

# Tournament Rules

**1. Participants and Eligibility:** This is a team tournament. Any contestant under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult legal guardian who must assume liability for the minor participant in all matters.

If you do not have a boat and would like to participate, please go ahead and register. We may be able to find you a partner. If you have a boat and do not have a partner, we might be able to find you one. Please try and find a partner if at all possible, because we cannot guarantee that we will find you a partner.

**2. Sportsmanship:** We would like for everyone to be Christ-like in everything they do in this tournament. Your cooperation will be appreciated. **No alcoholic beverages allowed.**

**3. Boats:** All boats must have running lights on at the start of the tournament.

**4. Safety:** Every contestant must wear an approved life preserver when the combustible engine is moving. All other applicable Coast Guard and Louisiana boating and safety laws must be observed.

**5. Launch and Tournament Hours:** Launch anywhere on tournament waters. You may launch anytime after 4:30 A.M. and start fishing 30 minutes before official sunrise. You must be at weigh-in by 3:00 P.M. at D'Arbonne Lake Marina. (No exceptions)

**6. Registration:** All entries should be in by **August 21** so we can determine who will be at the banquet. Late entries will be accepted Friday, August 28 at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, West Monroe. Registration fee is \$50.00 per boat. Complete entry form and mail with fee to address on the form.

**7. Fishing Waters:** Launch any waters accessible by boat from Lake D'Arbonne at time of tournament. Weigh-in is at the D'Arbonne Lake Marina at 3:00 P.M.

Contestants may not leave their boat at any time in an effort to land a fish. Contestants must be able to drive their boat to fishing area without getting out of their boat. Trailering to weigh-in only will be allowed.

In the event of an emergency and you have to leave the tournament, please call or let the person in charge know that you are not fishing anymore. Please call D'Arbonne Lake Motel at 368.2236 or call Andy Myrick at 355.2690.

In the event of location change because of unfishable water, the committee will contact the teams Friday, August 28 by 9:00 P.M. to let you know of an alternate location.

**8. Tackle:** Only artificial lures may be used. No live or prepared bait with the exception of pork rind or strips of pork-like imitations may be used. Only rods and reels are permitted for fishing, but only one rod may be used at any one time. No trolling will be permitted. Rigged rods will be permitted in the boat as substitutes.

**9. Scoring and Weigh-in:** Scoring will be based on the team weight of bass (Largemouth, Kentucky, or Spotted). The limit is 5 fish per boat with a 12" minimum on a flat board measured with mouth closed and tail pinched straight. Fish less than 12" in length will not be weighed.

No dead fish penalty. Live fish will be released, dead fish will be donated to charity. You must check in at weigh-in by ending tournament time or you will be disqualified.

**10. Ties:** In case of a tie or ties, the largest bass among those teams tied will determine the winner.

# Bass Tournament Entry Form

NELBA Bass Tournament

August 28-29, 2009

**Team Member 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet reservations: Self \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Others (give number) \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Member 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Reservations: Self \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Others (give number) \_\_\_\_\_

In signing this application, I/We hereby waive and release all other contestants, the host sponsors, and the tournament officials from all claims of injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament.

Team Member 1 signature \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member 2 signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Fee: \$50 per boat.  
Make check payable and mail to**

**NELBA Evangelism Dept.  
% Andy Myrick  
3960 Hwy 139, Monroe LA 71203**