



Lake County Sheriff's Office 13th Annual Bass Tournament

January 24, 2026 | Hickory Point Recreation Complex

Tournament Rules

- ENTRY FEE:** \$125.00 per boat (includes big bass), two contestants per boat. *All entry fees nonrefundable.* On time entries must be postmarked by January 16, 2026, or online by 5:00 P.M. Late entries will be accepted at the ramp or after January 16, 2026 at the rate of \$150.00.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Boat Operator must be 18 years of age. Parent's signature required for any minor fishing the event. Entry form must be completely filled out and signed by both contestants.
- TOURNAMENT SIZE and LIMIT:** Minimum size 12 inches guidelines with state exemption permit. Tournament Limit 5 largemouth bass per boat. No culling of dead fish.
- DEAD FISH:** Dead fish penalty will assess at the rate of .25 pound per dead fish. To be considered a live fish it must swim off upright within 3 minutes witnessed by a tournament official. Dead fish penalty will be deducted before consideration for BIG BASS AWARD
- TOURNAMENT HOURS:** SAFE LIGHT until 3:00 pm. Boats will be launched in 25 boat flights and will be allowed 15 minutes per flight time extension per flight. Boats will check out by end of fishing pier and check in at the same.
- LATE PENALTY:** will assess at 1 pound per minute up to 15 minutes, then disqualified.
- TAKEOFF:** Will be in order in which entries are received. Confirmations will be sent to the legible emails provided.
- TACKLE & EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures may be used. All bass must be caught in a legal sporting manner
- NO TROLLING:** Trolling is use of the outboard to power the boat to give action to the lure.
- BOATS & MOTORS:** Boats 16 feet or longer, with properly working aerated livewells and kill switch. NO OVERPOWERED BOATS ALLOWED. All boats must meet B.I.A., U.S. Coast Guard regulations.
- LIFE JACKETS:** MUST BE WORN anytime the outboard is running until check in. Kill switches MUST BE Attached to the driver anytime the combustion motor is running. Each contestant is expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. No alcoholic beverages, stimulants or depressants allowed in boats during tournament hours
- PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:** Anywhere on the tournament water except within 50 yards of another Contestant's boat or the takeoff / launch area. All fishing must be done from boat. No Contestant may leave the boat to fish or land a fish.

Tournament Director has final decision. Your signature on the completed entry form is proof you have read these rules and will fully comply with them. Your signature also releases all tournament officials, hosts and sponsors including but not limited to the Lake County Sheriff's Office from any liability incurred with this event. Any violation of these rules may constitute disqualification from this event with no refund of

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Boater's Name _____ shirt size _____
Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Cell number _____
Make of Boat _____ outboard _____ color _____
Signature _____
Partner's Name _____ shirt size _____
Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Cell number _____
Signature of Parent for minor contestant _____

Make checks payable to: **Lake County Sheriff's Charities, Inc.**

In memo indicate "Bass Tournament"

360 W. Ruby Street
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to register online go
to sheriffscharities.com

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