in connection with any VFW events.
- b. covenant not to sue and waiver of subrogation: I further agree that I will never sue VFW for damages on account of any injury or damage I suffer or cause whether known now or which may develop in the future. In the event VFW is sued because of my actions, I expressly agree to indemnify and hold VFW harmless from any liability whatsoever, including court cost and attorney's fees, arising with respect to such actions. I understand that in waiving my rights to sue VFW I am also waiving my rights of recovery from VFW of my insurance carrier for any claims they may pay on my behalf. I further understand that by signing this agreement I waive any rights my heirs or relatives have or may have to sue VFW for liability.
- c. verification of liability insurance: I state that I maintain liability insurance on the boat I will use in this or any VFW event.
- D. truth verification: polygraph or truth verification may be given at any time at the discretion of the officers of VFW. Refusal or failure of polygraph or truth verification will automatically disqualify team members.
- e. I signify by my signature that I have read, understand and agree to abide by all rules and regulations and decisions set forth by VFW tournament officials.
- F. VFW reserves the right to refuse membership and/or participation in any event for any reason.
- G. furthermore I agree that all decisions made by the tournament director are final.**

Boater _____ Date _____ Non-Boater _____ Date _____

TOURNAMENT RULES

- (1)**SAFETY:** safe boating conduct must be observed all times by all tournament competitors. All contestants must wear a Coast Guard approved life vest when boat is on plane. All State, Coast Guard, Federal Parks and Wildlife regulations shall apply at all times.
- (2)**TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait will be permitted with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc. No trolling with outboard motor is allowed. All fish must be caught in a legal sporting manner.
- Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed.
- (3)**Citations:** A contestant cited by officers for violation of State or Federal fishing or boating regulations during the tournament will be disqualified from the event.
- (4)**Sportsmanship:** All contestants are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any angler who displays poor sportsmanship, violates these rules or any state or local laws or brings unfavorable publicity to the sport of bass fishing will be disqualified.
- (5)**Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs:** At no time during tournament hours are alcoholic beverages or drugs allowed.
- (6)**Limits:** Only largemouth, spotted and smallmouth bass can be weighed. Slot length- limits will be followed 12"-under 13"**(must not touch 13" line)**/15" and over. Each boat will be allowed to weigh in a five bass limit.
- (7)**Penalties:** Any fish that does not measure (Short or in the slot) will be penalized one pound plus loss of fish. Dead fish penalty will be 8oz. Over five fish limit penalty will be culling of largest fish until limit is reached.
- (8)**Measuring:** fish will be measured on golden rule and fanning of tail. No squeezing/pinching of tail.
- (9)**Tournament hours:** There will be 25 boats per flight 6:30am start time: 1st flight weight-in 3:00pm 2nd 3:15, 3rd 3:30, 4th 3:45, 5th 4:00. Boat position will be drawn at check-in morning of tournament (4:00 till 6:00AM). Any entries the morning of the tournament will be assigned boat position past the pre registered entries.
- (10) Any protest must be submitted in writing fifteen minutes after close of scales.
- (11) Any and all ties in pay out spots will be divided equally between contestants.
- (12) **This is an amateur event. NO guides or professional anglers please.**

**THIS IS A FUND RAISING EVENT ANY MONEY DONATED OVER THE ENTRY FEE WILL BE APPRECIATED.
THANKS TO ALL. VFW.**

Note; mail entry to: [VFW 112 Veterans DR.SW. Cullman, AL 35055] postmarked by March 25th 2020. **Can enter morning of tournament 4-7AM.** Contact: Rick Leigeber (**TD**) @256/734-8102/338-5303 rick@easyretriever.com or VFW post @256/739-6611 or vfwpost2214@gmail.com for more information.

Launch and weigh-in will be smith lake park boat ramp.