

# OFFICIAL RULES

## 30th Annual IUOE Local 148 Charity Bass Tournament SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

Benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities® of St. Louis RULES: The following rules for the tournament will be used. These rules will be interpreted by the Tournament Committee and all decisions are final. All Missouri Conservation and Water Patrol Regulations apply.

**ENTRY FEE: \$150 per boat**

**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** The Tournament Committee will be responsible for weighing and for resolving any disputes. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to appoint partners in specific circumstances. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any entry.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Tournament participants must have a valid 2017 Missouri fishing license and must be properly registered for the tournament. **NO GUIDES OR PROFESSIONAL FISHERMAN-PAST OR PRESENT** will be eligible to participate in the tournament. No person who has earned more than \$5,000 prize money, sponsorship or gratuity within 12 months prior to the Tournament dates shall be eligible to participate. No person may fish the Tournament alone. Any complaint regarding eligibility or money consideration is present at the time the complaint is made. No refunds will be given unless the tournament is canceled.

**SAFETY:** Safe boating and fishing practices must be observed by all participants at all times. All boats and motors must comply with Missouri Water Patrol Safety and regulation rules. During the take-off, all contestants are REQUIRED to wear a life jacket, which must be securely fastened. The Tournament Committee strongly encourages the use of kill switches to prevent accidents.

**SPORTSMAanship:** Any disrespectful or abusive language could result in suspension from future tournaments.

**TACKLE AND EQUIPMENT:** Only artificial lures may be used. No live bait or prepared bait may be used other than popper or popper-type baits. Spinning is permitted. Boats may not be trailered during the tournament. Only one rod may be used at a time. All bass must be caught on rod or reel and landing net may be used. All fish must be caught and landed from the boat.

**BOAT IDENTIFICATION/OCCUPANTS:** Each boat will be given a number which must be displayed at all times during the tournament. The number of the boat will also indicate the weigh-in order. Each boat will contain exactly 2 persons.

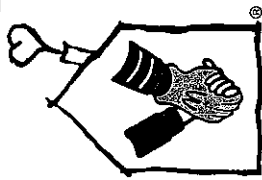
**CHECK-IN LATE PENALTY:** All boats must check in at the weigh station within 30 minutes of the boat will also indicate the minute up to 10 minutes, then disqualification. Scale will close 30 minutes after last flight is due in.

**SCORING:** Only Mouth Bass, Spotted Kentucky Mouth Bass will be counted. Total stringer will determine place. Any bass that does not measure will be subtracted from the total stringer weight. Only a legal stringer of bass (all fish must be a minimum of 12 inches long; no more than five fish per boat) may be weighed in. Any contestant is expected to take care of his or her fish so that all living bass may be returned to the lake. No frozen or mangled fish will be submitted for weigh-in. Any such fish will be deducted and turned over to the Tournament Committee. Any contestant doing so will be disqualified and subject to disciplinary action by the Tournament Committee. After that, the contestant will not be allowed to touch or handle the fish again. Decision on short fish will be made by the Official weigh-master. A courtesy board will be available to all contestants prior to weigh-in. Measurement will be conducted by closed mouth and pinched tail. Flat measuring boards will be used as official measuring. All tournament fish will be returned to the lake, except for trophy fish (5 lbs. or larger) to be mounted. A 2 oz. penalty per pound of fish will be deducted from total stringer weight.

**TIES:** All ties for total weight will be broken on the basis of entry. In the case of a tie for the Big Bass, the cash prize will be equally divided among the winning contestants and a flip of the coin will determine who receives the plaque. **PROTESTS:** Any contestant wishing to protest the conduct or score of a fellow contestant must do so in writing, and file the same with the Tournament Committee within 30 minutes after the last flight is scheduled for weigh-in. The Tournament Committee may, on its own motion, take up and decide questions relating to any contestant's conduct or score.

**WAIVER:** Through your entry fee, you waive and release all other contestants, the host, sponsor, the charity, and tournament officials from all claims and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament.

**ATTENTION:** The winner of any cash or attendance prizes, including the grand prize, will be responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes. You must be present to win regular attendance prizes. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE.**



# REGISTRATION

## 30th Annual IUOE Local 148 Charity Bass Tournament September 9th, 2017 Lake of the Ozarks Public Beach Area #2 Marina

Benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities® of St. Louis

### ENTRY FORM

We have read and understand the rules and have completed all information requested in this application form. Our \$150 per boat entry fee (includes BIG BASS competition) is enclosed.

Note: All information must be completed. Please print clearly or your form may be returned.

Make checks payable to:

OE148 Charitable Fund, Inc.

Angler #1

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Angler #2

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that neither entrant has earned more than \$5,000 in prize money, sponsorship or gratuity within the last 12 months prior to the Tournament date.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you receive this application?

Two wristbands are included with \$150 entry fee and must be worn by fisherman for food and beverage service on Friday & Saturday. Additional wristbands can be purchased for guests of fishermen at \$20 per person and are good for food and beverages on Friday & Saturday. Wristbands (\$20 per person):

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Checks, money orders, and cashiers checks will be accepted. I understand that I will be responsible for any taxes, state, or federal, due on prizes won in conjunction with this tournament. Please cut out and return this form, along with your check to:

IUOE Local 148  
Attn: Bass Tournament  
11000 Lin Vaile Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63123

Entries will be accepted by mail no later than September 4, 2017. Late entries will be accepted until 8:00AM, September 9, 2017 at the tournament. Questions? Call Sarah at 314-866-1300, ext. 105.

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For Tournament Staff Only

Boat Entry #:

Credit  Cash

Check