

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



PARTNER #1

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____

PARTNER #2

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____

Boat Registration# _____

Each team is responsible for supplying their own boat according to the provisions and stipulations of the attached Rock River Open Bass Tournament rules and regulations. Having acquainted ourselves with the rules, we have completed this application and are enclosing our entrance fee of \$90.00 payable to: Rockford Hawg Hunters. In signing this application, we hereby waive and release the host, all sponsors, all tournament officials and all other contestants from all claims or injury and/or damages incurred in connection with this tournament. We further understand and agree that refunds will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, who may choose for any reason not to accept our application.

PARTNER #1

Signature _____ Date _____

PARTNER #2

Signature _____ Date _____

ONLY PARTNER #1 WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION

**DETACH AND RETURN THIS ENTRY FORM.
KEEP THE RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

The following rules of this tournament shall remain unchanged. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to tournament officials whose decision is final.

- 1. ELIGIBILITY:** There will be no age limit; however, an adult must accompany persons under age 18. Contestants must be 18 years of age to be eligible for cash awards
- 2. ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee will be \$90 per boat, which includes a big bass pot. Only 2 persons per boat.
- 3. APPLICATION & DEADLINE:** A completed and signed application form, accompanied by your entry fee, is required for entry. Boat positions will be determined by the order in which proper applications are received
- 4. SAFETY:** Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. Each competitor must wear a USCG approved chest-type life preserver any time the combustion engine is running.
- 5. BOAT & MOTOR:** The horsepower of the motor may not exceed the boat's USCG rating. **EACH BOAT MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH A PROPERLY AERATED LIVE WELL, LARGE ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN A LIVE LIMIT OF BASS FOR BOTH CONTESTANTS USING THE BOAT.** Additionally, the use of chemical live well additives is strongly recommended. All boats must meet Coast Guard regulations. No motor trolling allowed. A small motor, gas or electric, may be used for slow maneuvering only.
- 6. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PERMITTED DURING THE TOURNAMENT.**
- 7. ANY COMPETITOR RECEIVING A CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF COAST GUARD, STATE OR LOCAL REGULATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IMMEDIATELY.**
- 8. SPORTSMANSHIP:** Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation are expected from each contestant. Any infraction of these fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification.
- 9. TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait will be permitted with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc.
- 10. BOAT IDENTIFICATION:** Each boat will be given a numbered sign which must remain in the boat until the end of the tournament. This sign must be displayed upon request of the tournament officials and returned to officials at the end of the tournament.
- 11. BOAT INSPECTION:** Each boat will be inspected prior to tournament take-off. Each boat must have a properly functioning live well. All compartments, ice chests and live wells will be checked for fish, alcohol, etc.
- 12. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINT:** Atwood Forest Preserve shall be the only official check-in and check-out points. Contestants must remain in the boat at all times except in the case of emergency or at the official checkpoint.
- 13. TOURNAMENT WATERS:** Tournament waters shall consist of navigable waters of the Rock River except within 50 feet of any marina gas pump or within 50 feet of another competitor's boat which was first anchored. A boat is considered anchored only if it is tied to an object or has an anchor line over its side with the trolling motor out of the water. Trailing boats during tournament hours is prohibited.
- 14. CARE OF FISH:** Contestants shall use reasonable care in handling fish to keep them alive and in good condition. Any contestant caught mistreating a fish will be disqualified. Fish should be kept in live wells until weigh-in.
- 15. DEAD FISH:** There will be a dead fish penalty of 1/3 of that fish's weight.
- 16. SCORING:** Final winners will be determined by total weight of each team's catch during the tournament. Only large mouth and small mouth bass will be weighed. The maximum number of fish that may be presented at weigh-ins is 10 per team, of which only 6 may be small mouth. Fish presented for weigh-in must measure a minimum of 12 inches with the mouth closed, measured horizontally on the official measuring device. A courtesy measuring device will be available prior to weigh-in to check questionable fish before submitting them for official measure. Any short fish presented for weigh-in will result in immediate disqualification of that team. In case of a tie, the prize monies will be divided equally between tied teams.
- 17. WEIGH-IN:** Weigh-in bags will be furnished and must be used by all contestants. Contestants shall be responsible for their own catch from the boat to the check-in tub. All fish weighed become the property of the Rock River Open and will be returned to the fished waters. Trophy fish of 5 pounds or larger may be kept by the competitor.
- 18. LATE PENALTY:** Competitors must weigh in on time or be disqualified. No excuses. Late is late!

**KEEP & READ THIS PORTION OF YOUR APPLICATION.
RETURN ONLY THE ENTRY FORM SECTION.**