

TOURNAMENT RULES

RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY *BAIT HUT* PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT START.
ALL FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL FISHING AND BOATING LAWS SHALL BE FOLLOWED.

Participants. A “team” consists of not more than two contestants per boat. A team member must be 18 years of age or older, unless their teammate is a parent or legal guardian.

Entry Fee(s). Entry fee(s) are stated on entry form for each specific tournament. All contestants must read the tournament rules, pay the entry fee(s), and complete the entry form. Pre-entry is appreciated, to arrive no later than the Friday before the tournament at 5:00 p.m. to *The Bait Hut*, 715 NE US 24 Hwy, Topeka, KS 66608. Day of tournament entry is available at Check-In, and you will be patient. **You may be late on take-off if you haven't pre-entered or show up timely. No late fee for day of tournament entry. Entry fees refunded if tournament is cancelled.**

Payback. 110% payback MINIMUM. Payback total may include cash, prizes, trophies, and food.

Tournament Hours. Tournament take-off commences at time listed on entry form, or safe light at *Bait Hut's* discretion. **Deadline is 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated.** Boats may be trailered during tournament hours if weather, physical limitations, or comfort is an issue. It's *Just for Fun*, remember?

Check-In. Check-in stated on entry form. Each boat is issued a numbered card during check-in. This card must be turned over at weigh-in.

Weigh-In. You must turn in your numbered card by tournament deadline. Late penalty of one pound per minute is deducted after tournament end deadline. Ten minutes after tournament deadline, team is disqualified, no exceptions. Cull fish for weigh-in after tournament deadline, as long as you turn in your numbered card timely.

Tournament Committee. The tournament committee consists of a *Bait Hut* official, and two contestants randomly selected by *Bait Hut* official. The committee shall resolve any protest or disputes that may arise during the tournament. The rules are interpreted by the tournament committee and all decisions are final.

Take-off. Take-off order is determined by random pick of number. Staggered start by a *Bait Hut* official. Live wells must be checked and tagged prior to leaving start-off point.

Scoring & Limits. All tournament fish are crappie, other than entry for AOS. Each crappie must be of legal length. **Seven (7) fish weigh-in limit** per boat, but you may have a legal limit in possession. All fish measured with closed mouth. Total weight of fish per team determines place of finish. Big fish breaks any ties of total weight, first by weight of big fish, and if equal, then by length. Frozen, iced, or mangled fish result in team disqualification.

Permitted Fishing Locations & Courtesy. No restrictions on pre-tournament practice. Day of tournament, all areas of the lake **that may be legally fished by all contestants** are open. All current federal, state, and local laws shall be followed. Team members must not leave the boat to catch or land fish. Contestants must use common courtesy and judgment when approaching other boats.

Tackle & Equipment. Fish must be caught on rod and reel, using artificial or live bait. Dip nets may be used to assist landing fish. An aerated live well is highly recommended.

Safety. Wear your life jacket when the boat is on plane. **NO ALCOHOL** during tournament hours. Kill switches highly recommended. All tournaments are subject to weather conditions. *The Bait Hut* reserves the right to cancel or reschedule.

Food: If you don't like it, cease eating. ☺